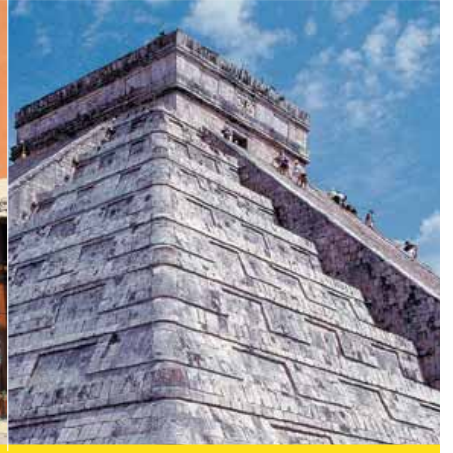


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## Soléxico Language and Cultural Centers

was founded in 1997. We have three campuses in Mexico, Soléxico Playa del Carmen, Soléxico Oaxaca, and Soléxico Puerto Vallarta. Our mission is to provide the best quality instruction of Spanish as a Second Language, and to offer our students a meaningful and unforgettable cultural experience.

One thing that sets Soléxico apart is the individual attention each student receives. Our teachers, staff and host families provide around the clock attention, creating a family environment for every student.

Soléxico is a member of several international organizations, such as: WYSE, FIYTO and ALTO, as well as MÉXICO SÍ (Mexican Association of Spanish Institutes), ASESEO (Spanish Schools Association of Oaxaca State), CANACO and SEP (National Board of Education) in Mexico.

Soléxico Language and Cultural Centers provide students with the best opportunity to learn Spanish in a short period of time while being immersed in the Mexican culture. Our staff of professional Mexican teachers and our effective teaching methods, combined with our friendly approach to teaching Spanish, helps maximize the student's learning capabilities and makes learning a truly enjoyable experience.

## The programs

Soléxico provides students of all levels with intensive, interactive programs designed to meet the needs of each student. Courses begin each Monday year-round and consist of sessions of 50 minutes with breaks in between.

Upon arrival, students are given placement exams to determine their Spanish levels.

### Regular Program 25

(25 lessons per week)

This program consists of classes with a maximum of 5 students per teacher. Courses are held from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and are composed of three lessons of conversational grammar and two lessons of practical conversation and/or lectures.

### Regular Program 15

(15 lessons per week)

This program consists of classes with a maximum of 5 students per teacher. Courses are held from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and are composed of three lessons of conversational grammar.

### Individual Program 25

(15 individual lessons + 10 group lessons per week)

This is an accelerated, personalized program that consists of three lessons of individual instruction and two hours of conversation and lectures in groups with no more than 5 students per teacher. The individual instruction is offered in the afternoon.

### Executive Program 40

(25 group lessons + 15 individual lessons per week)

Students in the executive program receive three hours of intensive, one on one instruction in addition to the five-hour course of our Regular Program.



### Professional Programs 25

(15 General Spanish Group lessons + 10 Professional field Individual lessons per week)

These special programs were designed for those who interact with Spanish speakers in their professional fields. Courses are held from 9am to 2pm from Monday through Friday. It is possible to add one individual lesson per day to any of these programs. The programs we offer are:

- Spanish for Medical Services
- Spanish for Business
- Spanish for the Tourism Industry
- Spanish for Law Enforcement

### Educators of Spanish as a Second Language Program 25

(10 General Spanish Group lessons + 15 Spanish Educators individual lessons per week)

This program combines a general Spanish conversation program in groups of no more than 5 students with 15 individual lessons for Educators of Spanish as a Second Language and is held from 12:20 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

### Private Lessons

Private lessons are available in the afternoons at an extra cost.

### Mexican History and Literature Programs

Please contact us or visit our website [www.solexico.com](http://www.solexico.com) for more information and details on these programs.

### Daily schedule

Grammar classes	9:00 am	to 10:20 am
Break	10:20 am	to 10:40 am
Grammar classes	10:40 am	to 11:50 am
Break	11:50 am	to 12:20 pm
Conversation classes	12:20 pm	to 2:00 pm (without breaks)
Break	2:00 pm	to 2:30 pm
Individual Classes	2:30 pm	to 5:30 pm (with a 20 min. break)



## Our teachers

Soléxico's staff of professional Mexican teachers, with more than 15 years of teaching experience, is specially trained to maximize the students' learning potentials. All of Soléxico's instructors have taken courses on Spanish as a Second Language, and some have Education, Business Administration and Marketing degrees as well. Each instructor is amply qualified to instruct, but our instructors are also unique in their patience, attentiveness and eagerness to interact with and assist students, all of which creates a comfort level and friendship between student and teacher.



