

2025

# WORK STUDY TRAVEL

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## UNIVERSITY COURSES

- 3 to 14 Weeks
- 2 to 4 hours/day
- Business, Public Health, Sociology & more
- Local & International Faculty

## VOLUNTEER ABROAD

- 1 to 52 Weeks
- Daily support from Field Managers
- Guided reflection workshops (optional)
- Spanish studies 1 to 4 hours/day (optional)

## INTERNATIONAL INTERNSHIPS

- 4 to 16 Weeks
- Academic advisor in-country
- Personalized Spanish courses
- Also available online!

## GAP YEAR

- 4 to 52 weeks
- 24-week itineraries ready to go
- Create your own gap year
- Be a Country Jumper!

## What can you do with **MÁXIMO** NIVEL?

## SPANISH LANGUAGE

- Beginner to Advanced levels
- Tandem Conversation Program
- Medical & Business Spanish
- Also available online!

## TEFL CERTIFICATION

- 150-hour TEFL certification
- Teaching practice with live classes
- Job placement guarantee
- Also available online!

## ADVENTURE & CULTURAL TRAVEL

- On-site travel office
- Private guides and transportation
- Fixed or customized travel itineraries
- Scuba, Surf & Culinary programs

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*Welcome to*

# MAXIMO NIVEL

Greetings and welcome to Maximo Nivel. By joining an international study and travel program, you are dedicating yourself to an important experience for personal growth. You are moving beyond your limits—you want to learn and you want to make a positive impact on the world and the people around you. This is a very worthwhile journey and we are happy to be a part of it.

Since 2003, our commitment to quality programs and great client service has made Maximo Nivel the leading study abroad and educational travel organization in Latin America. Our job is to provide you with great work-study-travel programs in a safe and supportive environment. We are here to make sure your experience is nothing short of excellent! The Maximo team is available 24/7, so please reach out and let us know when you need support or help along the way.

We wish you safe travels and we look forward to seeing you in Costa Rica, Guatemala, and Peru.

**Giovanna & Ken Jones**  
Founders/Directors



From left:  
Michael, Ken, Giovanna, Nico



# ACCREDITATIONS & Associations

Maximo Nivel is accredited by the Ministries of Education in Guatemala and Peru. We are a member of NAFSA—Association of International Educators; we are recognized for Bildungsurlaub in Germany; and we are a certifying organization for the U.S. President's Volunteer Service Award.

Maximo Nivel offers university credit through our official *School of Record* in the United States.

## STANDARDS OF *Good Practice*

Maximo Nivel follows the *Standards of Good Practice* from the Forum on Education Abroad and the Forum's *Code of Ethics for Education Abroad*.

We are an inclusive organization—we value diversity in everything. We're open-minded and we believe deeply in the importance of different views, intelligent discourse, and the power of positivity!

Maximo Nivel welcomes and respects all people without regard to gender, gender identification, age, race, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, or disability.



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de Educación



Ministerio de  
Educación



NAFSA



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# WHO WE ARE



## THE MAXIMO *Team*

In each country, Maximo Nivel has a dedicated, multilingual team available 24/7. Our team reflects our multicultural world with people from Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, Latin America, and North America. All of us have evolved from young learners into global citizens, and we love to share our knowledge and experience and to provide personalized service and attention to everyone who joins a Maximo program.

All of our instructors, field managers, and directors have excellent credentials in their respective fields—including linguistics and culture, travel and hospitality, sociology, biology, business, and emergency management. We are experts and there's nothing better than helping others become experts too!

## OUR *Organization*

Maximo Nivel was founded by Giovanna Nakamine (Peru) and her partner Ken Jones (United States) in 2003. We opened our first institute in Cusco, Peru and set out to create a true intercultural center with an emphasis on high-quality education, international travel, community service, and the client experience. Today, these are the qualities that still define Maximo Nivel in everything we do.



Work



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The Maximo Nivel organization expanded in 2006 to San Jose, Costa Rica and then to Antigua, Guatemala in 2009, with both locations offering the same high-quality programs. In 2013, Maximo Nivel merged with COSI—Costa Rica Spanish Institute, an organization with 20 years experience in Costa Rica. This merger added a fourth institute at Manuel Antonio Beach. In 2020, Maximo Nivel officially launched it's virtual programs including English, Spanish, TEFL, and Internships.

We still live by the same ideals that guided Maximo Nivel's inauguration more than 20 years ago. Giovanna and Ken, and their two sons, Michael and Nico, are now based in Costa Rica and remain directly involved in the day-to-day operations of the organization. Our commitment to educational excellence and the experience we deliver to every person who walks through our doors are still the determining factors in how we run every aspect of our programs. We continuously invest in our professional team and our first-class facilities to ensure your overall experience at Maximo Nivel is nothing short of excellent!

## MISSION *Statement*

Maximo Nivel is a professional, ethical, and hardworking organization that is completely dedicated to providing a *great experience* to every partner, student, participant, client, and faculty leader who joins us.

## OUR *Goals*

- Deliver safe, affordable, high-quality study abroad programs.
- Provide an organized, structured homebase to live and learn.
- Improve impact in every community where we work and live.
- Inspire people to be open-minded, to travel, and to learn.

**\*See pages 5-6 for dates institutes were established.**

# SAFETY ORGANIZATION HOMEBASE LEARNING INSPIRATION



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Ready to make a long-term commitment and build an international career? Send us your CV/résumé and join our teams in Costa Rica, Guatemala, Peru, and Online:

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# ANTIGUA



*Guatemala*

ESTABLISHED

**2009**

CAMPUS CAPACITY

**300+**

CLASSROOMS

**22**

ACADEMIC STAFF

**20**

SUPPORT TEAM

**15**

SUPPORT TEAM

**8**

ACADEMIC STAFF

**8**

CLASSROOMS

**10**

CAMPUS CAPACITY

**150+**

ESTABLISHED

**MANUEL 2001\***



# ANTONIO



*Costa Rica*





# SAN JOSE



*Costa Rica*

ESTABLISHED

**1994\***

CAMPUS CAPACITY

**250+**

CLASSROOMS

**15**

ACADEMIC STAFF

**19**

SUPPORT TEAM

**26**

SUPPORT TEAM

**22**

ACADEMIC STAFF

**38**

CLASSROOMS

**20**

CAMPUS CAPACITY

**300+**

ESTABLISHED

**2003**



# CUSCO



*Peru*

\*See page 4

WHO WE ARE





# UNIVERSITY ABROAD

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University programs for academic credit are available for Fall, Winter, Spring, and Summer terms. Maximo Nivel is one of the most reviewed and top-rated study abroad providers in the world. We are an excellent alternative to traditional study abroad programs because we offer affordable tuition fees and top-notch student service and support. Students can follow a traditional academic calendar or join us year-round with open-enrollment programs starting every Monday.



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# INTERNATIONAL INTERNSHIPS

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International Internship programs provide unique opportunities to gain professional work experience in Latin America—building expert-level skills in Spanish and your area of university study. Internship projects include: Anthropology, Dental, Education, Human Rights, Hospitality & Tourism, Medicine, Micro-Business, Special Education, and Veterinary Science. Internships are available from 4 to 16 weeks and can be completed with academic credit or without. Also available online!



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# SPANISH IMMERSION

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Maximo Nivel offers intensive Spanish programs for international travelers, as well as university courses for language students. Programs range from Beginner to Advanced and Fluency levels. Specialized courses include Spanish for Business, Medical Spanish, Spanish for Lawyers, as well as Conversation & Composition, Advanced Spanish Grammar, and more. Indigenous languages such as Quechua (Peru) and Kaqchikel (Guatemala) are also available. Also available online!



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## TEEN PROGRAM

# SUMMER CAMP

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Summer Camp at Maximo Nivel is a very special immersion program for teens 13 - 17 years old. Summer Camp is designed to help young learners experience language, service, and culture, and to begin their exploration abroad in a safe and guided environment. Summer Camp weaves together education, community service, sports, and tourism. This unique experience helps teens develop a better sense of the world and grow into global citizens. Summer Camp is available for 4 weeks every summer.



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# VOLUNTEER ABROAD

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Volunteer Abroad programs provide unique opportunities to live and work in Latin America, while giving back to the global community. Local service projects include Animal Care, Archaeology, Conservation, Construction, Dental, Eco-Agriculture, Indigenous Communities, Healthcare, Medical, Teaching English, Sea Turtles, and Working with Kids. Short-term programs, long-term programs, as well as semester-based service learning programs are available for individuals and groups.



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# TEFL CERTIFICATION

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TEFL Certification is an intensive, university-level course that certifies you to teach English anywhere in the world! Maximo Nivel's internationally-accredited TEFL program builds your professional teaching credentials and it's one of the best learning experiences of your life! The TEFL course is available as a 4-week in-class, online only, or Hybrid online-onsite course. Specialized certifications in Teaching Business English, Teaching English Exam Preparation, and Teaching English Grammar are also available.



