

Leading the WayTM

GLOBAL EXPLORERS

2010

Yucatan Leadership Program: Mexico

From lush forests to barrier reefs and ancient Maya civilizations to modern day Maya communities, the Yucatan is a celebration of ecological and cultural diversity. In addition to the abundance of plants and animals on display, this exciting program challenges participants to explore their own leadership styles while highlighting the delicate balance between human life and environmental concerns. More than just a fun trip, this expedition seeks to spread awareness and shatter the public's expectations about people with disabilities.



Embark on an extraordinary journey with an unlikely team.

- Lead:** → STEP OUTSIDE YOUR COMFORT ZONE AND LEARN TO USE ADVERSITY AS AN ADVANTAGE.
- Learn:** → EXPLORE NEW CULTURES, ENGAGE IN COMMUNITY SERVICE AND STEP UP TO BECOME A RESPONSIBLE GLOBAL CITIZEN.
- Live:** → EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF TRAVEL AND DISCOVER THE POWER THAT YOU HAVE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD.

Program Highlights

- Explore the second largest barrier reef in the world and swim in the Yucatan's famous freshwater limestone cenotes.
- Hike, kayak and camp on the beach in the Sian Ka'an Reserve.
- Study coastal and terrestrial ecosystems while snorkeling in Puerto Morelos.
- Visit the awe-inspiring Maya ruins of Chichen Itza and Tulum.

Global Explorers' Leading the Way program was developed in partnership with world-renowned adventurer Erik Weihenmayer. In 2001, Weihenmayer became the only blind man in history to reach the summit of the world's highest peak-Mount Everest. Leading the Way has been featured on ABC Nightline, World News Tonight, the Travel Channel and CBS Sunday Morning.

Program Essentials

APPLICANTS

Anyone 14-21 years old, with or without a physical disability

APPLY BEFORE NOVEMBER 15!

Online: www.globalexplorers.org
(click *Leading the Way*)

Call: 877-627-1425

Email: LeadingTheWay@GlobalExplorers.org

PRICE

\$2,445 + Airfare to Cancun

Timeline

November 15

Application deadline

Spring 2010

Weekend retreat with Erik Weihenmayer in Colorado; Participate in 4 conference calls with Global Explorers

July 10-18, 2010

Travel to the Maya Yucatan

Fall 2010

Conduct follow-up service leadership projects and tell your story!

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Yucatan Leadership Program Details

Like every Global Explorers Leading the Way expedition, the Yucatan Leadership Program is an unparalleled educational experience. Our 3-phase program immerses you in the culture, environment and history of the Maya Yucatan. You won't just visit the Yucatan, you'll dive into field science, community service and cross-cultural experiences that will empower you and change your life forever. Here's how...

Before you travel....



We want your travel experience to change your life. As part of that process, you will learn as much as possible before you depart. You'll participate in team conference calls that cover a variety of topics such as: Maya culture, tropical ecology and service learning. You will also work with GEx to raise funds to make your expedition possible.

While you travel....



We value authentic, hands-on travel experiences. You will explore the rich cultural and natural diversity of the Yucatan while learning more about your own leadership style and what role YOU play in making a difference in our world.

After you travel.... Telling your story!



You're not done yet! We hope you arrive home inspired and ready to make a difference. Upon your return, you will be asked to share your story with the world. We aim to pair each Leading the Way expedition with a social awareness and media campaign to educate a much broader constituency. You will learn many skills to help you spread this message of hope and inspiration while breaking down barriers between those with and without disabilities.

What's included in the price?

All travel expenses within Mexico, all meals, all lodging, all ground transfers, airport departure taxes, basic level of tips for guides and other services, program t-shirts, workshop journal, basic travel insurance, textbook(s), preparatory curriculum, year-long support, on-site Global Explorers Workshop Coordinator during travel, and bilingual local guides.

Not Included:

International airfare between your home city and Cancun, Mexico, passport fees, immunizations and any personal items.

Where:

Yucatan Peninsula, Mexico

When:

July 10-18, 2010

Price:

\$2,445 + Airfare to Cancun

We fundraise with you!

How:

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Sample Program Itinerary

- Day 1 - Arrive in Cancun and travel to Puerto Morelos
- Day 2 - Introduction to reef ecology and tropical botany
- Day 3 - Wetlands exploration & Camp on the Beach!
- Day 4 - Sian Ka'an: Ancient cultures & Camp on the beach!
- Day 5 - Cenote swimming and geology; modern Maya culture
- Day 6 - Responsible tourism and community service project
- Day 7 - Ancient Maya cities; Chichen Itza visit; Dzitnup Cenote
- Day 8 - Whale shark snorkeling adventure; Xkalak Reef; rest and reflection
- Day 9 - Wrapping it up & heading home



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