## Lectures and Activities

During the conversation hours, lectures are given in Mexican history, Mayan and Zapotecan culture, national holidays, etc

Solécico's books and materials were written by our Academic Director and staff and have been improved over the years with the help of our qualified instructors to create the perfect support for our classes. Our Academic team updates the materials frequently and adds new worksheets, visual aids and the latest methodology for teaching Spanish as a Second Language.

A Syllabus is available to anyone who needs one. Please contact our main office in Playa del Carmen with your request, and we will be happy to forward a syllabus via post or email.



## Afternoon Workshops

We offer afternoon workshops and activities free of charge that include, cooking, salsa classes and singing Mexican songs. A movie is shown each week during one of the conversation classes, and all students wishing to test and improve their auditory comprehension are welcome to watch it. Arts and Crafts are offer to for an extra cost.

A fiesta is offer every month at a Friday night, and students at Solécico meet once a week with the staff for "Café Social" on a more personal level and form lifelong friendships.



## Our Courses

At Solécico we focus on the conversational ability of the students though writing, comprehension, pronunciation, grammar and reading are also emphasized. Following are descriptions of the grammatical points covered in each level.

### Beginner Spanish I

Gender and number, definite and indefinite articles, adjectives, the verbs "estar", "haber" and "ser", demonstratives, regular and irregular verbs in present tense, direct pronouns (part I).

### Beginner Spanish II

Irregular verbs in present tense (part II), present progressive, present perfect and preterit tense, reflexive verbs, direct and indirect pronouns in the same sentence.

### Intermediate Spanish I

Imperfect tense, imperfect progressive and preterit progressive tenses, preterit and imperfect in the same sentence, accidental verbs, comparisons, past perfect tense.

### Intermediate Spanish II

Future tense, conditional tense, passive voice, comparisons of "por" and "para", familiar and formal commands.

### Advanced Spanish I

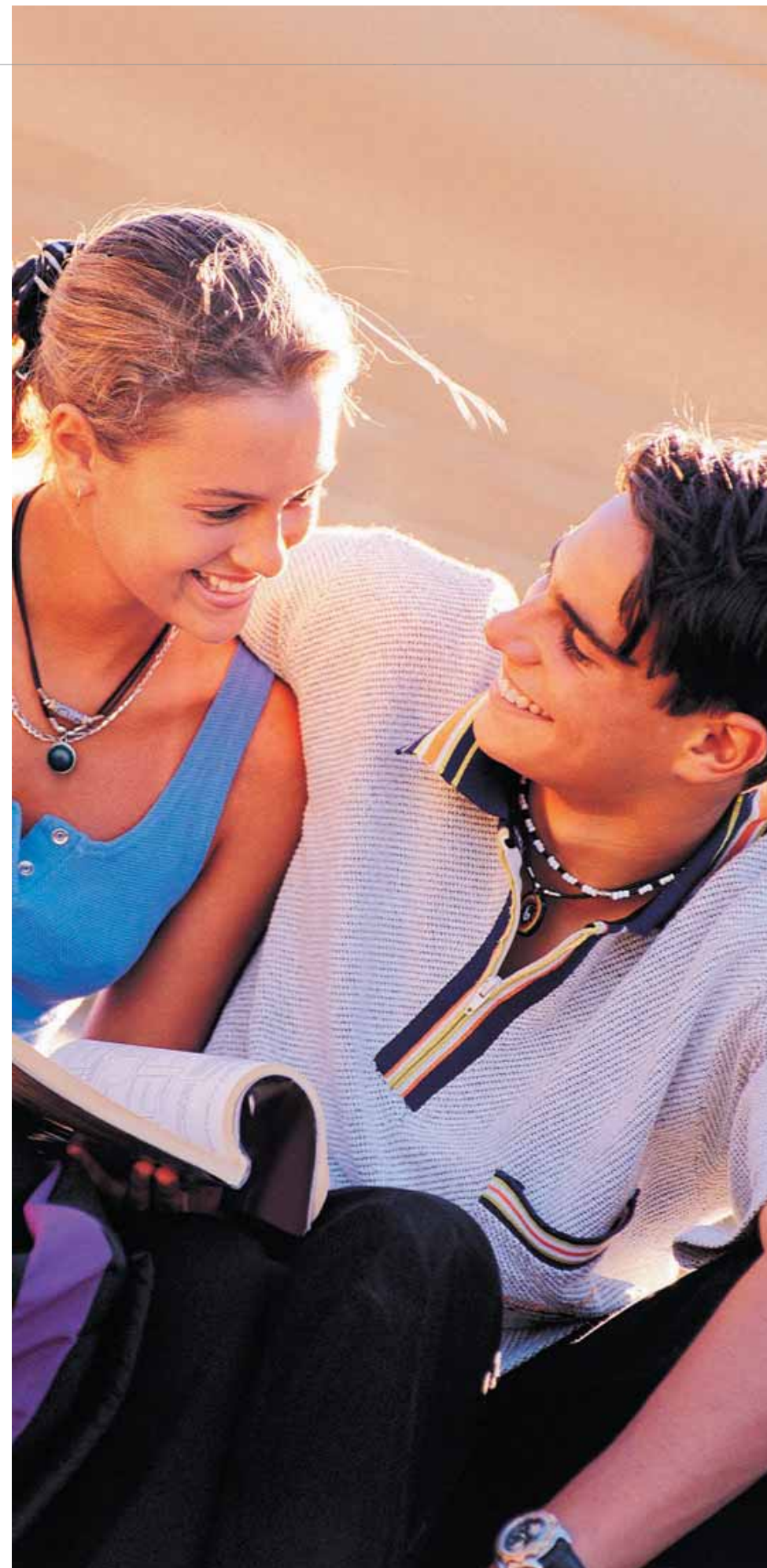
Subjunctive mode (present and past).