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# GAP YEAR

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Gap Year programs are transformative! At Maximo Nivel, most gap years run for 12, 24, or 48 weeks, but you can also design your own customized itinerary. Combine volunteering, Spanish, university courses, and travel. Be a "country jumper" and create a gap year that includes Costa Rica, Guatemala, and Peru. We also offer a unique Freshman Semester Abroad program where you can spend a semester or year abroad and then enter university with 12 to 32 academic credits.



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# ADVENTURE & CULTURE

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Maximo Nivel is proud to offer world-class Adventure & Culture programs. These programs take you beyond the classroom and provide unique opportunities to explore Costa Rica, Guatemala, and Peru. Head out on the highlight tours or get off the beaten path—there's ziplining and surfing in Costa Rica, Tikal archeological ruins in Guatemala, and the sanctuary-city of Machu Picchu in Peru. Upskill with our Scuba diving a certification programs... make your travel meaningful!



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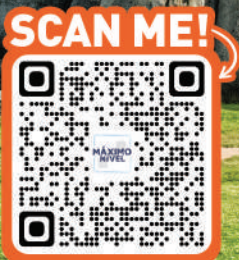


Travel



# UNIVERSITY ABROAD

FROM  
**\$1,595**



## WHAT'S *Included*

- Airport pick-up
- Host family accommodations (private room)
- Breakfast and dinner, 7 days/week
- Safety orientation and walking tour
- Official transcripts and certificates
- Letter of recommendation
- Free Tandem Conversation Program
- Free WiFi and computer lounge
- Free salsa dance classes
- Free cooking classes
- Free coffee and tea with on-site snack bar
- Institute is open 7 days/week
- Emergency contact number 24/7

## PROGRAM *Summary*

Maximo Nivel offers students from all over the world **general education courses, specialized content courses, internships, service learning, and Spanish language** programs.

Short-term and semester-long study abroad programs are available during Fall, Winter, Spring, and Summer terms. Students can earn 12-19 credits per semester; and up to 6-12 credits during the Summer Term. Study abroad students seeking more independence in their studies can join Maximo Nivel year-round with open-enrollment courses starting every Monday.

Maximo Nivel is the *local organization* in Costa Rica, Guatemala, and Peru and we have excellent local teams and facilities. We directly own and operate our institutes and campuses, which helps save students 30% to 50% in tuition fees compared to traditional study abroad providers.





Students join an international cohort of up to 25 people in Costa Rica, Guatemala, or Peru. Lower division students take general education (GE) courses, while upper division students focus on specific courses in their major. Fall and Spring courses are studied in semester or 3-week terms, and include Spanish language courses and general education *or* specialized subject courses. Summer and Winter term programs are also available.

## SCHOOL OF RECORD

Our official *School of Record* has approved our courses for equivalency and validated the programs for U.S. higher education credit. The School of Record provides enrolled students with an academic transcript and credits are eligible for transfer into any 4-year university in the United States.

SPANISH LANGUAGE		CREDITS
SPA 100 - 299	Lower division Spanish courses	3
SPA 300 - 499	Upper division Spanish courses	3

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES		CREDITS
SUS 301	Sustainability in Latin America	3
BUS 301	Entrepreneurship in Latin America	3
BUS 305	Marketing in Latin America	3
GPH 301	Global Public Health in Latin America	3
SOC 301	Social Responsibility & Social Justice	3

INTERNSHIPS & SERVICE LEARNING		CREDITS
UNIV 491SL	Advanced Service Learning	1-6
UNIV 495	4 - 8+ week Internship	2-6

ACADEMIC CALENDAR	
<b>SPRING SEMESTER 2025</b> 10 February — 16 May <b>SPRING TERM I 2025</b> 10 February — 28 February <b>SPRING TERM II 2025</b> 10 March — 28 March <b>SPRING TERM III 2025</b> 31 March — 18 April <b>SPRING TERM IV 2025</b> 28 April — 16 May	<b>SUMMER TERM 2025</b> 2 June — 25 July <b>SUMMER TERM I 2025</b> 2 June — 27 June <b>SUMMER TERM II 2025</b> 30 June — 25 July <b>FALL SEMESTER 2025</b> 15 September — 19 December <b>FALL TERM I 2025</b> 15 September — 3 October

## SAMPLE Itinerary

### WINTER TERM

2 Weeks

- One 2-week term
- Classes take place Monday to Friday
- Class sessions are 4 to 5 hours per day
- Optional Spanish classes can be added

### SPRING & FALL SEMESTERS

3-14 Weeks

- Four 3-week terms
- Register for one, two, three, or all four terms
- Classes take place Monday to Friday
- Class sessions are 3 hours per day
- Optional Spanish classes can be added
- Two 1-week breaks during the semester

### SUMMER TERM

4-8 Weeks

- Two 4-week terms
- Register for one or two terms
- Internships take place Monday to Friday
- Work hours require 6 to 8 hours per day
- 1-hour per day Spanish language class included

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- DOMINIQUE

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# INTERNATIONAL INTERNSHIPS

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- Airport pick-up
- Host family accommodations (private room)
- Breakfast and dinner, 7 days/week
- 1 hour/day Spanish classes
- 6 to 8 hours/day practical work, Monday-Friday
- Safety orientation and walking tour
- Official transcripts and certificates
- Letter of recommendation
- Free Tandem Conversation Program
- Free WiFi and computer lounge
- Free salsa dance classes
- Free cooking classes
- Free coffee and tea with on-site snack bar
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Internships are available during Fall and Spring semesters as well as during Summer terms. Internships are also available on an open-enrollment basis beginning every Monday year-round.





## EDUCATION

Interns work with K-12 teachers in public or private bilingual schools assisting with instruction, lesson planning, and classroom management. Interns are also assigned their own lessons to plan and teach.

## HUMAN RIGHTS

Placements are with community organizations, NGOs, and government agencies. Interns work with professional change agents focused on empowerment and social justice. Work may include outreach, research, and fundraising. *High intermediate Spanish is required.*

## HOSPITALITY & TOURISM

Placements are with small tour operators, boutique hotels, and travelers' hostels. Interns work to help improve international marketing, sales, and service. Work may include daily operations along with online marketing and English language training.

## MEDICAL & DENTAL

Interns shadow a doctor, dentist, nurse, or other medical professional. Responsibilities depend on experience and Spanish language skills. Work may include triage, check-ups, elderly care, medication, and patient records. *High intermediate Spanish is required.*

## MICRO-BUSINESS

Placements are in small, local companies in Marketing, Sales and Client Service, or Accounting. Work is focused on helping entrepreneurs improve operations and expand capacity to serve international clients. *High intermediate Spanish is required.*

## SPECIAL EDUCATION

Interns work as teachers' aides in private schools and assisted living facilities helping with instruction and classroom management. Interns work with students who are visually impaired, hearing impaired, or developmentally disabled. *High intermediate Spanish is required.*

## VETERINARY SCIENCE

Placements are with veterinary doctors and small clinics where interns assist in primary animal care. Interns may also prep animals for surgery, monitor post-op recovery, collect data, and update records.

## CUSTOMIZED INTERNSHIPS

As a locally-based organization, Maximo Nivel has built ongoing relationships with many local organizations and businesses. These community connections help you explore specific internship goals and interests, and we are always ready to organize customized placements in most fields.

## ACADEMIC CREDIT (optional)

Our official *School of Record* has approved our international internships for equivalency and validated the programs for U.S. higher education credit. Students who want academic credit must enroll and complete specific course requirements to receive an academic transcript for their program.

### PROGRAM LENGTH

4 Week Internship	8 Weeks+ Internship
Practical Work Monday-Friday 6+ hrs/day	Practical Work Monday-Friday 6+ hrs/day
Spanish Studies Monday-Friday 1 hr/day	Spanish Studies Monday-Friday 1 hr/day
-	Weekly journals 5 reflection workshops
Presentation <b>or</b> final written report	Presentation <b>and</b> final written report

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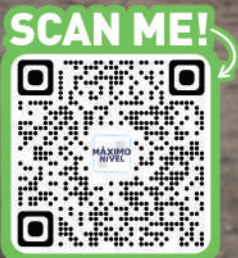


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# VOLUNTEER ABROAD

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## WHAT'S *Included*

- Airport pick-up
- Host family accommodations (shared room)
- Breakfast and dinner, 7 days/week
- 3 to 4 hours/day volunteer work
- Safety orientation and walking tour
- Official certificate of volunteer service
- Letter of recommendation
- Free Tandem Conversation Program
- Free WiFi and computer lounge
- Free salsa dance classes
- Free cooking classes
- Free coffee and tea with on-site snack bar
- Institute is open 7 days/week
- Emergency contact number 24/7

## PROGRAM *Summary*

Learn to serve in Latin America! Volunteer Abroad programs provide unique opportunities to live and work internationally while giving back to the global community and immersing yourself in the local culture. Volunteering abroad is a life-changing experience where you expand your world perspective in a way that could never be achieved in a classroom. Maximo Nivel is the *local organization* in Costa Rica, Guatemala, and Peru—we're the feet-on-the-street, live here, work here people that provide real opportunities to make a difference and have impact.

