

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?

The last two days of school were really special. All of my second graders made thank you cards for me. They all came up and read the cards and gave me a big hug. I think the kids were my favorite part of my experience. They were genuinely happy that I was here.

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

I really liked my family. I have never taken Spanish before so communication was difficult at times, but my host brother was fluent in English, and my host family was just really nice. I was very comfortable and they fed me very well. They included me in all of the family activities and made an effort to make sure I saw the area.

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

The school was really great. All of the teachers were very welcoming and the students were very excited for me to be here. As I walked through the school I was greeted many "Hi Meester Marc!"(s). I would help my grade by helping the kids who were having trouble understanding what we were doing and then me and my friend taught P.E. classes. I was also able to take Spanish classes.

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 don't know have any problems. We had a lot of freedom, so it's kind of whatever you make of it. I really had a good time.

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

If I could change one thing it would be the road. Driving was very interesting. Other than that I can't think of any problems. I think my favorite part was the kids. They were all adorable, and really happy all the time. I am going to miss him.

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

We spent a lot of time in Copan which was very nice. We also visited the ruins. We went to the hot springs once. We took horses up to La Pintada. We were able to see a lot.

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

Yes, all of the kids are able to talk to me in English which was very impressive. I also like that there are so many kids who are here on scholarship. I think it is really great that they are given this opportunity, which they would not have otherwise.

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
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