### Advanced Spanish II

In depth analysis and review of all the grammatical points seen in the previous levels.

### Advanced Spanish III

Analysis of literature, newspapers, journals and other material, Grammatical review.



## Course Accreditation

Students may receive credits for courses at Solécico through:

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Also Students may receive credit at their university or college for courses taken at Solécico with a previous agreement between both institutions.

Solexico also offers courses to prepare students for college Spanish placement exams and the D.E.L.E. (The official diploma of Spanish as a Second Language), as well as **Bildungsurlaub** courses for Berlin.

## Orientation

There is an orientation held at Solécico each Monday during the 12:00 pm break. During orientation, the school's programs and policies will be discussed and any questions will be answered. Students will also be given a map of the area, so they can move about destination more easily.

## Holidays

Solécico will be closed on the following national holidays. No refunds are made for days missed due to these holidays.

January 1	New Year's Day
February 5	Constitution's Day
Friday before Ester	Good Friday
March 21	Benito Juarez' Birthday
May 1	Labor Day
September 16	Independence Day
November 2	Day of the Dead
November 20	Commemoration of the Mexican Revolution
December 25	Christmas

Please verify holidays on price list. They may vary depending on the year.

## Each Solécico campus offers:

- 1) Maximum of five students of the same level per instructor with an average of three
- 2) Year-round classes—even during Christmas holidays, Easter and Spring break
- 3) Individual attention to each student and assistance with any questions or problems
- 4) Free internet access and Wi-Fi connection
- 5) Weekly activities at no additional charge, such as Salsa Classes, Cooking Classes and Movies in Spanish.
- 6) Excursions to various archaeological sites and other places of interest in the area
- 7) Flexible schedules and programs according to the needs of each student and special group prices
- 8) Students of many different ages and nationalities making the interaction among students fun, culturally interesting
- 9) The possibility to combine courses in Playa del Carmen, Oaxaca and Puerto Vallarta, following the same high quality teaching methods, the same academic materials and the same personalized and friendly service from the staff
- 10) Receiving calls or faxes in our offices free of charge
- 11) A library with books on history, art, literature, etc as well as magazines, newspapers

## Lodging

Solécico's students have several housing options. In our homestay program, carefully selected families provide a home away from home. This gives students the opportunity to practice their Spanish and enjoy the Mexican culture. Students living with host families can choose among three meal plans, breakfast only, half board or full board.