### ANIMAL CARE

Animal care projects work with abandoned dogs and cats, rescued horses, reptiles, and alpacas. Volunteers can get involved in private and public rescue projects and university zoos. Volunteer work includes feeding, exercising, grooming, and medical care.



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## CONSERVATION

Conservation projects include jungle conservation in Peru, beach conservation in Costa Rica, and various reforestation programs. Note that conservation sites are usually based in rural settings away from Maximo Nivel's institutes.

## CONSTRUCTION

Construction is one of the highest-impact programs available! All construction projects are led and organized by our professional local foreman. Volunteer work is demanding including excavation, painting, mixing cement, laying brick, plastering, and various other activities.

## ECO-AGRICULTURE

Eco-agriculture projects work with sustainable farming communities in Costa Rica, Guatemala, and Peru. Volunteers work with local coffee growers and learn sustainable coffee production from bean to cup. Volunteers may also work on organic or permaculture farms growing macadamia nuts and mushrooms.

## INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

Volunteers take part in a cultural immersion experience living and working with indigenous communities in Costa Rica, Guatemala or Peru. Based in rural, semi-off-the-grid villages, volunteers work and live with a local family—caring for animals, helping with agricultural work, assisting with basic construction, and teaching English at the local school. Note, work varies based on seasonal needs.

## MEDICAL & HEALTHCARE

Volunteers work alongside medical professionals in hospitals, clinics, and assisted living facilities. The level of work depends on education, experience, and Spanish language skills. Work may include medical campaigns, triage, check-ups, medication, and patient records.

## SEA TURTLES

Volunteers work to protect sea turtles, decrease hatchling mortality, and help with beach clean-up. Sea turtles play a key role in ocean ecosystems in Costa Rica and Guatemala on both the Caribbean and Pacific coasts. Turtle projects are located in rural settings away from Maximo Nivel's institutes.

## TEACHING ENGLISH

Volunteers work with local teachers and may also run their own classes at schools and community centers. Projects are with children and teens during the day and with adult learners in the evening.

## WORKING WITH KIDS

Volunteers work in community centers, daycare programs, and schools. Volunteers assist local staff to provide a supportive environment for abandoned children and those suffering from poverty and neglect. Work involves playtime activities, sports, tutoring, as well as cleaning and hygiene.

## ACADEMIC CREDIT (optional)

Our official *School of Record* has approved our Service Learning projects for equivalency and validated the programs for U.S. higher education credit. Volunteers who want academic credit must enroll and complete specific course requirements to receive an academic transcript for their program.

“I NOW  
UNDERSTAND  
MORE ABOUT  
DIFFERENT  
CULTURES AND  
THE  
IMPORTANCE OF  
GIVING BACK TO  
THE WORLD.”



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# TEFL CERTIFICATION

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## WHAT'S *Included*

- Airport pick-up
- Safety orientation and walking tour
- Official TEFL Certificate
- Letter of recommendation
- Job placement guarantee
- Lifetime job-finding assistance
- Free Tandem Conversation Program
- Free WiFi and computer lounge
- Free salsa dance classes
- Free cooking classes
- Free coffee and tea with on-site snack bar
- Institute is open 7 days/week
- Emergency contact number 24/7



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## PROGRAM *Summary*

Maximo Nivel's TEFL Certification program is an intensive, university-level course that certifies you to teach English anywhere in the world! Our internationally-accredited TEFL is a life-changing experience—it's fun, intense, and one of the best learning experiences of your life! The TEFL program focuses on practical teaching, classroom management, and lesson planning with lots of opportunities for aspiring teachers to hone their skills.

The TEFL Certification program is available as a 4-week, **150-hour in-class course**, as a **full online course**, or as a **Hybrid online-onsite course**. Specialized TEFL certifications that help aspiring teachers expand their career opportunities are also available.

TEFL graduates secure paid teaching positions in Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, Latin America, North America, and the Middle East.

## TEFL COURSE OBJECTIVES

Teaching English to non-native speakers requires specialized knowledge and techniques. This takes study, practice, and expert feedback. TEFL certification teaches the theories, methodologies, and skills you need to feel confident in front of an ESL classroom. You also get important feedback on your teaching style and what it takes to be a professional ESL teacher. TEFL certification is an intensive program and you should be prepared to work hard both inside and outside of class.

### TEFL COURSE MODULES

1. Approaches to Learning & Teaching
2. Critical ESL Techniques
3. Class Management
4. Lesson Planning
5. English Grammar Review 1
6. English Grammar Review 2
7. Teaching Grammar
8. Teaching Vocabulary
9. Teaching English with Games
10. Teaching Speaking & Writing
11. Teaching Listening & Reading
12. Assessing Learners
13. Introduction to International English Exams
14. Practical Teaching

## SPECIALIZED TEFL CERTIFICATES

Maximo Nivel offers specialized certificate programs in *Teaching Business English*, *Teaching English Exam Preparation*, *Teaching English Grammar*, and *Teaching English Online*. These add-on TEFL certifications help ESL teachers improve their career opportunities and salary potential. All specialized certifications are available online with personalized coaching included.



TEFL  
GRADUATION



### 2025 TEFL DATES

TEFL COURSE	START   END
January	20 Jan - 14 Feb
February	17 Feb - 14 Mar
March	19 Mar - 15 Apr
April	21 Apr - 16 May
May	19 May - 13 Jun
June	18 Jun - 15 Jul
July	21 Jul - 15 Aug
August	20 Aug - 16 Sep
September	22 Sep - 17 Oct
October	22 Oct - 18 Nov
November	24 Nov - 19 Dec

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EVER WANTED TO  
TEACH ENGLISH ABROAD,  
THE TEFL COURSE  
AT MAXIMO NIVEL  
IS THE PLACE  
TO DO IT”



- TADISH

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TEFL  
CERTIFICATION



# SPANISH IMMERSION

FROM  
**\$70**  
per  
week



## WHAT'S *Included*

- Airport pick-up
- Safety orientation and walking tour
- Official Spanish certificate
- Free Spanish books and materials
- Free Spanish language tutoring table
- Free Tandem Conversation Program
- Free WiFi and computer lounge
- Free salsa dance classes
- Free cooking classes
- Free coffee and tea with on-site snack bar
- Institute is open 7 days/week
- Emergency contact number 24/7

## PROGRAM *Summary*

Maximo Nivel offers intensive Spanish programs in Latin America and online tailored to all kinds of learning objectives. Spanish courses are available for travelers and language lovers, as well as university students. We offer both small group classes and 1-on-1 private lessons for all levels ranging from Beginner Spanish to Advanced and Fluency. Maximo Nivel also offers customized Spanish programs, specialized tutoring, Medical Spanish, and Business Spanish. Advanced university courses including Latin American Civilization & Culture, Conversation & Composition, Advanced Spanish Grammar, among others, are also available.

### SPANISH IMMERSION COURSES

- |                            |                        |
|----------------------------|------------------------|
| - Basic (A1)               | - Intermediate II (B1) |
| - High Basic (A1)          | - Advanced I (B2)      |
| - Pre-Intermediate I (A2)  | - Advanced II (B2)     |
| - Pre-Intermediate II (A2) | - Fluent I (C1)        |
| - Intermediate I (B1)      | - Fluent II (C2)       |



ADVANCED SPANISH COURSES		CREDITS
SPA 360	Latin American Civilization & Culture	3
SPA 361	Modern Day Latin America	3
SPA 370	Medical Spanish	3
SPA 371	Business Spanish	3
SPA 380	Intercultural Communication	3
SPA 480	Advanced Spanish Conversation	3
MLAN 316	DELE Exam Preparation	3



## STUDY & VOLUNTEER

Study & Volunteer participants take part in both Spanish Immersion and Volunteer Abroad programs. All Spanish levels are available, and you can select from more than 150 volunteer projects.

**2+2 Program**—2 weeks of small group Spanish classes for 4 hours/day Monday through Friday, followed by 2 weeks of community service with a local volunteer project.

**4+4 Program**—4 weeks of small group Spanish classes for 4 hours/day Monday through Friday, followed by 4 weeks of community service with a local volunteer project.

**Volunteer Programs**—Choose from the following:

- Animal Care
- Construction
- Medical & Healthcare
- Teaching English
- Working with Kids
- ...And lots more!

