

MÁXIMO NIVEL



Welcome

to Maximo Nivel
the Intercultural Center of Latin America
Costa Rica, Guatemala, and Peru





Welcome

Welcome to Maximo Nivel! We believe in experiential education as a means to develop skills and understanding; ultimately, transforming international learners and travelers into global citizens and leaders. We are dedicated to providing a successful and supportive learning environment through personalized programs and providing the best client service possible.

Maximo Nivel is located in Costa Rica, Guatemala, and Peru — three of the most biodiverse countries in the world. In all three countries, we offer our International Service Learning & Volunteer Program, International Internships, Native Spanish Program, TEFL/TESOL Certification, University Semester Abroad Program, and many others.

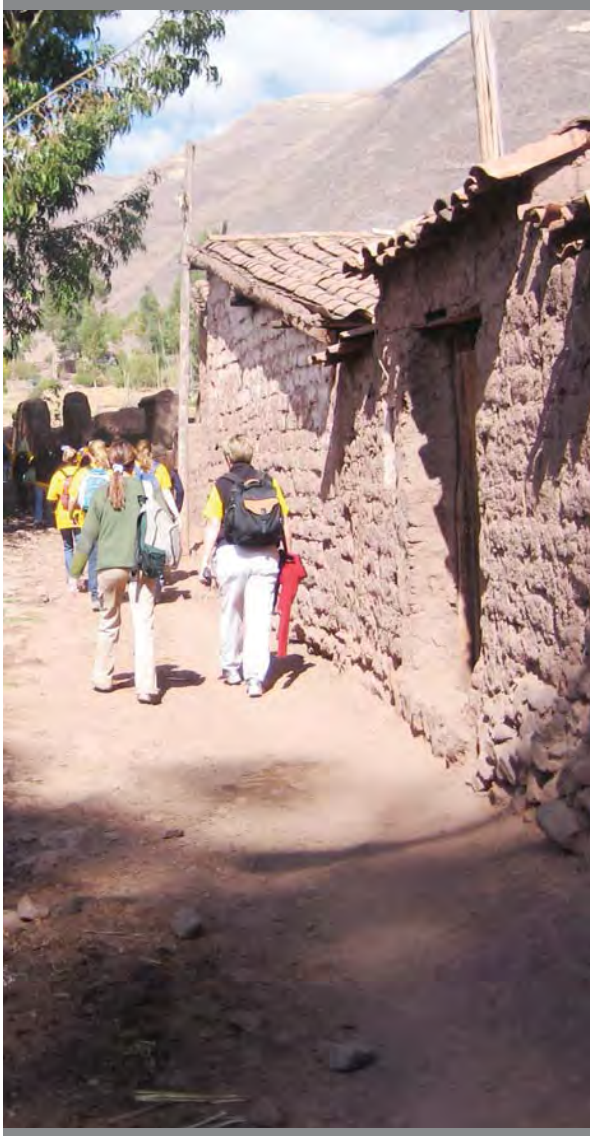




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About Us

Maximo Nivel is a leading organization in education abroad programs. Everyday we strive to set ourselves apart and provide the best education, language, and cultural experiences in Latin America, as well as top-notch client service and great home-base facilities.

Our People

In every country, Maximo Nivel has a dedicated, bilingual staff available 24/7. Our team reflects our multicultural world with people from Australia, Canada, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Peru, the United States, the United Kingdom, and many other countries. Having all evolved from young learners into global citizens themselves, our team has the knowledge and experience to provide personalized assistance to all program participants who come through our doors. We are here to answer all your questions prior to, during, and after your program.

Our Organization

Maximo Nivel is a family owned and operated organization. United States-born Ken Jones and his wife, Peruvian-born Giovanna Jones, opened the first Maximo Nivel in Cusco, Peru in 2003. They felt there was a need for a high-quality educational institute with an emphasis on client service and teaching, and these are qualities that still define Maximo Nivel today.

Even with all the growth and geographical expansion, Maximo Nivel still lives by the same ideals that guided our inauguration more than ten years ago. Giovanna, Ken, and their two boys, Michael and Nicholas, are now based in Costa Rica and remain directly involved in the day-to-day operations of Maximo Nivel. More people join us every year, but our commitment to individual service and educational excellence still determines how we run our programs. We continuously invest in professional staff and first-class facilities to ensure your overall experience with us is exceptional.



Destinations

There's a whole world to discover with Maximo Nivel. We can take you to the heart of another country and help you see life... real and up-close.

Costa Rica

Enjoy the Costa Rica 'pura vida' pace of life with pristine rainforests, towering volcanoes, and endless white sand beaches. Costa Rica's small size allows you to easily experience the entire country, its famous adventure tourism, and amazing natural beauty. Maximo Nivel offers programs in the capital city of San Jose and at the beach in Manuel Antonio. If travel is what you seek, Costa Rica's central location makes a great launching point for travel throughout Latin America.