Private accommodations such as condominiums, houses and hotel rooms are also available. If students would like for us to organize such independent housing, a description of what they are looking for, including a price range, the desired number of bedrooms, dates of the students' housing, desired proximity to the school, and any specific requests, is helpful. We will do everything possible to meet the student's needs and will send options to the student. Prices of such accommodations vary and do not include meals.



# Soléxico Playa del Carmen



*a center for learning*

Soléxico Playa del Carmen, located just six blocks from the white sand beaches, is designed specifically for our programs in the typical Caribbean style.

This open architecture creates a relaxed and inviting atmosphere that encourages intensive learning. Due to the area's year-round temperate climate, classes take place under thatched roof learning areas surrounded by tropical gardens.

In addition to our excellent programs, beautiful setting and professional staff, Soléxico offers a library stocked with books on grammar, the Mayan culture, religion and travel in Mexico, and many other publications. The open aired and air conditioned conference rooms are ideal for guitar and salsa classes, and our weekly gatherings. Soléxico also has a cafeteria, volleyball court and garden areas for students to relax during breaks or after a day of classes.



## The right place to learn

Playa del Carmen is located in the center of Mexico's Riviera Maya in the state of Quintana Roo. In the heart of the Yucatan Peninsula, this small city is approximately 40 minutes from Cancun's international airport and 30 minutes from Tulum.

Playa del Carmen attracts people from all over the world because of its relaxed, tropical atmosphere and its unmatched beautiful beaches.

La Quinta Avenida (Fifth Avenue), the zone's main artery, is filled with gastronomic and entertainment options, together with numerous shops and boutiques, all of which make this an obligatory meeting-place after several hours spent on the beach or on an excursion trip, prolonging the activity in Playa until dawn.

"Playa", with its 100,000 permanent residents, is a great place to enjoy the cultural and historic richness of Mexico and the Mayan people.

## Transportation

We offer transportation from and to Cancun's international airport. Students are taken from the airport directly to their homes or hotels in Playa del Carmen.



## Excursions

With Playa's great location, our students can enjoy a great variety of activities that enhance their knowledge of the Mexican culture. These excursions and social activities are educational and entertaining. We offer around 16 different excursions year-round. Following are some of the excursions we offer:

### One day excursions

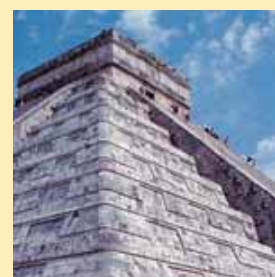
**Tulum and Xel-ha**-Students visit the only ancient Mayan center built beside the sea and snorkel in a natural marine park.

**Coba** (Mayan encounter)-Students visit and impressive Mayan center imbedded in the jungle and go swimming and snorkeling in one of the most beautiful Cenotes in the region.

**Sian-ka'an**-Students take a tour through a huge natural biosphere where they can see many endangered species and crocodiles.

**Xcaret**-Students go to a natural Mexican theme park where they can swim with dolphins, visit an aviary, enjoy a Mayan show and the Mexican Folkloric Ballet.

**Chichen-Itza and Cenote Ikkil**-Students visit one of the most important Mayan centers, now known as one of the 7 modern wonders of the world, swim in a amazing Cenote and visit the Colonial town of Valladolid.



Cozumel day trip- Students go by ferry to the island and visit the Eco Park, snorkel in their clear waters and enjoy a jeep tour. In the afternoon they can visit downtown and go shopping

### Two days excursions

Mini Yucatan- Students visit two of the most important Mayan centers (Chichen-itza and Uxmal) and visit the beautiful colonial city of Merida. Were they will visit the anthropology and history museum will eat in a typical Yucatecan restaurant and will be able to do shopping for handcrafts and hammocks.

## Activities

### Diving and Snorkeling

The Mexican Caribbean is one of the best places in the world to scuba dive and snorkel. Arrangements can be made for those who would like to experience the natural wonders of the Caribbean Sea.

### Diving Courses

Students can learn to dive in a few days. All levels of certification are available.

### Other Activities

There are many other activities such as horseback riding, skydiving, windsurfing, yoga, kitesurfing, beach volley ball, etc. to make this the experience of a lifetime.

Excursions and activities are not included in academic fees.



