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### Special Exhibition

# Ancient Mexico

Maya, Aztec, and Teotihuacan

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#### 22 Standing figurine

Teotihuacan
150–250 CE
Sun Pyramid, Teotihuacan
Greenstone, shell, and pyrite
Archaeological Zone of Teotihuacan

#### 23 Circular sculpture with the face of death

Teotihuacan
300–550 CE
Sun Plaza, Sun Pyramid, Teotihuacan
Andesite and traces of red paint
National Museum of Anthropology

#### 24 Old Fire God sculpture

Teotihuacan
450–550 CE
Sun Pyramid, Teotihuacan
Andesite and paint
Archaeological Zone of Teotihuacan

### II-2. Moon Pyramid

#### 25 Standing female figure with earflares

Teotihuacan
200–250 CE
Burial 2, Moon Pyramid, Teotihuacan
Jadeitite, pyrite, and shell
Archaeological Zone of Teotihuacan

#### 26 Necklace

Teotihuacan
200–250 CE
Burial 2, Moon Pyramid, Teotihuacan
Shell
Archaeological Zone of Teotihuacan

#### 27 Standing figure

Teotihuacan
200–250 CE
Burial 2, Moon Pyramid, Teotihuacan
Obsidian
Archaeological Zone of Teotihuacan

#### 28 Mosaic standing figure

Teotihuacan
200–250 CE
Burial 6, Moon Pyramid, Teotihuacan
Serpentine, jadeitite, shell, and pyrite
Archaeological Zone of Teotihuacan

#### 16 Denticulated knife

Aztec
1469–81 CE
Offering 6, Templo Mayor
Chert
Templo Mayor Museum

#### 17 Mask

Teotihuacan
350–550 CE
Azcapotzalco, Mexico City
Ceramic and paint
National Museum of Anthropology

#### 18 Elite personage figurine

Maya
600–950 CE
Jaina
Ceramic and paint
National Museum of Anthropology

#### 19 Ornamented skull

Aztec
1469–81 CE
Offering 11, Templo Mayor
Bone material, shell, pyrite, and copal
Templo Mayor Museum

## II . Teotihuacan: City of Gods

### II-1. Sun Pyramid

#### 20 Mask

Teotihuacan
150–250 CE
Sun Pyramid, Teotihuacan
Greenstone and pyrite
Archaeological Zone of Teotihuacan

#### 21 Standing figurine with headdress and pendant

Teotihuacan
150–250 CE
Sun Pyramid, Teotihuacan
Greenstone
Archaeological Zone of Teotihuacan

#### 8 Tablet with the night sky

Aztec
1325–1521 CE
Mexico City
Andesite
National Museum of Anthropology

#### 9 Calendar glyph

Maya
About 647 CE
Forgotten Temple, Palenque
Stucco
National Museum of Anthropology

#### 10 Ball game player figurine

Maya
600–950 CE
Jaina
Ceramic and paint
National Museum of Anthropology

#### 11 Yoke (ball game protective gear)

Central Veracruz
600–950 CE
Veracruz
Stone
National Museum of Anthropology

#### 12 Rubber ball (ethnographic)

Mayo
Contemporary
Sinaloa
Rubber
National Museum of Anthropology

#### 13 Xipe Tótec head

Aztec
1325–1521 CE
Templo Mayor
Basalt
Templo Mayor Museum

#### 14 Tēcpatl (ritual knife)

Aztec
1502–20 CE
Offering 52, Templo Mayor
Chert, obsidian, and copal
Templo Mayor Museum

#### 15 Tēcpatl (ritual knife)

Aztec
1502–20 CE
Offering 52, Templo Mayor
Chert and obsidian
Templo Mayor Museum

## I . Invitation to Ancient Mexico

#### 1 Olmec-style stone figurine

Olmec
1000–400 BCE
Cerro de Las Mesas
Jade
National Museum of Anthropology

#### 2 Jaguar vessel

Maya
600–950 CE
Tabasco
Ceramic
National Museum of Anthropology

#### 3 Owl vessel

Maya
250–600 CE
Oxtankah
Ceramic and paint
National Museum of Anthropology

#### 4 Spider monkey vessel

Central Veracruz
950–1521 CE
Veracruz
Alabaster (travertine) and obsidian
National Museum of Anthropology

