

25. The Tourist Guide

Carlos was born and raised in Veracruz, Mexico, but he has been living in New Jersey for over a decade. Since he had an accident and no one could help take care of him; he decided to go back to his country and live there with his family. Now he is a tour guide for American tourists in Cancun.

When the cruise ships come there are virtually thousands of English speaking tourists who not only want to see the beaches and restaurants; but are keen to explore the countryside and what the surrounding culture has to offer. Carlos accepts group tours as well as individual tourists. He is quite popular and made himself a name as a knowledgeable guide, who has gained a small fan community on various online travel platforms. The tours usually start early in the morning and last until late afternoon. Many tourists wonder how Carlos speaks English without an accent. He tells them a little about himself, but that usually leads to more private questions. Carlos is not oblivious; for each question, he has prepared a perfect answer. This is something he had learned in the US.