# Soléxico Oaxaca



*a center for learning*

Soléxico Oaxaca is located in the heart of Oaxaca's Historical Center, two blocks from the beautiful Santo Domingo ex-convent and 4 blocks from Oaxaca's "Zocalo" (downtown square). Due to the Center's location, students are surrounded by a number of cafes, art galleries, museums, shops and internet cafes.

The center is set in a typical colonial building with a large main patio where students get together during the breaks. This old style construction with thick colonial walls keeps the classrooms cool throughout the year.



  
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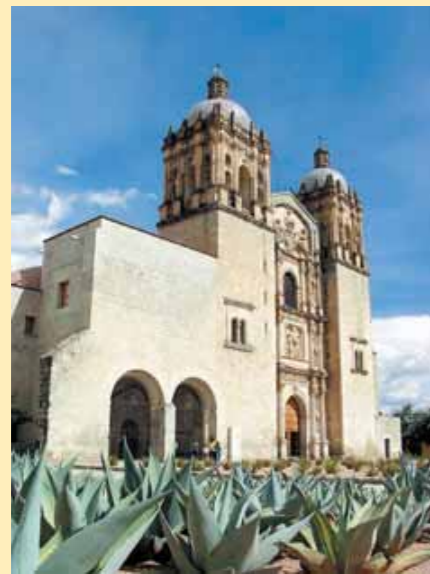
## The ideal place to learn

The city of Oaxaca, located in the central valley of the state, is surrounded by the states of Puebla, Veracruz and Chiapas and the Pacific Ocean to the southwest. With its ethnic, cultural and historic richness, Oaxaca is an ideal place to experience the beauty of Mexico and its people. Due to Oaxaca's appreciation for ancestral traditions and its colonial architecture, UNESCO has named the city a patrimony of humanity.

Oaxaca is known for its creative, talented artists and many different types of artisans. The artists use everything from clay and fabrics to leather, iron and jewelry, making Oaxaca one of the main producers of these goods.

## Transportation

Upon arrival to Oaxaca, taxis and airport transfers are easy to find. Often, the host families prefer to pick up students at the airport or bus station directly. We will confirm whether the family will meet the student at the airport upon confirmation of homestay.



## Excursions

Students enjoy a great variety of cultural and recreational activities. We offer one-day excursions to Monte Alban, Hierve el Agua, "el Tule" tree, Mezcal distilleries, and beautiful churches and convents.

**Monte Albán** is the most important of the Meso-American archaeological zones. There is a museum on the grounds providing a detailed look into the Zapotecan culture.

"**El Tule**" tree is located in the town of Santa María. It is considered the widest tree in the world and is over 2000 years old.

**Hierve el Agua** is a beautiful waterfall that cascades over a mountain and offers an amazing view. Students can spend the day enjoying the view and swimming in the natural pools fed by the falls. There are cabañas available for those who wish to stay the night.

We will visit several **Mezcal distilleries** to learn about the fermentation process in which Mezcal is made and taste the different flavors of this Mexican liquor. 30 minute drive

Students will explore one of Mexico's most beautiful churches, **Santo Domingo**, walk through its botanical garden and tour the Mexican History Museum found in the restored ex-convent. 5 minutes walking from Soléxico.

Soléxico also offers two and three day excursions to **Puerto Escondido, Puerto Angel** and **Huatulco**, where students can enjoy the beautiful beaches of the Pacific and the relaxed, fun atmosphere of the cities.



## Activities

Students can take part in other activities, such as trips to neighboring towns, visits to archaeological zones, mountain biking tours, rappelling, hiking, rock climbing and paragliding.

The cost of the excursions and activities is not included in academic expenses.

## Volunteer Program

Soléxico Oaxaca offers students the option to participate in one of our selected volunteer activities. We have visited each of the sites located in the city of Oaxaca to meet the administrators of the programs and to know the sites personally. Following is a list of the programs we have selected:

### Oaxaca, Oaxaca

1. Centro de Esperanza Infantil A. C.
2. Oaxaca Street Children Grassroots, Inc.
3. Patronato Pro Casa
4. Casa Hogar Nueva Vida
5. Gran Via Travel
6. CRIT
7. Casa Hogar Benito Juarez
8. El Convite A.C.