#### 5 Chicomecoatl effigy brazier (reproduction)

Original: Aztec
1325–1521 CE
Tláhuac, Mexico City
Ceramic and paint
National Museum of Anthropology

#### 6 Metate

Teotihuacan
250–550 CE
La Ventilla, Teotihuacan
Basalt
Archaeological Zone of Teotihuacan

#### 7 Mano

Teotihuacan
250–550 CE
La Ventilla, Teotihuacan
Basalt
Archaeological Zone of Teotihuacan

#### 134 Urn with Tezcatlipoca

Aztec
1469–81 CE
Offering 14, Templo Mayor
Ceramic
Templo Mayor Museum

#### 135 Tortoise shell vessel with Huehuetéotl

Aztec
1486–1502 CE
Templo Mayor
Ceramic and paint
Templo Mayor Museum

#### 136 Conch-shaped pendant

Aztec
1486–1502 CE
Offering 125, Templo Mayor
Gold
Templo Mayor Museum

#### 137 Ear ornaments

Aztec
1486–1502 CE
Offering 167, Templo Mayor
Gold
Templo Mayor Museum

#### 138 Bell-shaped pendants

Aztec
1486–1502 CE
Offering 167, Templo Mayor
Gold
Templo Mayor Museum

#### 139 Human heart-shaped pendant

Aztec
1486–1502 CE
Offering 174, Templo Mayor
Gold
Templo Mayor Museum

#### 140 Tezcatlipoca and Huitzilopochtli's scepter-shaped ornament

Aztec
1486–1502 CE
Offering 174, Templo Mayor
Gold
Templo Mayor Museum

#### 141 Tlaltecuhтли-shaped ornament

Aztec
1486–1502 CE
Offering 174, Templo Mayor
Gold
Templo Mayor Museum

**125 Urn with Mictlantecuhtli**
Aztec
1469–81 CE
Offering 6, Templo Mayor
Greenstone
Templo Mayor Museum

#### 126 Xiuhcoatl

Aztec
1325–1521 CE
Templo Mayor
Flint, turquoise, and pyrite
Templo Mayor Museum

#### 127 Tlálac pot

Aztec
1440–69 CE
Offering 56, Templo Mayor
Ceramic and paint
Templo Mayor Museum

#### 128 Ehécatl sculpture

Aztec
1325–1521 CE
Mexico City
Basalt
National Museum of Anthropology

#### 129 Pulque deity Patécatl sculpture

Aztec
1469–81 CE
Offering 6, Templo Mayor
Basalt
Templo Mayor Museum

#### 130 Sahumador (censer)

Aztec
1325–1521 CE
Mexico City
Ceramic and paint
National Museum of Anthropology

#### 131 Teponaztli (slit drum)

Aztec
1325–1521 CE
Mexico City
Wood
National Museum of Anthropology

#### 132 Flute

Aztec
1325–1521 CE
Templo Mayor
Ceramic and paint
Templo Mayor Museum

#### 133 Flute

Aztec
1325–1521 CE
Templo Mayor
Ceramic and paint
Templo Mayor Museum

**118 Atlantean figure from Tula**
Toltec
900–1100 CE
Building B, Tula
Basalt and paint
National Museum of Anthropology

## IV. Aztec: Great Temple of Tenochtitlan

### IV-1. Road to Great Power

#### 119 Codex Mendoza (reproduction)

Original: About 1541 CE
European paper
National Library of Anthropology and History

#### 120 Male sculpture

Aztec
1325–1521 CE
Puebla
Andesite and shell
National Museum of Anthropology

#### 121 Mask

Teotihuacan
200–550 CE
Offering 82, Templo Mayor
Shell, obsidian, and serpentinite
Templo Mayor Museum

#### 122 Earflares

Aztec
1469–81 CE
Offering 82, Templo Mayor
Greenstone
Templo Mayor Museum

#### 123 Eagle Warrior sculpture

Aztec
1469–86 CE
House of the Eagles, Templo Mayor
Ceramic
Templo Mayor Museum

### IV-2. Gods and Rituals

#### 124 Tlaltecuhтли relief

Aztec
1325–1521 CE
Templo Mayor
Basalt
Templo Mayor Museum

**110 Needle**
Maya
Late 7th century
Temple 13, Palenque
Greenstone
Palenque Site Museum, Alberto Ruz Lhuillier

### III-5. Chichen Itza: Cosmopolitan City in the Northern Maya Area

#### 111 Pendant with an Ik’ sign

Maya
600–1000 CE
Grand Cenote, Chichen Itza
Jade
Regional Museum of Anthropology of Yucatán, Cantón Palace

