

## TERMS and CONDITIONS

**TITLE** Summer Immersion: Habla's premiere four-week language program.

## PROGRAM COSTS

Item:	Fee
Program (PayPal)	\$2090
Homestay (cash)	\$710

**Combined Fee: \$2800**

Additional individual tutoring is available at the rate of \$25 per hour.

**PROGRAM COST INCLUSIONS** Program includes four hours of coursework per day, five days a week, in intimate classroom settings with teachers who all have degrees in literature and education, speak fluent English and Spanish, and receive on-going professional development and training from professors from the ArtsLiteracy Project in the Education Department at Brown University; coffee and traditional Mexican refreshments served daily at the Institute; air-conditioned transportation to and from included excursions (Mérida, Uxmal, and Celestún); entrance and guided tours on included excursions (Mérida, Uxmal, and Celestún); opening and closing dinner, fiesta and accompanying entertainment.

Homestays include the following: housing in a Mexican home, use of common areas and resources, three meals (packed lunch when needed), one furnished room including bed linens and towels, transportation to and from the Mérida airport, coordination of homestay experiences including accommodations for food allergies, special requests and medical emergencies.

*Air conditioning cannot be guaranteed and will be granted on a limited availability basis. Homestays with air conditioning cost \$150 extra and will be assigned on a first-come first-serve basis to students who express interest on their application form. You will be notified at least two weeks in advance whether or not we are able to accommodate your air conditioning request.*

**PROGRAM COST EXCLUSIONS** All air transportation to and from Merida; personal expenses (phone calls, laundry expenses, meals outside of the homestay, etc.); fees incurred from activities not included in the program; hotel expenses should you choose not to participate in the homestay program; all other costs and expenses not expressly included above.

Please contact us at [contact@habla.org](mailto:contact@habla.org) with any questions regarding program inclusions or exclusions.

**WHAT TO EXPECT** The Habla programs are designed for participants eager to learn about the culture of the Yucatan. Since Habla experiences involve staying

with a host family, participating in collaborative learning in Habla classrooms, and exploring the cultural and ecological wealth of the Yucatan, an open mind and flexibility are essential.

If you have any questions or concerns about your ability to participate in one of our programs please contact us.

**RESERVATIONS, DEPOSIT, AND FINAL PAYMENT** To reserve a space in one of our courses, a non-refundable deposit of \$250 via PayPal is required that will be applied to the overall course cost. Reservation fees will be required upon confirmation of acceptance. Acceptance will be granted on a first-come first-serve basis until maximum capacity for a program is reached. For program fees, the final payment of the complete program cost must be made in full via PayPal two weeks prior to the first day of classes. For Habla Summer Immersion 2009, this final payment date is JUNE 22, 2009. Host families are paid directly through the homestay coordinator, therefore homestay payments must be made in full in cash upon arrival. For Habla Summer Immersion 2009, this complete payment date is JULY 5, 2009. To explore alternative homestay payment options, please contact our homestay and excursion coordinator Claudia Chapa Cortes at [cchapa@tsikbal.com.mx](mailto:cchapa@tsikbal.com.mx).

**CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS** In the case of cancellation before JUNE 22, 2009, all program costs will be refunded minus the \$250 deposit. In the case of cancellation after JUNE 22, 2009, no program costs will be refunded unless a replacement student is found. If a replacement student is found, all payments will be refunded (minus \$250 deposit) when the replacement student pays in full. In the case of withdrawal after the program has begun, no costs (program or homestay fees) will be refunded. Homestay payments are non-refundable. No refunds will be given for late arrivals or absences.

**PHYSICAL HEALTH** It is essential that persons with any medical issues and or/dietary restrictions make them known to us well before arriving. Participants will be responsible for their own health care and medical needs.

**QUESTIONS** Please call us at Habla at (US) 401.374.3237 and (MEX) 999 948 1872 with any questions or email us at [contact@habla.org](mailto:contact@habla.org).

**RESPONSIBILITY** Habla is a school and cultural center. We in no way represent or act as agent for transportation, carriers, hotels, home stays, and other suppliers of services connected with Habla. Therefore, Habla is not liable for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay, or other irregularity which may be caused by the defect of any vehicle or the negligence or default of any company or person engaged in performing any of the services involved. Additionally, responsibility is not accepted for losses or expenses due to sickness, weather, strike, hostilities, wars, natural disasters or other such causes. Habla does not accept liability for any

airline cancellation or delay incurred by the purchase of an airline ticket. Baggage and personal effects are the sole responsibility of the owners at all times.

Habla also reserves the right to decline to accept any person as a participant in the program, or to require any participant to withdraw from the program any time, when such action is determined by the appropriate Habla staff to be in the best interests of the health, safety, and general welfare of the program participants, or of the individual participant. Habla may in its sole discretion decline to give a refund in the event of early withdrawal for any reason.

If the participant chooses to participate in yoga, Pilates, or dance classes, the participant recognizes that there is a moderate level of physical activity involved in these activities. The participant accepts any risks of participating in these and all other program activities, and releases Habla and its employees from any liability related to health and safety.