## TEACHING METHODOLOGY

Maximo Nivel's Spanish curriculum is based on the communicative approach and direct method—it is very immersive and emphasizes speaking and conversation. Classes are taught in Spanish and all language skills are integrated through various activities in and out of the classroom.

## TANDEM CONVERSATION PROGRAM

Expand your cultural horizons and make new friends in Costa Rica, Guatemala, and Peru. Get involved in Maximo Nivel's free Tandem Conversation Program where you are partnered with a local English student for language practice. You practice your Spanish and they practice their English; or you can teach your partner German, French, Russian, or whatever native language you speak. We strongly recommend the Tandem Conversation Program to everyone—it's a true intercultural exchange, a good way to make local friends, and a great learning experience!

## ACADEMIC CREDIT (optional)

Our official *School of Record* has approved our Spanish courses for equivalency and validated the program for U.S. higher education credit. Students who want academic credit must enroll and complete specific course requirements to receive an academic transcript for their program.

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QUICKLY THAN  
I DID DURING  
ALL MY CLASSES  
BACK HOME”**



- JACOB

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# SUMMER CAMP

## TEEN PROGRAM

FROM  
**\$1,995**



## WHAT'S *Included*

- Counselors 24/7; 8:1 student-counselor ratio
- Airport pick-up and drop-off
- Safety orientation and walking tour
- Host family accommodations (shared room)
- Breakfast, lunch, dinner, 7 days/week
- Small group Spanish classes, 15 hours/week
- All tours and social activities
- Cultural immersion workshops
- Private transportation to/from all activities
- Official program certificate
- Souvenir camp t-shirt
- Free WiFi and computer lounge
- On-site snack bar
- Institute is open 7 days/week
- Emergency contact number 24/7

## PROGRAM *Summary*

At Maximo Nivel, we believe in opening the minds of young learners to travel, service, and intercultural exchange. You are never too young to start exploring the world and Summer Camp helps young people begin their exploration abroad in a safe and guided environment. Summer Camp provides a unique combination of education, community service, sports, and tourism. Campers grow as global citizens, develop a better sense of the world, and discover their passions during this unique international immersion experience. Summer Camp creates amazing memories that last a lifetime!

28 June – 27 July 2025

Participants may join for 1 to 4 weeks.

## SUMMER CAMP HIGHLIGHTS

Summer Camp is a full-immersion experience that integrates Spanish language into all aspects of the



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program, including community service, sports, and cultural activities. Campers can choose between Spanish Immersion track or Service Learning track Monday through Friday and participate in different cultural and tourism activities throughout the week.

**Coffee Farm**—Campers experience the original Costa Rican coffee tour to learn how coffee is grown, roasted, and processed from bean to cup!

**Cooking Classes**—Campers learn how to prepare traditional food, such as tamales and empanadas in participatory cooking classes taught by their host mothers.

**Jungle Zipline**—Campers explore the jungle by ziplining from platform to platform in an exhilarating adventure through lush, jungle canopy and across majestic rivers.

**Manuel Antonio National Park**—An experienced nature guide leads campers through Costa Rica's best national park. Campers enjoy small beaches, ocean inlets, and see a variety of wildlife.

**Salsa Class**—A fun and relaxed dance class taught by our local professional Salsa instructor. Beyond just Salsa, campers learn other popular Latin American dances, such as Merengue and Bachata.

**Scuba Discovery**—Discover scuba diving before getting certified. The perfect way to test the waters with a 2-day course, which includes a practice day in the pool and 2 open-water dives with a professional instructor.

**Service Learning**—Campers take part in community service projects and learn about giving back and being productive citizens. Work may include helping at local daycare programs and light construction at public schools.

**Surf School**—Our professional surf instructors teach campers how to ride the waves! Less adventurous teens can choose to just relax on the beach and watch their friends.

**Volcano & Hot Springs**—Campers visit Irazu Volcano, Orosi Valley, and the Orosi Hot Springs. The tour is capped off by relaxing in amazing natural hot springs and enjoying a traditional Costa Rican lunch.

*...And lots more!!*

## SUPPORT FOR PARENTS

We understand it can be challenging to let your child fly off to another country. The Maximo Nivel team is dedicated to providing great support 24/7 to each parent before and during our programs! Our support to families includes:

- 24/7 emergency phone number
- Campers call home upon arrival in-country
- Weekly email updates and photos
- Immediate updates of changes and emergencies
- We immediately relay parental messages to students and student messages to parents.

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SPANISH CLASSES  
& VOLUNTEER  
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AMAZING TRIP”



- JOÃO

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# GAP YEAR

FROM  
**\$4,495**

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## WHAT'S *Included*

- Airport pick-up
- Host family accommodations (private room)
- Breakfast and dinner, 7 days/week
- 3 to 4 hours/day volunteer work
- 2 hours/day Spanish language classes
- Safety orientation and walking tour
- Official program certificates
- Letter of recommendation
- Free Tandem Conversation Program
- Free WiFi and computer lounge
- Free salsa dance classes
- Free cooking classes
- Free coffee and tea with on-site snack bar
- Institute is open 7 days/week
- Emergency contact number 24/7



Work



Study



Travel

## PROGRAM *Summary*

At Maximo Nivel, gap year programs get you involved in true world-class travel and learning experiences. Gap year programs combine volunteer work, Spanish language, skill-building courses, and lots of adventure. Most gap year programs run for 12, 24, or 48 weeks, but you can also create your own customized gap year itinerary. Be a "country jumper" and design a gap year that includes Costa Rica, Guatemala, *and* Peru.

Choose from more than 150 community service projects. Spanish classes include all levels from Beginner to Advanced and Fluency.

Maximo Nivel also offers a unique **Freshman Year Abroad** where you can spend a semester or an entire year abroad and then enter university with 12 to 32 academic credits.

Gap Year programs are absolutely transformative!

## GAP YEAR ITINERARIES

Maximo Nivel offers pre-set gap year itineraries for Costa Rica, Guatemala, and Peru. These 12-week and 24-week programs include Volunteer Abroad, Spanish Immersion, TEFL Certification, and Adventure & Culture programs. A 2-week break is built into the 24-week itinerary to organize independent travel, beach time, and trekking with new friends and fellow travelers.

## BUILD YOUR OWN GAP YEAR

Maximo Nivel's programs are extremely flexible, so you can pick and choose from all of our programs to create the perfect, customized gap year just for you. Wherever you want to go and whatever you want to do, we're already here in-country ready to help you!

### PROGRAMS TO CHOOSE FROM

Spanish language classes   4-12 weeks
Working with Kids   4-8 weeks
Animal Care   4-8 weeks
Surf School   1 week
Scuba diving certification   1 week
Jungle Conservation   2-4 weeks
TEFL Certification   4 weeks
Indigeneous community immersion   1-2 weeks
Sea turtle conservation   2-4 weeks
Construction volunteer   4 weeks
Volunteer teaching English   4-8 weeks
Peru Mini Adventure   1 week
Costa Rica Mini Adventure   1 week
Beach & Jungle Mini Adventure   1 week
Guatemala Mini Adventure   1 week
Customized adventure programs also available

## BE A COUNTRY JUMPER

Costa Rica to Guatemala to Peru—a unique program spread across 12 or 24 weeks, working-studying-traveling from Central America to South America! The Country Jumper program includes:

- Spanish + Volunteering
- Surf School
- Mini Adventure
- A lifetime of memories!

## FRESHMAN YEAR ABROAD

Take a semester or a full year to figure out who you are and to see the world while earning academic credit. Students spend 14 weeks abroad in Costa Rica, Guatemala, or Peru and receive an academic transcript from our official *School of Record*. Credits are eligible for transfer into 4-year universities in the United States.

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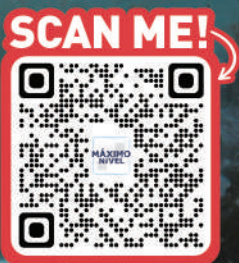
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# ADVENTURE & CULTURE

FROM  
**\$215**



## WHAT'S *Included*

- Airport pick-up
- Safety orientation and walking tour
- Official program certificates
- Free Spanish language tutoring table
- Free Tandem Conversation Program
- Free WiFi and computer lounge
- Free salsa dance classes
- Free cooking classes
- Free coffee and tea with on-site snack bar
- Institute is open 7 days/week
- Emergency contact number 24/7

## PROGRAM *Summary*

Maximo Nivel is proud to offer world-class Adventure & Culture programs. These programs take you far beyond the classroom and provide unique opportunities to explore Costa Rica, Guatemala, and Peru. As experts on Latin America, we are always happy to answer questions and help you make travel plans with our on-site travel partners. All Adventure & Culture itineraries are easy add-ons to any program in Costa Rica, Guatemala, and Peru.