#### 112 Frog-shaped ornament

Maya
900–1540 CE
Grand Cenote, Chichen Itza
Gold-copper alloy
National Museum of Anthropology

#### 113 Tortoise shell pendant with bells

Maya
900–1540 CE
Grand Cenote, Chichen Itza
Gold-plated copper
National Museum of Anthropology

#### 114 Sandal

Maya
1200–1540 CE
Grand Cenote, Chichen Itza
Gold-plated copper
National Museum of Anthropology

#### 115 Mosaic disk

Maya
900–1000 CE
El Castillo, Chichen Itza
Wood, turquoise, shell, coral, pyrite, and slate
National Museum of Anthropology

#### 116 Chacmool

Maya
900–1100 CE
Tzompantli, Chichen Itza
Limestone
Regional Museum of Anthropology of Yucatán, Cantón Palace

#### 117 Atlantean figure from Chichen Itza

Maya
900–1000 CE
Temple of the Warriors, Chichen Itza
Limestone
National Museum of Anthropology

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**29 Serpentine eccentric (biface)**

Teotihuacan
200–250 CE
Burial 6, Moon Pyramid, Teotihuacan
Obsidian
Archaeological Zone of Teotihuacan

**30 Knife eccentric (biface)**

Teotihuacan
200–250 CE
Burial 6, Moon Pyramid, Teotihuacan
Obsidian
Archaeological Zone of Teotihuacan

**31 Pendant**

Teotihuacan
200–250 CE
Burial 6, Moon Pyramid, Teotihuacan
Shell
Archaeological Zone of Teotihuacan

**32 Perforator**

Teotihuacan
200–250 CE
Burial 6, Moon Pyramid, Teotihuacan
Jadeitite
Archaeological Zone of Teotihuacan

**33 Seated figurine**

Teotihuacan
250–300 CE
Burial 3, Moon Pyramid, Teotihuacan
Greenstone
Archaeological Zone of Teotihuacan

**34 Earflares**

Teotihuacan
300–350 CE
Burial 5, Moon Pyramid, Teotihuacan
Jadeitite
Archaeological Zone of Teotihuacan

**35 Necklace**

Teotihuacan
300–350 CE
Burial 5, Moon Pyramid, Teotihuacan
Jadeitite
Archaeological Zone of Teotihuacan

**36 Pendant**

Teotihuacan
300–350 CE
Burial 5, Moon Pyramid, Teotihuacan
Jadeitite
Archaeological Zone of Teotihuacan

### II -3. Feathered Serpent Pyramid

**37 Baton**

Teotihuacan
200–250 CE
Feathered Serpent Pyramid, Teotihuacan
Wood
Archaeological Zone of Teotihuacan

**38 Nose plaque**

Teotihuacan
200–250 CE
Feathered Serpent Pyramid, Teotihuacan
Greenstone
Archaeological Zone of Teotihuacan

**39 Nose plaque**

Teotihuacan
200–250 CE
Feathered Serpent Pyramid, Teotihuacan
Greenstone
Archaeological Zone of Teotihuacan

**40 Feathered Serpent sculpture**

Teotihuacan
200–250 CE
Feathered Serpent Pyramid, Teotihuacan
Andesite and stucco
Archaeological Zone of Teotihuacan

**41 Cipactli headdress sculpture**

Teotihuacan
200–250 CE
Feathered Serpent Pyramid, Teotihuacan
Andesite and stucco
Archaeological Zone of Teotihuacan

**42 Standing figure**

Teotihuacan
200–250 CE
Underground tunnel, Feathered Serpent Pyramid, Teotihuacan
Greenstone and pyrite
Archaeological Zone of Teotihuacan

**43 Standing figure**

Teotihuacan
200–250 CE
Underground tunnel, Feathered Serpent Pyramid, Teotihuacan
Greenstone and pyrite
Archaeological Zone of Teotihuacan

**44 Trumpet**

Teotihuacan
150–250 CE
Underground tunnel, Feathered Serpent Pyramid, Teotihuacan
Shell
Archaeological Zone of Teotihuacan

