

Learning Abroad at Mayatan Exit Interview

We're always learning. Please answer the following questions as fully as you can so that we can make sure that everyone has a terrific time when they study abroad at Mayatan. Thanks!

1. What was the best part of your experience at Mayatan and in Copán? What made it great? Is there one moment, person, or activity you will always remember?

At Mayatan, the moment I'll always remember is when Tom's Shoes came to the school and gave every student shoes. That was amazing because so many of my friends back home wear them and it's awesome to see that the company truly does do one for one. In Copán the ruins were incredible!! They were so intricate and the atmosphere was just awesome. I will also always remember Eduardo and Annie because I had so much fun with them every day after school and every weekend.

2. How would you describe your homestay experience to a friend?

It was so welcoming and inviting. My family took me in on their own and took me so many places to make sure I had a good time. My host mom even introduced me as her host daughter to her parents, cousins, and uncles! The food was amazing (mom was an excellent cook) and Annie and I got along great from the first hour and became closer during the three weeks. My little sister and dad were great, too, and I will miss everyone in my host family so much.

3. How would you describe your experience at Mayatan during the school day?

The school day was so fun! I'd come in, get attacked by my babies yelling "MISS YENNA," then I would lead morning meeting and help Mandy [1st grade teacher] during all the English classes and do other work during the Spanish classes. On Tuesdays and Thursdays I would teach P.E. to the first and second grade and for two days I got to teach eight sixth grade classes by myself! School for the primary was so fun and I made so many little friends in all the grades. I will miss them so much!

4. What could have been done to give you a better experience? Was there anything in your homestay or at school that we could have changed or addressed but didn't?

I honestly thought my experience was amazing! I had so so so much fun at home, school, and with Mandy. My class was awesome, the Mayatan teachers and I got along great, and I loved everything about my home and family. No changes. ☺

5. If you had to change one thing and keep one thing exactly the same about the program, what would they be? Why?

I would change the field in the primary because it made me roll my ankles and cry like a second grader (hahaha)! But everything else was great and I wouldn't change anything.

6. Did you visit any other towns or tourist attractions or do any activities here? If so, which ones? Any impressions?

Yes, I went to Guatemala twice, the ruins, and the hot springs. The ruins were amazing; it was the first time I've ever seen Mayan ruins so that was really awesome. Guatemala was awesome too because I love going new places!

7. Do you like the school and its mission? Why or why not?

I really like it because it gives so many kids the opportunity to attend such a great school who couldn't afford it normally. All of the students and teachers were so passionate and fun to be around; such an amazing experience.

Rate the following from 1 (lowest/worst) to 5 (highest/best)

1. Homestay friendliness	n/a	1	2	3	4	5	
2. Homestay cleanliness/comfort	n/a	1	2	3	4	5	
3. Homestay food	n/a	1	2	3	4	5	
4. Homestay brother/sister helpfulness	n/a	1	2	3	4	5	
5. Welcoming atmosphere at school	n/a	1	2	3	4	5	
6. Lead teacher friendliness/helpfulness	n/a	1	2	3	4	5	
7. Sense of purpose at school	n/a	1	2	3	4	5	
8. The kids	n/a	1	2	3	4	5	6
9. Copán as a place to visit	n/a	1	2	3	4	5	
10. Fun outside of school	n/a	1	2	3	4	5	
11. Spanish lessons	n/a	1	2	3	4	5	

Please circle your answer

12. Would you recommend this program to a friend or classmate? Yes/No

13. Was the workload too heavy? Yes/No Too light? Yes/ No