Guatemala

Dive into the wealth of culture and history Guatemala has to offer. With the warm sun, rich colonial colors, timeless architecture, and volcanoes looming overhead, La Antigua offers you an experience of a lifetime. The Mayan ruins of Tikal are to the north, Lake Atitlan and its small Mayan pueblos are to the south, and the Pacific coast beaches are to the west. Trek up live volcanoes or just settle back and feel the vibe in La Antigua.

Peru

The center of the Inca empire, Cusco is the gateway to the one and only Machu Picchu. Thousands of years of indigenous civilizations bring a rich feel to the people and traditions of this incredible country. Fresh fruit and vegetable markets, artisans, and local celebrations come alive in all corners of Cusco. Beyond the Andes mountains, the Amazon Rainforest to the east and the Pacific beaches to the north offer up more adventures and cultures to be discovered.



Service Learning & Volunteer Program

Maximo Nivel's service learning and volunteer projects provide unique opportunities to live and work internationally while building your proficiency in the Spanish language. Most projects take place in Cusco, Peru; San Jose and Manuel Antonio, Costa Rica; and La Antigua, Guatemala. We also offer projects in the Sacred Valley and Puerto Maldonado (Peru); the Pacific and Caribbean coasts and Monteverde (Costa Rica); and Guatemala City and Lake Atitlan (Guatemala).

Service learning opportunities include:

- Orphanages/Childcare
- Conservation & Environment
- Teaching English
- Construction
- Medical
- Healthcare (non-medical)

Maximo Nivel means no limits! Scuba, yoga, or traveling interest you? Tack on an adventure or certification program. Maximo Nivel has travel partners on site to help you plan trips, tours, and adventure treks. You can hike the Inca Trail in Peru, visit the ancient ruins of Tikal in Guatemala, or go white water rafting in Costa Rica.





International Internship Program

As the global community grows and becomes more connected, international professional experience is fast becoming vital in all fields. Maximo Nivel's internship placements provide hands on experience and cultural learning that not only help you grow as a professional, but help build your résumé as well.

Internship placements include:

- Education
- Special Education
- Micro Business
- Hospitality & Tourism
- Medical

All placements are offered as either a 4-week practicum or 8-week internship, both can be extended as needed. Expectations include 4-6 hours of daily practical work, compiled weekly journals, and final presentation, as well as all additional requirements from your university.

Special Education, Micro Business, and Medical placements all require a strong intermediate level of Spanish. Not quite at that level? Build up your skills with our Online Spanish courses taught by our in-country instructors.







TEFL/TESOL Certification Program

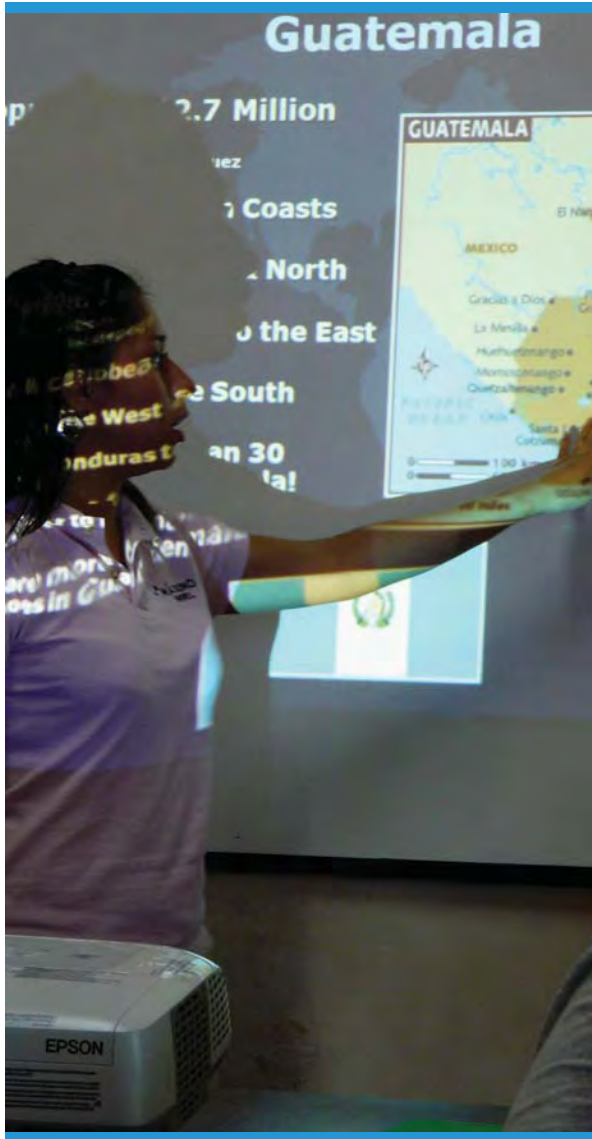
Do you want to be a certified English teacher? Teaching English as a Foreign Language is a rewarding career that opens doors of opportunity all around the globe. Living abroad, discovering cultures, and building professional international experience will all be at your fingertips once you're TEFL/TESOL certified.

