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plenty of great spots to learn Spanish in Mexico, but many second language learners are drawn to the capital, Mexico City, with all it has to offer. So here are some of the best Spanish schools in Mexico City. Frida Spanish School lives by the motto "you need to learn about a culture when taking language classes and that's why their courses focus on immersion techniques and casual conversation places rather than the classroom. To start, you'll have to take a placement exam, after which you can begin either standard or intensive classes following Monday. Standard classes include 20 hours a week of conversational learning. Learning Spanish is easy in Mexico City | © Dan Goff/Unsplash Universidad La Salle At Universidad La Salle's Condesa campus you can take part in Spanish classes year-round, choosing from three weeks, five week and private courses, plus classes especially tailored for kids. Registration is just as year-round, and you'll be given a placement exam before enrolling so you know at which level to start. Perhaps one of the best things about this Spanish school is that the groups are super small, so you can get some really dedicated attention from the teachers. Study in Condesa with Universidad La Salle | © Alejandro/Flickr Lengua y Cultura Also in Condesa, you can enroll with Lengua y Cultura which offers quite the rare find in terms of Mexico City language schools—Saturday morning classes. This makes Lengua y Cultura excellent for students who have full-time jobs and don't have much flexibility, for example. Plus, their interactive classes are effective. Celcum The Celcum slogan is 'communicate well to understand better' (it has more of a ring to it in Spanish). Celcum is a small, intimate school where you can choose between conversational classes, or more intensive ones if you're looking for a challenge. Celcum also offers cultural excursions, like visits to museums and parks, but no Mexican culture too. If that weren't enough, it often arranges cultural excursions. Classes are small at Celcum | © Alexis Brown/Unsplash CEPE UNAM Widely recommended by Spanish learners, CEPE (Centro de Enseñanza para Extranjeros—Teaching Centre for Foreign Students) at Mexico City's UNAM (said to be the best university in the country) admittedly favors traditional but rigorous teaching methods, but they are imparted by professional, native teachers. Studying Spanish with CEPE would ensure you develop a good grasp of grammar, as well as allowing you to practice speaking in the classroom environment. Modern Language Center Coyoacán's Modern Language Center is a language school that's more adept at adapting its programmes to the needs of the individual learners. Within their classes, they actually use a combination of teaching materials from UNAM (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México) and Spain, so you won't feel too lost when you go to Madrid after taking a Spanish course here. Become a Culture Tripper! Sign up to our newsletter to save up to \$800 on our unique trips. Coyoacán has language classes too | © Roci/H Pixabay About the author Yorkshire-born food, drink and travel writer based out of Mexico, you can find my work at Nat Geo, CNN, Extra Crispy and OZY, amongst other publications. Everything Mexico is my niche, but I also dabbling in sewing my unsolicited opinions about teagals and pork pies. Find more of my work at northernlumen.com. If you click on a link in this article, you may earn affiliate revenue. All recommendations have been independently sourced by Culture Trip. But maybe you've discovered that learning a new language isn't quite as easy as the can. And you're in the right place! Because I was once standing exactly where you are today, struggling to learn Spanish. The first time I held a 10-minute conversation with a local woman in Barcelona, we waited in line for our coffees, I knew I had crossed a milestone with my Spanish. But how? How exactly do you get to that level? The simple answer? By creating a life-proof language learning system that works for you. A system that helps you sort out what to learn and in what order. Builds in accountability. And sets up lifelong learning habits that endure life's ups and downs. Come, grab your taza de café. I want to show you how to get started on your Spanish journey. SALSA DANCER, WORLD TRAVELER, RED WINE ENTHUSIAST, AND YOUR SPANISH COACH There I was, twenty-three years old, working a soul-crushing "Corporate-America" job and asking myself, "Is this it?" I felt lost, uninspired, and more than ready for a radical change. So that's exactly what I did. In three months, I sold my car. Broke my lease. Packed my life into two suitcases and boarded a plane to Barcelona, Spain. With that one-way ticket, I was off to live with a host family, work as an Au Pair, and pursue a long-term dream of living in a Spanish-speaking country. Now, I had taken a few Spanish lessons. So I thought I'd be able to put together a few sentences. Oh, how quickly I found that wasn't the case. I couldn't even carry on a simple conversation at the market. My high school Spanish classes completely failed me. So I dove in and devoted myself to learning the Spanish language-for real this time. I stayed focused, and in just twelve months, I went from a beginner, At Spanish level, to a high intermediate, B2 level. But, honestly, something much bigger, more expansive happened that year. Yes, I learned Spanish. But in doing so, I forever changed my identity. I've since sought to immerse myself in various Spanish-speaking cultures. Each gives me a new way to see, think, and believe. My love of Spanish continues to gift me with cherished moments and experiences that shape my life. You see, you don't just learn a language; you become someone. And that's the beauty of it. From a native speaker and lessons from someone who learned the language as an adult, are very distinct. Why? Because you're not just learning Spanish. You're learning HOW to learn Spanish. I'll be the first to say, learning a new language is HARD. But...I also know when you build a process of learning Spanish that you can fall in love with, one that endures the seasons and stages of your life. You set yourself up for discovering a different side of yourself you never knew existed. I see it every day. My students and friends bring in that hot new podcast, taking gourmet cooking lessons, reading best-selling novels, or meeting the love of their life...en español! The traditional way of learning a language (you know, how they taught you in high school) is highly ineffective. 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