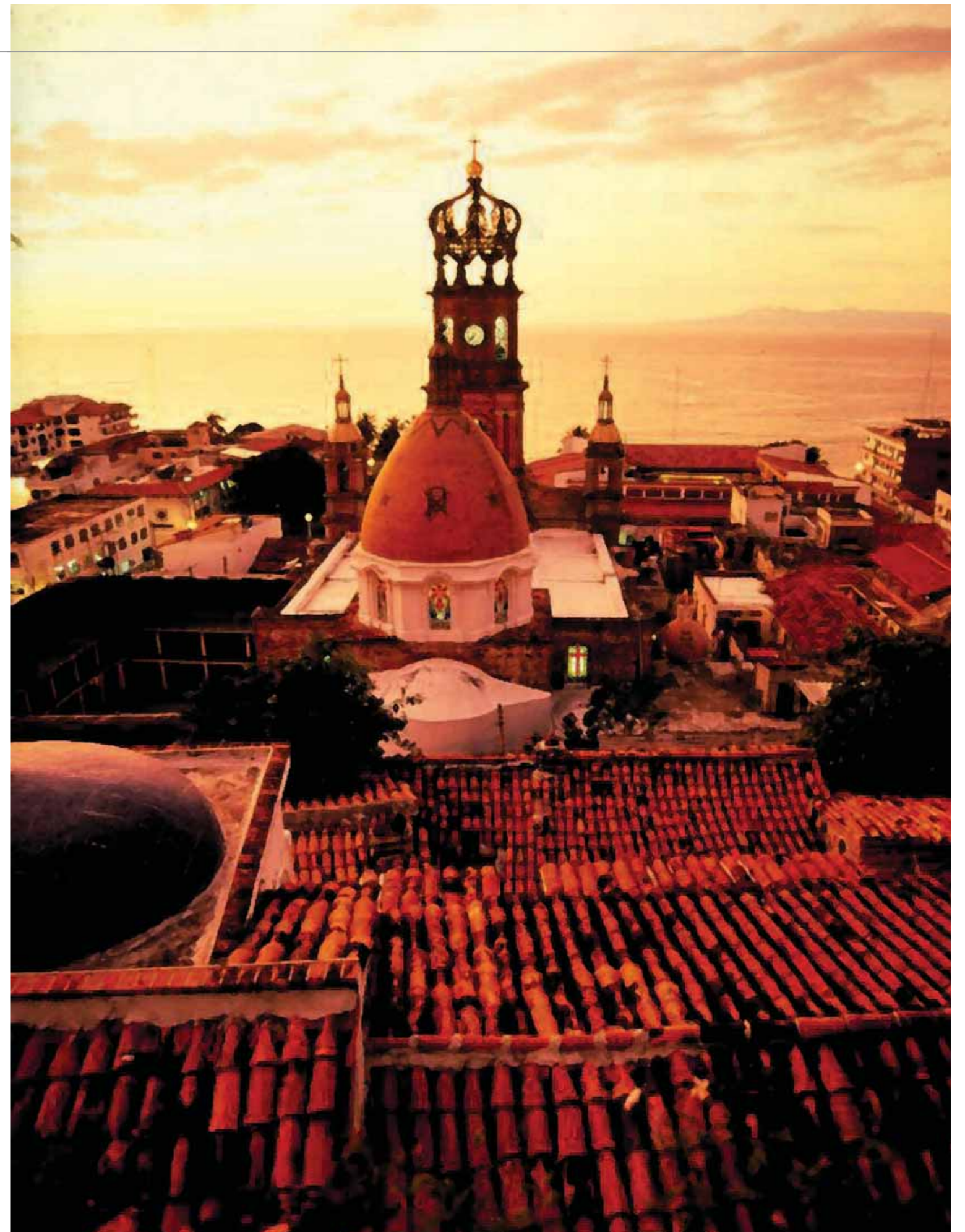
# Soléxico Puerto Vallarta

*a center for learning*



Solexico Puerto Vallarta is located two blocks from the Pacific Ocean in the heart of downtown. Surrounded by Vallarta's beautiful colonial buildings and charming city streets, our campus is also near restaurants, cafes, stores and nightspots.

Our building shows off the typical architecture of Puerto Vallarta and, like our other campuses, has a large café in a nice open terrace that is used for salsa classes, fiestas and as the meeting point for students during the breaks. Solexico's offices and classrooms are decorated in the same Vallarta style as the exterior. There is also a conference room in which movies in Spanish and cultural lectures will be given. An internet area and wireless connection are also available at the center.