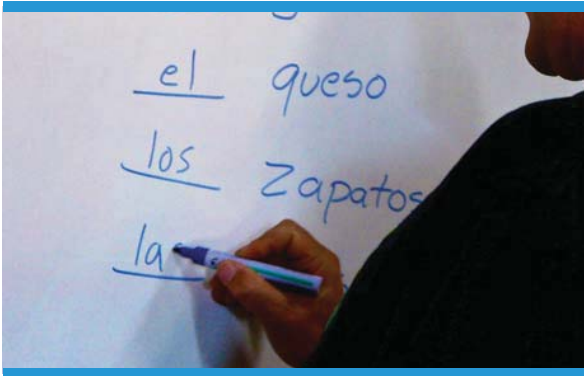
Maximo Nivel's TEFL/TESOL Certification Program is internationally accredited with graduates securing positions in Asia, Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East. The 4-week, 150-hour course is loaded with fun, intensity, and lots of opportunities to hone your skills — making it one of the best learning experiences of your life! The program stresses practical teaching, classroom management, lesson planning, and more.

Are you a student or working professional that just can't get away for 4 weeks? We have the perfect solution for you! Maximo Nivel offers an Online TEFL Certification course as well as a Hybrid (Online/On-site) course.

TEFL: Teaching English as a Foreign Language

TESOL: Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages





Native Spanish Program

Whether you're looking to gain university credit, add to your career skills, or put your world travels on the fast track, Maximo Nivel's Native Spanish Program will get you where you want to be. Our native, certified Spanish teachers provide the most intensive Spanish immersion courses available.

At Maximo Nivel, we offer everything from basic to career specific Spanish courses including Medical, Law Enforcement, and Business specializations. We also offer upper level courses in culture and literature for university students. We specialize in intensive Spanish immersion programs while allowing you to choose the number of hours you study and whether you prefer a small group or a one-on-one setting.

Our free Tandem Conversation Program is also available. The program pairs you with a local English student and allows you to practice your Spanish while helping your partner practice their English. It's the best intercultural exchange experience you'll ever have!

Need university credit? We have you covered. You can apply for credit through our partner university California State University - Monterey Bay or your own university.



University Semester Abroad

Maximo Nivel opens the door to study abroad in Latin America to everyone, whether you speak Spanish or not! University programs are available either taught entirely in English or taught entirely in Spanish.

A variety of programs and options are available to university students. You can combine Spanish language classes and university courses, university courses and an internship, or even language classes and service learning. Everything is possible!

Can't get away for a whole semester? Join us during J-term or Summer term for programs ranging from 2 to 8 weeks.

General course subjects include:

- Business & Economics
- Latin American Culture & Literature
- Latin American History & Politics
- Conservation & Biology
- Medical & Healthcare





Adventure & Culture Program

The Adventure & Culture Program is a great complement to any of our other programs. Its also an excellent independent program option. These unique experiences offer you the opportunity to gain new skills or trek and zip-line your way through the most interesting cultural and archeological sites in each country. All programs are led by experienced, licensed guides who speak both English and Spanish and help you explore the country without the stress of arranging your own travel logistics.

Adventure & Culture options include:

- The Mini Adventure
- The Volunteer Adventure
- Surf Camp
- Scuba Certification
- Yoga Certification
- Youth Spanish Camp (Costa Rica only)







Group Experiences

Alternative break experiences, corporate team building, high school student groups, and faculty-led international courses—Maximo Nivel can organize everything you need from housing and projects to tours and transportation. Choose from any one of our programs or bundle them together. We customize each group experience to fit your school's or organization's needs.

Group options include:

- Housing and meals
- Spanish courses
- Service learning
- Internships
- Certification programs
- Travel and tours
- Private transportation
- Chaperone services (if required)
- And much more!

Need space to teach? We know faculty-led experiences need classroom space for course instruction, and we are happy to arrange this for you.





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Accreditations & Associations

As an internationally accredited institute, Maximo Nivel must adhere to strict codes of practice and maintain the highest professional standards. Accreditation by an external educational body is vital if you wish to receive a certification that is recognized worldwide.

Our programs are accredited by the Peruvian Ministry of Education and by the Guatemalan Ministry of Education. Maximo Nivel also maintains close ties with colleges and universities in the United States, Costa Rica, and Peru. University Credit is available through our partner university, California State University - Monterey Bay.

Maximo Nivel is also a recognized member of the Association of Language Travel Organizations (ALTO) and the National Association of Foreign Student Advisors (NAFSA). We are also an institutional member of The College of Teachers in the United Kingdom.

Awards

Maximo Nivel is a certifying organization of the United States' President's Volunteer Service Award program. The award is given to volunteers for their commitment to community and service work. All International Volunteer Program participants who are U.S. citizens are eligible.



The Maximo Package

Our offices are designed with the needs of our clients in mind. All program participants receive excellent home base services and support from the Maximo Nivel team, including:

- Orientation, walking tour, and safety presentation
- Official program certificate
- Letter of recommendation (Volunteers, Interns, TEFL)
- Open 7 days a week, including holidays
- Emergency contact number 24/7
- Free access to high-speed internet and computers
- Free office-wide WiFi
- Free Salsa lessons
- Free Spanish books and materials
- Free Spanish language tutoring
- Free Tandem Conversation Program
- Free coffee & tea
- On-site snack bar