**Learn**—Upskill and discover even more ways to explore and connect with the world. Get certified in Scuba Diving (PADI) or get certified as a professional Yoga Teacher (RYT).

**Adventure**—In Latina America, adventure is everywhere! Trek up volcanos, surf the waves, scuba and snorkel, hike the Inca Trail, mountain bike through the Andes, and go whitewater rafting. Take a trip to *both* the Pacific *and* Caribbean coasts.



**Culture**—Take part in cultural events, local holidays, and unique indigenous festivals, including Inti Raymi in Peru and Semana Santa in Guatemala. Explore natural hot springs and waterfall gardens in Costa Rica. Visit the sanctuary-city of Machu Picchu in Peru and the Tikal archeological site in Guatemala.

**Gastronomy**—The local cuisine is a deep cultural expression of each country. Tour the open-air markets, taste the local produce, sample the coffee, beer, wine, and pisco. Visit a coffee farm, take cooking lessons, and visit every *picanteria* and *soda* you can find.

## BEACH & JUNGLE ADVENTURE

The Beach & Jungle Adventure is a week-long program that takes you from Manuel Antonio Beach through the Costa Rican rainforest and cascading waterfalls. The adventure also includes ziplining and whitewater rafting. Transportation, tours, accommodations, and some meals are included.

## MINI ADVENTURE

The Mini Adventure is a week-long program that takes participants to the must-see sites in Costa Rica, Guatemala, or Peru. These are the absolute highlight tours that every traveler must experience while in-country. Transportation, tours, accommodations, and some meals are included.

## VOLUNTEER ADVENTURE

The Volunteer Adventure combines Volunteer Abroad with a Mini Adventure program. In the first week, participants join a community service project, and then the second week is action-packed with tours and the best sites in Costa Rica, Guatemala, or Peru. Transportation, tours, accommodations, and some meals are included.

## SCUBA CERTIFICATION

Participants earn their PADI Open Water Scuba Certification in 4-5 days. PADI credentials are the most respected in the diving community and are internationally recognized.

## SCUBA DISCOVERY

Discover scuba diving before getting certified. The perfect way to test the waters with a 2-day course, which includes a practice day in the pool and 2 open-water dives with a professional instructor.

## SURF SCHOOL

Costa Rica, Guatemala, and Peru are great for surfing! Surf schools are professionally-led by I.S.A. certified instructors. Start as a beginner or take your current surf skills to the next level. Programs always include plenty of time to hang out and enjoy the beach while you get serious about surfing.

## CUSTOMIZED

Maximo Nivel makes it easy to combine adventure and culture programs and to create a personalized multi-week international experience.



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MOMENT I CAME  
I DIDN'T WANT TO LEAVE;  
I MADE SO MANY  
LIFELONG  
FRIENDSHIPS”



- CRISTIN

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# ANTIGUA

# GUATEMALA



*Visit Us!*

6ta Avenida Norte #16-16A Antigua, Guatemala

**Mon-Fri** 7:00am - 8:00pm

**Sat-Sun** 8:00am - 6:00pm

## THE *Institute*

The main building at Maximo Nivel-Guatemala is a peaceful homebase in the heart of Antigua. It's a beautifully restored colonial building with a central garden and fountain for students to enjoy. We also have a second building, just a half-block away, with an incredible view of the city from its rooftop terrace along with plenty of study space to enjoy the fresh air and sunshine.

### LOCATION

The city of Antigua is situated at 1,500 m (5,000 ft) above sea level in the central highlands of Guatemala, just 45 minutes south of the capital, Guatemala City.

The Central Park is the heart of Antigua and it's always bustling with locals and international visitors all year-round. The town is most famous for its well-preserved architecture, cobblestone streets, and colonial ruins—so much so that the entire city has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Antigua also offers a wide variety of great restaurants and an active night life.

### CLIMATE

The average temperature in Antigua ranges from 24-27°C (75-80°F) with rather cool nights due to the higher altitude.

'Green season' lasts from May to October with a month of dry weather in July, called a 'canicula.' 'Dry season' is from November to April.

### TRANSPORTATION

Antigua is easy to explore on foot and everything is within a 10-15 minute walk. Motorcycle taxis ('tuk-tuks') and regular taxis are also available and can be





found at the city center or in front of most churches. Traveling out of Antigua and into the capital city is also easy with taxis, shuttles, and buses available at most hours of the day. Private transportation or buses can be booked to explore the rest of Guatemala, as well as Belize, El Salvador, and Mexico.

## 2025 HOLIDAYS

Official holidays in Guatemala include:

01 Jan	10 May	01 Nov
17 Apr	30 Jun	02 Nov
18 Apr	25 Jul	24 Dec
19 Apr	15 Sep	25 Dec
01 May	20 Oct	31 Dec

Classes and projects are not offered on these days, but the Maximo Nivel institute remains open. Field trips and cultural events are planned for every holiday and Spanish students should take part in lieu of regular classes. Maximo Nivel is closed only two days per year, 1-January and 25-December.

## ACTIVITIES & TOURS

There is plenty to see and do around Antigua including shopping, tours, treks, mountain biking, and local markets. Just outside of Antigua, explore coffee farms, volcanoes, and both Mayan and colonial ruins. Participants can also visit beautiful Lake Atitlan, Semuc Champey, and the famous Tikal archaeological site! As experts on Guatemala, the Maximo Nivel team can answer any questions. Travel plans are easy to arrange through our on-site travel partner.



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Avenida El Sol 612-616 Cusco, Peru

**Mon-Fri** 7:00am - 9:00pm

**Sat-Sun** 8:00am - 6:00pm

## THE *Institute*

The Maximo Nivel-Peru institute is just a 3-block walk from Cusco's Plaza de Armas. Located on the main commercial street of Avenida El Sol, the institute sits right in the historical center and is just across the street from Q'oricancha—the holiest site in the entire Inca Empire.

Maximo Nivel-Peru is always teeming with local and international students with lots of opportunity to practice your Spanish. With large common areas, the institute is a wonderful gathering place for travelers from all over the world.

### LOCATION

The city of Cusco is the historic capital of the Inca

Empire and is located in the Andes Mountains at an altitude of 3,326 m (11, 200 ft). Cusco is the mecca of South America and is one of the most sought-out travel destinations in the world!

The Cusco area offers some of the richest collections of architecture, ceramics, and textiles known to humankind. Program participants can experience the history and culture still alive in the city today. The highlight of any trip to Cusco is a visit to the lost city of Machu Picchu or a hike along the Inca Trail.

### CLIMATE

Due to Cusco's elevation, temperatures range from a low of 1°C (34°F) at night to a high of 21°C (70°F) during the day.

'Green season' is from November to April, and 'dry season' is from May to October with June being the coldest month of the year.

### TRANSPORTATION

Cusco's city center is easy to navigate on foot and





everything is within a 15-20 minute walk. Public buses and taxis are also available at very low prices to get to the outer parts of the city.

Taxis and 'collectivos' are commonly used when traveling outside of Cusco to the Sacred Valley. Private transportation and buses are available for travel to Arequipa and Lima, the Amazon, the Pacific Coast, or to Brazil, Bolivia, and Chile. Rental cars are available on a limited basis.

## 2025 HOLIDAYS

Official holidays in Peru include:

01 Jan	19 Jun	06 Aug	09 Dec
17 Apr	24 Jun	30 Aug	24 Dec
18 Apr	29 Jun	08 Oct	25 Dec
19 Apr	23 Jul	01 Nov	31 Dec
01 May	28 Jul	02 Nov	
07 Jun	29 Jul	08 Dec	

Classes and projects are not offered on these days, but the Maximo Nivel institute remains open. Field trips and cultural events are planned for every

holiday and Spanish students should take part in lieu of regular classes. Maximo Nivel is closed only two days per year, 1-January and 25-December.

## ACTIVITIES & TOURS

All year round, Cusco and its surrounding towns celebrate a mix of Inca and Catholic holidays, providing visitors with a variety of different experiences. The Cusco area offers a large number of historical sites and most people love to explore the Sacred Valley, Lake Titicaca, and of course Machu Picchu. As experts on Peru, the Maximo Nivel team can answer any questions. Travel plans are easy to arrange through our on-site travel partner.







*Visit Us!*

**De La Bomba San Pedro 75m Sur**  
**San Pedro-Montes de Oca, San Jose, Costa Rica**  
**Mon-Fri** 7:00am - 9:00pm  
**Sat-Sun** 9:00am - 6:00pm

## THE *Institute*

The Maximo Nivel institute is located in San Pedro—the university district of San Jose. The neighborhood offers a great student vibe and is surrounded by restaurants, gyms, and malls, as well as great nightlife with live music and dancing. The institute is only a short 10-minute bus ride from downtown San Jose.

