



Who we are

Na'atik is a non-profit language school in the heart of the stunning Yucatan Peninsula in the small, safe, colorful town of Felipe Carrillo Puerto, an hour south of the Caribbean town of Tulum. This is the real Zona Maya. (It's not just ruins!)

You help us help others!

Ten percent of your SAY program cost goes towards our local English language education project.

Many children in Carrillo won't continue their education after elementary or middle school because they have to work to help support their family. We offer these young people the opportunity to improve their future and eliminate this devastating underemployment cycle.

We aim to open students' eyes to a world of possibilities through affordable, encouraging English language classes. These local students develop skills and confidence to visualize and achieve their dreams. We pride ourselves on small classroom sizes, quality and interactive course books and dedicated teachers.

By studying with us, you are giving back to the local community.

Our name comes from the Maya expression "To'on Na'atik" meaning "We're understanding each other." We believe that cross-cultural exchange is the key to true understanding. It is only once we understand each other that we can see what is really possible.

We welcome study abroad groups and are proud to provide a unique, engaging environment for learning. Our location in the Yucatan provides visiting educators of Latin American studies many opportunities for hands-on academics.



Group Study Abroad Program



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Not Your Ordinary School Day

Each day, students are given ample time to reflect on their studies while enjoying meaningful activities outside the classroom.

A typical study day begins with a morning session of educator-guided study followed by lunch with homestay family. In the afternoon, students are invited to take part in a variety of activities. Options might include:

- Tulum and Cobá archeological sites
- Day trips to surrounding cities
- Kantemó Snake Cave
- Cenote and lagoon trip with kayaking and swimming
- Maya community visit
- Museum in historic Tihuosuco
- Maya food cooking class
- Swimming in local pools

In the evening, students return for dinner with their homestay family.



We welcome groups from all walks of life and students from middle school age and up.

Our **SAY Program** provides true language immersion as you learn Spanish or Maya by both taking classes and living with a local host family in our Mexican-Maya town.

With Na'atik, your study path is flexible. In addition to language instruction, we can help your group identify study topics and organize trips relevant to your curriculum. Areas of study and subjects may include:

- Social and cultural and anthropology
- Archeological sites
- Geologic and botanical tours
- Culinary and cooking classes
- History and heritage of Yucatan/Mexico
- Specialized focus on Medical and Legal Spanish and/or Maya



99% Rating

'The attitudes of the teachers, the students and the family combine to make Na'atik an admirable, warm and beautiful community.'

Joanna, study abroad student