## The ideal place to learn

On the Pacific coast, Puerto Vallarta is in the western part of the state of Jalisco in central Mexico.

The magical combination of mountains, tropics and beaches makes visitors fall in love with Puerto Vallarta at first sight. Aside from its beauty and amazing flora and fauna, however, this city also allures tourists with its colonial architecture and traditions unique even in Mexico. Puerto Vallarta is the perfect blend of tropical waters and rich Mexican culture. A Place to learn, relax, have fun and take in the natural wonders.

## Transportation

Upon arrival to Puerto Vallarta's international airport, taxis and airport transfers are readily available. A taxi from the airport to the hostfamily's home or hotel will cost around \$15 USD.

Sometimes, the host families will pick the students up at the airport. We will confirm whether the family will meet the student at the airport upon confirmation of homestay.



## Excursions

Students enjoy a great variety of cultural and recreational activities. Puerto Vallarta has the largest bay in Mexico and attracts fishermen from all over the world. Fishing tours are available year round.

During the winter one can enjoy a once in a lifetime experience while watching whales and dolphins in their natural environments. There is also a large aquarium where one can see all types of marine life. Students can enjoy trips to nearby villages dating back to the 17 and 1800s situated in the beautiful tropical mountains of the Sierra.

**Two day excursions.** In two days, students can enjoy the impressive and traditional city of Guadalajara and stop in the town of Tequila to learn how Mexico's most famous drink is made.



## Activities

There are innumerable recreational activities available to you in Puerto Vallarta, such as walking, hiking scuba diving, snorkeling, bird watching, canopy, motorcycling, windsurfing, kite surfing, and horseback riding. Solexico can help you create the perfect recreational package to compliment your Spanish classes and make this a truly unique experience.

## Volunteer Program

We are in the process of organizing volunteer projects in Puerto Vallarta, so please contact our offices via email to receive information on volunteering in those campuses.





## Students quotes

"Soléxico is like a home away from home! Basically a small family and some new friends for a life time... Thank you for the good times we shared!"

*Karen, Switzerland*

"I was very positively surprised about the whole school and the skill of the teachers..."

*Joseph, Germany*

"¡Desde el primer contacto mi experiencia estuvo muy bien! La organización es muy buena... me gusto como todo el equipo de Solexico atiende a los estudiantes!"

*Monica, Germany*

"I received a solid introduction to Spanish and the Mexican culture through both my classes and my wonderful family- this was perhaps the best part of my experience of studying Spanish, they really helped me learn and were truly interested in my progress."

*Kathryn, USA*

"Great people, great teachers, beautiful school. Very happy with my time at Soléxico and I am planning to return"

*Jim, USA*

"The people there were very nice and extremely helpful. The classes-especially the conversation-made me feel more comfortable and practice my Spanish out loud. The excursions were great and home stay wonderful"

*Kelly, USA*

"Living with my family was like living in my own house, as you know this is my second time at Solexico, I hope this is not the last one, because I really want to visit you again. Thanks for everything"

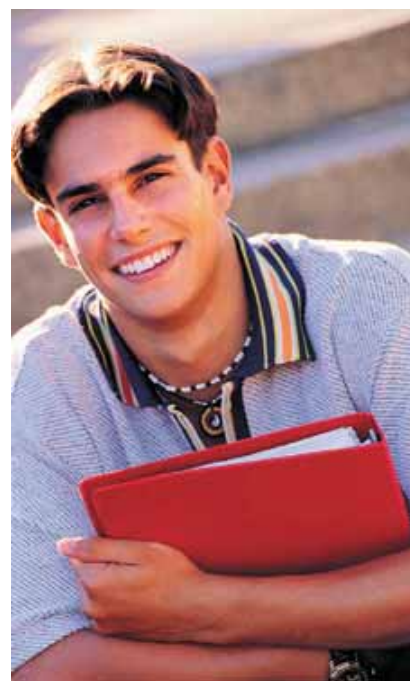
*Andrea, Switzerland*

"Thanks to everyone for a wonderful learning experience; it was truly fabulous! In general, the campus, directors and teaching personal, all contribute to a rich environment very conducive to optimal learning potential for students"

*Margaret, USA*

"My Family was exceptional, the teachers are very professional, and in general all the staff are very friendly. I learned a lot in this time and had a great time in this beautiful place you got here. Thank you very much!"

*Patrick, Switzerland*



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