Our institute has very nice indoor and outdoor study areas and serves as a meeting place for everyone to get to know each other, to plan activities, and to practice your Spanish.

### LOCATION

The capital city of San Jose is located in the Central

Valley of Costa Rica at an altitude of 1,170 m (3,840 ft). The city is surrounded by beautiful mountains with several nearby volcanoes. The San Jose metropolitan area has a population of approximately 2 million people.

San Jose has all the amenities of a large capital city, and offers museums, parks, markets, plazas, and theaters, as well as plenty of shopping and nightlife.

### CLIMATE

Costa Rica is known for its warm tropical weather. Temperatures in San Jose range from 22-32°C (72-90°F) year round.

'Green season' lasts from May to October with the wettest months being September and October. 'Dry season' is from November to April.

### TRANSPORTATION

Getting around San Jose is easy. Local buses are inexpensive and easily accessible throughout the city, and taxis are also readily available. There is a bus





stop just a half-block from the Maximo Nivel institute.

For people looking to explore Costa Rica, San Jose is the perfect starting point. The least expensive travel option is the public bus system, which can take participants anywhere in Costa Rica as well as up to Nicaragua or down to Panama. Private transportation, flights, and rental cars are also available.

## 2025 HOLIDAYS

Official holidays in Costa Rica include:

01 Jan	01 May	15 Sep
11 Apr	25 Jul	01 Dec
17 Apr	02 Aug	24 Dec
18 Apr	15 Aug	25 Dec
19 Apr	31 Aug	31 Dec

Classes and projects are not offered on these days, but the Maximo Nivel institute remains open. Field trips and cultural events are planned for every holiday and Spanish students should take part in lieu of regular classes. Maximo Nivel is closed only two days per year, 1-January and 25-December.

## ACTIVITIES & TOURS

Within San Jose, participants can take a city tour, see shows at the National Theatre, visit the central market, and go ziplining. Outside of San Jose, participants can hike up volcanoes, go whitewater rafting, and take a trip to the Pacific or Caribbean coasts. There are a variety of travel options right at your fingertips. As experts on Costa Rica, the Maximo Nivel team can answer any questions. Travel plans are easy to arrange through our on-site travel partner.







*Visit Us!*

30 m Oeste del Banco Nacional de Costa Rica  
**Manuel Antonio, Quepos, Costa Rica**

**Mon-Fri** 8:00am - 6:00pm

**Sat-Sun** 9:00am - 4:00pm

## THE *Institute*

Maximo Nivel's Rainforest-Beach Institute is in an open-air, 2-story building in the heart of town. The campus is just a half-block from the vibrant Quepos Boardwalk and a short walk from the beautiful and bustling marina. Participants live, work, and study surrounded by the local culture and all the excitement of a Central American beach town.

### LOCATION

Participants stay in Quepos, which is a small village next to Manuel Antonio Beach. The population of Quepos is approximately 22,000 people. Quepos has lots of shops and local restaurants, a central bus station, a great marina, and an open-air market

every Saturday. There's also easy access to the Manuel Antonio National Park—Costa Rica's largest protected rainforest.

The National Park abounds with flora and fauna and you can see howler, squirrel, and white-faced monkeys; two-toed sloths; coatimundis; iguanas; over 350 species of birds; and lots of other wildlife. The park is wonderful for short walks, full-day hikes, and snorkeling.

### CLIMATE

Manuel Antonio is hot all year round. Average temperatures are approximately 33°C (92°F) and humidity is always high.

'Green season' lasts from May to October with the wettest months being September and October. 'Dry season' is from November to April.

### TRANSPORTATION

Participants travel to Manuel Antonio by public bus. Buses leave San Jose all day long, but Maximo Nivel





participants usually travel together on the 12 PM and 6 PM buses. The trip is approximately 3 hours.

For people who prefer to arrange their own travel to Manuel Antonio, there are private shuttle services, rental cars, and domestic flights to Quepos airport.

Once in Quepos, participants travel to/from the institute and the beach via inexpensive public buses, with a bus stop just a block from the Maximo Nivel institute.

## 2025 HOLIDAYS

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holiday and Spanish students should take part in lieu of regular classes. Maximo Nivel is closed only two days per year, 1-January and 25-December.

## ACTIVITIES & TOURS

There are lots of opportunities to enjoy the ocean with scuba, surfing, snorkeling, body boarding, and more; or stick to land and explore the National Park—hiking, doing adventure tours, ziplining, etc. As experts on Costa Rica, the Maximo Nivel team can answer any questions. Travel plans are easy to arrange through our on-site travel partner.





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## PARTNERS & Agents

Since 2003, Maximo Nivel has developed an excellent network of highly-trusted partners and agents from around the world. Feedback from our partners shows they choose Maximo Nivel based on our locations, high-quality programs, and our excellent communication and professionalism.

We work closely with our agents, partners, group leaders, and their organizations. Partners and agents are a huge part of our success. Maximo Nivel always puts our partners first and we work hard to be loyal and professional in every way. We are absolutely dedicated to 24/7 end-to-end support!

Latin America is a very popular destination for students and travelers and it continues growing every year. We're specialists in Latin America—we're *the local organization in Costa Rica, Guatemala, and Peru*. We have professional local teams and great facilities...we live here and we're part of the local community!

**Agents**—Study Abroad; Language Travel; Voluntourism; Travel & Tourism

**University Groups**—Faculty-led; Student-led; Semester Abroad; Customized Programs

**School Groups**—High School; Middle School; Youth Groups and Clubs

**Families**—Families with young children and teens or parents who want to get involved too!

**Corporate Teams**—Corporate Service; Social Responsibility; Team Building

**Government Programs**—Foreign Ministries; Military Personnel; Security Agencies

### UNIVERSITY GROUPS

We work directly with faculty leaders, Study Abroad departments, student organizations, and Alternative Spring Break groups for short-term and semester-long programs. University group programs can be organized during regular semesters or during Winter, Spring, and Summer breaks. Maximo Nivel has years of experience combining higher education

with experiential learning. We make it easy for faculty leaders and study abroad administrators.

- Low program fees
- Strong academics
- Great planning and pre-arrival support
- Excellent in-country service and facilities
- Commitment to safety and risk management

Each study abroad experience is customized to fit your group's objectives and all university requirements. We organize everything from classes and projects to housing, food, transportation, and tours. A variety of university program options are available.

- Internships
- Service Learning
- Spanish language immersion
- General education courses
- Specialized content courses
- Cultural travel

## SCHOOL GROUPS

Maximo Nivel enables middle school and high school teachers to move their classroom out into the world—inspiring young people to be global citizens. Teens advance their studies, learn a language, get involved with community service, and gain international experience!

We provide schools, teachers, parents, and students with professionally-run, carefully-supervised, and structured study abroad programs that include Spanish immersion, service learning, and cultural travel and experiences.

## FAMILIES

Parents can join too! Maximo Nivel can help you plan a meaningful experience for the whole family. Everyone can study Spanish, do volunteer work, and learn more about the world—you are never too young, nor too old. We work with you to create a personalized itinerary just for you or one that keeps your whole family happy. We deliver safe, fun experiences for families with young children and teens—where you can live, work, and learn together while making a positive impact. Family-centric programs can be designed to focus on Volunteer Abroad, Spanish immersion, and adventure and cultural travel.

## CORPORATE TEAMS

Maximo Nivel offers customized international community service programs that deliver tangible value for your business while advancing your Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) program. Your team works together to make a positive impact while working alongside local organizations in Costa Rica, Guatemala, and Peru.

- Team-building programs
- Language skills
- Cross-cultural competencies
- Employee volunteer programs

**Impact & Outcomes—**Teams get involved with real projects like construction, conservation, working with kids, and teaching English—these are small, local organizations that need help and support to move them toward sustainability and self-sufficiency. Our corporate team programs help develop competencies for long-term organizational success, such as social responsibility, team-building, creativity and innovation, and international leadership.

## GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS

Maximo Nivel proudly works with governments, foreign ministries, military, and security agencies around the world. We offer special discounts on government contracts for Spanish language immersion programs and cross-cultural training. Our programs cover all levels—from beginners to advanced and fluency.

- Personalized language training
- Highly qualified and experienced instructors
- Rapid progress and outstanding results
- Cultural training is integrated with language



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# A GREAT HOMEBASE

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## *@Maximo Nivel* **WE ARE THE LOCAL** *Organization*

Maximo Nivel is nothing like the average study abroad provider, volunteer organization, or Spanish school. Our institutes are true intercultural centers, always humming with a cool, local-meets-international vibe. We offer a range of programs for both international students and local students in Costa Rica, Guatemala, and Peru. This means there's always a constant mix of both international and local people—everyone looking to learn languages, make new friends, learn about other cultures, and create impact in their own lives and in others.

Maximo Nivel's institutes were designed to be friendly, open places. We have large common areas, gardens, patios, and terraces. There are flat-screen TVs where you can catch the news or watch the football game; free WiFi and computer labs, and a

great snack bar where the coffee and tea are always free. Every classroom at Maximo Nivel is equipped with comfortable chairs, extra-large whiteboards, audio, and WiFi. Our institutes are open 7 days/week including holidays, and our team is on-call 24/7.

Get to know the people at Maximo Nivel—we have university students, faculty, interns, world travelers, volunteers, and aspiring teachers. People join us from all over the world! Check out the monthly activities calendar, which includes salsa dance classes, cooking lessons, cultural events, and things going on around town. As experts on Costa Rica, Guatemala, and Peru, the Maximo Nivel team can always answer any questions and travel plans are easy to arrange through our on-site travel partners. Come work-study-travel with us!

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

Maximo Nivel prides itself on providing excellent on-site services.

- Airport pick-up
- Program and safety orientation
- Walking tour
- Official program certificates
- WiFi and computer lounge
- Salsa dance classes
- Cooking classes
- Spanish books and materials
- Spanish language tutoring table
- Tandem Conversation Program
- Coffee and tea with on-site snack bar
- Institute is open 7 days/week
- Emergency contact number 24/7

## BUDGETING & EXPENSES

Expenses vary depending on accommodations, personal preferences, and how you spend your free time. The table below includes examples of local prices to help plan your budget. Please note, these are example prices only.

Participants should consider snacks, drinks, toiletries, medications, travel, tours, social activities, and emergencies. Please note that host families include meals, but not snacks.

Credit cards are accepted almost everywhere in Costa Rica, Guatemala, and Peru, though small family-run stores and markets may not accept them. ATMs are very accessible in every country.



EXPENSES	GUATEMALA	PERU	COSTA RICA
<b>Meals – Dining Out (Lunch)</b>	\$3-\$6/meal	\$3-\$6/meal	\$5-\$10/meal
<b>Meals – Dining Out (Dinner)</b>	\$10-\$25/meal	\$10-\$25/meal	\$15-\$30/meal
<b>Meals – Groceries (Apartment stays)</b>	\$30-\$50/week	\$30-\$50/week	\$60-\$90/week
<b>Drinks – Bottled Water (2 Liters)</b>	\$1-\$2/bottle	\$1-\$2/bottle	\$2-\$4/bottle
<b>Drinks – Local Beer</b>	\$2-\$4/beer	\$2-\$4/beer	\$2-\$4/beer
<b>Drinks – Mixed Drink</b>	\$2-\$4/drink	\$2-\$4/drink	\$4-\$7/drink
<b>Toiletries – Shampoo</b>	\$4-\$6/bottle	\$4-\$6/bottle	\$5-\$8/bottle
<b>Toiletries – Toothpaste</b>	\$2-\$3/tube	\$2-\$3/tube	\$3-\$5/tube
<b>Laundry Service</b>	\$2-\$4/kilo	\$2-\$4/kilo	\$5-\$8/kilo
<b>Medical – Doctor's Appointment</b>	\$20-\$30/visit	\$20-\$30/visit	\$50-\$75/visit
<b>Medical – Ibuprofen</b>	\$3-\$5/10 Tablets	\$2-4/10 Tablets	\$6-\$10/10 Tablets
<b>Medical – Antibiotics</b>	\$10-\$20/Rx	\$8-\$20/Rx	\$40-\$60/Rx
<b>Transportation – Public Bus</b>	Less than \$1/ride	Less than \$1/ride	\$1-\$2/ride
<b>Transportation – Taxi</b>	\$2-\$5/ride	\$1-\$2/ride	\$3-\$10/ride
<b>Tours – Half-day Tours</b>	\$20-\$70/tour	\$20-\$50/tour	\$50-\$100/tour
<b>Tours – Full-day Tours</b>	\$70-\$150/tour	\$50-\$350/tour	\$100-\$350/tour
<b>Tours – Multi-day Tours</b>	\$100-\$500/tour	\$150-\$500/tour	\$200-\$600/tour



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# PRO GRAM MANAGEMENT

## **Pre-Departure**

- Develop and coordinate itinerary and budget
- Create program recruitment materials
- Provide information and orientation sessions
- Attend study abroad fairs

## **In-Country**

- Airport pickup
- Accommodations
- Project and safety orientation
- Transportation and excursions
- Emergency management

## **Post Program**

- Student evaluations and feedback
- Wrap up meeting with faculty leader

# HEALTH & SAFETY

Maximo Nivel is a responsible educational provider. We organize our teams and our programs to ensure the safety and enjoyment of every participant. Our first priority is the safety, health, and well-being of each student and faculty member. We minimize risk through careful pre-departure planning and preparation. Once students and faculty are in-country, our Country Managers and Field Managers provide excellent on-the-ground support 24/7. Our teams are ready to enact the Maximo Nivel Emergency Plan whenever necessary. Our liability insurance and university-required student insurance provide an added layer of protection should circumstances call for it.

# CLIENT SERVICE

- Open 7 days/week — 363 days/year
- Academic advising
- Travel office on-site
- Free WiFi and computer lounge
- Free Spanish tutoring table
- Free Tandem Conversation Program
- Free Salsa dance lessons
- Free cooking classes
- On-site snack bar with free coffee and tea
- Emergency contact 24/7

# ACCOMMODATIONS

Maximo Nivel offers excellent housing options in Costa Rica, Guatemala, and Peru. Choose the accommodation type that best suits your budget.

- Host Family
- Student Residence
- Hostel
- Hotel
- Apartment

Host families, student residences, and apartments are the most popular housing options. Note that shared and private rooms are available. Private bathrooms are available on a limited basis.

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# ACADEMIC CREDIT

Maximo Nivel programs fulfill major, minor, and elective requirements. Academic credit is awarded in 2 ways:

- 1. Your University** — Maximo Nivel's Admissions Team works directly with faculty leaders, Study Abroad offices, and Registrars to pre-approve academic credit. We provide academic transcripts at the end of the program and any progress reports as required.
- 2. Official School of Record** — Maximo Nivel offers academic credit through our official *School of Record*. The School of Record verifies our courses and provides academic transcripts.

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## UNIVERSITY ABROAD

PROGRAMS	ANTIGUA <i>Guatemala</i>	CUSCO <i>Peru</i>	SAN JOSE <i>Costa Rica</i>	MANUEL ANTONIO <i>Costa Rica</i>
<b>FALL / SPRING TERMS I - IV</b> 3 WEEKS	-	\$1,975	-	\$2,095
<b>SUMMER TERM I - II</b> 4 WEEKS	\$1,595	\$1,595	\$1,995	-
<b>WINTER TERM</b> 2 WEEKS	-	-	-	\$1,885
<b>COUNTRY JUMPER</b> FALL or SPRING 14 WEEKS	\$8,125			
<b>SEMESTER PROGRAM</b> FALL / SPRING 14 WEEKS	-	\$8,125	-	\$8,125

## ACADEMIC CALENDAR

<b>SPRING SEMESTER 2025</b> 10 February — 16 May	<b>SPRING TERM I 2025</b> 10 February — 28 February	<b>SPRING TERM II 2025</b> 10 March — 28 March	<b>SPRING TERM III 2025</b> 31 March — 18 April	<b>SPRING TERM IV 2025</b> 28 April — 16 May
<b>SUMMER TERM 2025</b> 2 June — 25 July	<b>SUMMER TERM I 2025</b> 2 June — 27 June	<b>SUMMER TERM II 2025</b> 30 June — 25 July	<b>FALL SEMESTER 2025</b> 15 September — 19 December	<b>FALL TERM I 2025</b> 15 September — 3 October



Prices above are representative only. Final tuition costs vary based on itinerary, housing preferences, tours, and transportation. Note that special projects may incur surcharges. Academic credit through our official School of Record requires additional paid tuition. \* Please contact us for exact program pricing.

## INTERNATIONAL INTERNSHIPS

PROGRAMS	ANTIGUA <i>Guatemala</i>	CUSCO <i>Peru</i>	SAN JOSE <i>Costa Rica</i>	MANUEL ANTONIO <i>Costa Rica</i>
<b>INTERNSHIP 4 WEEKS</b>	\$1,595	\$1,595	\$1,995	\$2,295
<b>INTERNSHIP 8 WEEKS</b>	\$2,295	\$2,295	\$2,995	\$3,295
<b>VIRTUAL 4 WEEKS</b>	\$1,595			
<b>VIRTUAL 8 WEEKS</b>	\$2,295			
<b>EXTRA WEEK</b>	\$195	\$195	\$295	\$295

Internships begin every Monday year-round and according to the Academic Calendar. A \$95/week surcharge applies to special projects. Also available online!

## VOLUNTEER ABROAD

PROGRAMS	ANTIGUA <i>Guatemala</i>	CUSCO <i>Peru</i>	SAN JOSE <i>Costa Rica</i>	MANUEL ANTONIO <i>Costa Rica</i>
<b>1 WEEK</b>	\$735	\$735	\$845	-
<b>2 WEEKS</b>	\$995	\$995	\$1,145	-
<b>3 WEEKS</b>	\$1,195	\$1,195	\$1,445	\$1,545
<b>4 WEEKS</b>	\$1,395	\$1,395	\$1,715	\$1,815
<b>EXTRA WEEK</b>	\$185	\$185	\$195	\$195

Community service programs begin every Monday year-round and according to the Academic Calendar. A \$95/week surcharge applies to special projects.

## TEFL CERTIFICATE

PROGRAMS	ANTIGUA <i>Guatemala</i>	CUSCO <i>Peru</i>	SAN JOSE <i>Costa Rica</i>	MANUEL ANTONIO <i>Costa Rica</i>
ON-SITE TEFL 4 WEEKS	\$1,395	\$1,395		\$1,595
HYBRID TEFL	\$1,195	\$1,195		\$1,395
ONLINE TEFL	\$445			
SPECIALIZED COURSES	\$195			

See page 16 for TEFL course dates. See page 42 for housing options during TEFL program.

## SPANISH IMMERSION

PROGRAMS		ANTIGUA <i>Guatemala</i>	CUSCO <i>Peru</i>	SAN JOSE <i>Costa Rica</i>	MANUEL ANTONIO <i>Costa Rica</i>
SMALL GROUP 2 HRS/DAY	1 WEEK	\$70	\$75	\$215	\$235
	2 WEEKS	\$140	\$150	\$430	\$470
	3 WEEKS	\$210	\$225	\$645	\$705
	4 WEEKS	\$275	\$295	\$840	\$920
	EXTRA WEEK	\$65	\$70	\$195	\$215
SMALL GROUP 4 HRS/DAY	1 WEEK	\$140	\$150	\$430	\$470
	2 WEEKS	\$280	\$300	\$860	\$940
	3 WEEKS	\$420	\$450	\$1,290	\$1,410
	4 WEEKS	\$550	\$590	\$1,680	\$1,840
	EXTRA WEEK	\$130	\$140	\$390	\$430
PRIVATE 1 HR	1 WEEK	\$70	\$75	\$215	\$235
	2 WEEKS	\$140	\$150	\$430	\$470
	3 WEEKS	\$210	\$225	\$645	\$705
	4 WEEKS	\$275	\$295	\$840	\$920
	EXTRA WEEK	\$65	\$70	\$195	\$215
PRIVATE 4 HRS	1 WEEK	\$275	\$295	\$725	\$795
	2 WEEKS	\$550	\$590	\$1,450	\$1,590
	3 WEEKS	\$825	\$885	\$2,175	\$2,385
	4 WEEKS	\$995	\$1,095	\$2,595	\$2,995
	EXTRA WEEK	\$195	\$225	\$595	\$695
SUPER INTENSIVE 4HR GROUP + 2HR PRIVATE	1 WEEK	\$275	\$295	\$725	\$795
	2 WEEKS	\$550	\$590	\$1,450	\$1,590
	3 WEEKS	\$825	\$885	\$2,175	\$2,385
	4 WEEKS	\$995	\$1,095	\$2,595	\$2,995
	EXTRA WEEK	\$195	\$225	\$595	\$695
ONLINE WEEKLY		Private 1 HOUR/DAY \$75	Small Groups 2 HOURS/DAY \$75	Private 2 HOURS/DAY \$150	

Spanish courses begin every Monday year-round and according to the Academic Calendar. See page 42 for housing options during Spanish program.



## SPANISH CAMP

PROGRAMS	ANTIGUA <i>Guatemala</i>	CUSCO <i>Peru</i>	SAN JOSE <i>Costa Rica</i>	MANUEL ANTONIO <i>Costa Rica</i>
28 JUNE - 06 JULY	-		-	\$2,395
06 JULY - 12 JULY	-		\$2,395	-
12 JULY - 20 JULY	-		-	\$2,395
20 JULY - 27 JULY	\$1,995		-	-

Spanish Camp is only available in Costa Rica and Guatemala. Program dates are 28 June - 27 July 2025. Participants may join for 1 to 4 weeks.

## GAP YEAR

PROGRAMS	ANTIGUA <i>Guatemala</i>	CUSCO <i>Peru</i>	SAN JOSE <i>Costa Rica</i>	MANUEL ANTONIO <i>Costa Rica</i>
GAP PROGRAM 12 WEEKS	\$4,495	\$4,495	\$6,995	\$6,995
GAP PROGRAM 24 WEEKS	\$6,995	\$6,995	\$8,995	\$8,995
COUNTRY JUMPER 12 WEEKS	\$4,995			
COUNTRY JUMPER 24 WEEKS	\$8,995			
FRESHMAN SEMESTER ABROAD 14 WEEKS	*	*	*	-
CUSTOMIZED GAP YEAR	Depends on Itinerary			



Prices above are representative only. Final program fees costs vary based on itinerary, housing preferences, tours, and transportation. Note that special projects may incur surcharges. Academic credit through our official School of Record requires additional paid tuition. \* Please contact us for exact program pricing.

## ADVENTURE & CULTURE

PROGRAMS	ANTIGUA <i>Guatemala</i>	CUSCO <i>Peru</i>	SAN JOSE <i>Costa Rica</i>	MANUEL ANTONIO <i>Costa Rica</i>
MINI ADVENTURE 1 WEEK	\$935	\$795	\$1,095	\$795
VOLUNTEER ADVENTURE 2 WEEKS	\$1,675	\$1,535	\$1,945	-
SURF SCHOOL 1 WEEK	\$995	\$695	-	\$595
SCUBA CERTIFICATION 4-6 DAYS	-	\$945	-	\$945
SCUBA DISCOVERY COURSE	-	\$450	-	\$215
CULINARY TOUR	\$1,495 double occupancy	\$2,495 double occupancy	-	-

Adventure & Culture programs begin every Sunday year-round.

## HOUSING & ACOMMODATIONS

PROGRAMS		ANTIGUA <i>Guatemala</i>	CUSCO <i>Peru</i>	SAN JOSE <i>Costa Rica</i>	MANUEL ANTONIO <i>Costa Rica</i>
<b>HOST FAMILY</b> SHARED ROOM	DAILY	\$28	\$28	\$34	\$34
	WEEKLY	\$165	\$165	\$200	\$200
	4 WEEKS	\$625	\$625	\$760	\$760
	EXTRA WEEK	\$155	\$155	\$190	\$190
<b>HOST FAMILY</b> PRIVATE ROOM	DAILY	\$33	\$33	\$42	\$42
	WEEKLY	\$195	\$195	\$250	\$250
	4 WEEKS	\$740	\$740	\$950	\$950
	EXTRA WEEK	\$185	\$185	\$240	\$240
<b>STUDENT RESIDENCE</b> SHARED ROOM	DAILY	\$34	\$34	\$45	\$45
	WEEKLY	\$200	\$200	\$265	\$265
	4 WEEKS	\$760	\$760	\$1,005	\$1,005
	EXTRA WEEK	\$190	\$190	\$255	\$255
<b>STUDENT RESIDENCE</b> PRIVATE ROOM	DAILY	\$42	\$42	\$58	\$58
	WEEKLY	\$250	\$250	\$345	\$345
	4 WEEKS	\$950	\$950	\$1,310	\$1,310
	EXTRA WEEK	\$240	\$240	\$330	\$330
<b>APARTMENT</b> 1-BDRM	DAILY	-	-	-	-
	WEEKLY	-	-	-	-
	4 WEEKS	\$795	\$695	\$895	\$795
	EXTRA WEEK	-	-	-	-
<b>HOSTEL</b> SHARED ROOM	DAILY	\$20	\$15	\$25	\$35
	WEEKLY	\$120	\$90	\$150	\$210
	EXTRA WEEK	\$140	\$105	\$175	\$245
<b>HOSTEL</b> PRIVATE ROOM	DAILY	\$35	\$35	\$50	\$60
	WEEKLY	\$210	\$210	\$300	\$360
	EXTRA WEEK	\$245	\$245	\$350	\$420
<b>HOTEL</b>	DAILY	\$85	\$80	\$65	\$95
	WEEKLY	\$510	\$480	\$390	\$570
	EXTRA WEEK	\$595	\$560	\$455	\$665

Host Family accommodations include breakfast and dinner 7 days/week. Hostels and Hotels include breakfast only. For all other accommodations, meals are not included. Apartments are furnished and equipped with cable TV and WiFi.



# NOTES

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