**45 Trumpet**

Teotihuacan
150–250 CE
Underground tunnel, Feathered Serpent Pyramid, Teotihuacan
Shell
Archaeological Zone of Teotihuacan

**46 Storm god vessel**

Teotihuacan
150–250 CE
Underground tunnel, Feathered Serpent Pyramid, Teotihuacan
Ceramic
Archaeological Zone of Teotihuacan

**47 Bowl**

Teotihuacan
200–250 CE
Underground tunnel, Feathered Serpent Pyramid, Teotihuacan
Ceramic, stucco, and paint
Archaeological Zone of Teotihuacan

### II -4. City Growth and Diversity

**48 Mural with storm god**

Teotihuacan
350–550 CE
Zacuala, Teotihuacan
Earthen aggregate, stucco, and mineral pigments
National Museum of Anthropology

**49 Storm god almena**

Teotihuacan
250–550 CE
Zacuala, Teotihuacan
Ceramic and paint
Archaeological Zone of Teotihuacan

**50 Incense burner**

Teotihuacan
350–550 CE
Palace B, La Ventilla, Teotihuacan
Ceramic and paint
National Museum of Anthropology

**51 Incense burner**

Teotihuacan
350–550 CE
La Ventilla, Teotihuacan
Ceramic and paint
Archaeological Zone of Teotihuacan

**52 Mask**

Teotihuacan
350–550 CE
La Ventilla, Teotihuacan
Limestone, shell, and pyrite
Archaeological Zone of Teotihuacan

**53 Figurine holding shields**

Teotihuacan
450–550 CE
Origin unknown
Ceramic and paint
National Museum of Anthropology

**54 Avian effigy vessel**

Teotihuacan
250–550 CE
La Ventilla, Teotihuacan
Ceramic, shell, and greenstone
National Museum of Anthropology

**55 Effigy urn**

Zapotec
450–550 CE
Oaxaca Barrio, Teotihuacan
Ceramic, greenstone, shell, and paint
National Museum of Anthropology

**56 Tripod vessel**

Teotihuacan
450–550 CE
Tetitla, Teotihuacan
Ceramic, stucco, and mineral pigments
National Museum of Anthropology

**57 Mirror back**

Teotihuacan
450–550 CE
Teotihuacan
Ceramic
National Museum of Anthropology

## III. Maya: The Rise and Fall of City-States

### III-1. Cosmology and Knowledge

**58 Plate with hunters holding blowguns**

Maya
600–830 CE
Origin unknown
Ceramic and paint
Grand Museum of the Maya World of Mérida

**59 Tripod plate with ceiba**

Maya
600–830 CE
Origin unknown
Ceramic and paint
Grand Museum of the Maya World of Mérida

**60 Bowl with the night sky**

Maya
600–830 CE
Origin unknown
Ceramic and paint
Regional Museum of Anthropology of Yucatán, Cantón Palace

**61 Plate with a star sign**

Maya
700–830 CE
Origin unknown
Ceramic and paint
Regional Museum of Anthropology of Yucatán, Cantón Palace

**62 Sculpture representing the Venus cycle and the solar year**

Maya
800–1000 CE
Venus Platform, Chichen Itza
Limestone
Regional Museum of Anthropology of Yucatán, Cantón Palace

**63 Toniná Monument 159**

Maya
About 799 CE
Toniná
Sandstone
Toniná Site Museum

### III-2. People of the Maya World

**64 Ruling elite figurine**

Maya
600–950 CE
Jaina
Ceramic and paint
National Museum of Anthropology

**65 High-status female figurine**

Maya
600–950 CE
Jaina
Ceramic and paint
National Museum of Anthropology

**66 Warrior figurine**

Maya
600–950 CE
Jaina
Ceramic
National Museum of Anthropology

**67 Captive or shaman figurine**

Maya
600–950 CE
Simojovel, Chiapas
Ceramic
National Museum of Anthropology

**68 Female figurine, possibly a scribe**

Maya
600–950 CE
Jaina
Ceramic
National Museum of Anthropology

**69 Bone artifact**

Maya
600–950 CE
Oxkintok
Bone
Regional Museum of Anthropology of Yucatán, Cantón Palace

**70 Performer figurine**

Maya
600–950 CE
Jaina
Ceramic
Regional Museum of Anthropology of Yucatán, Cantón Palace

**71 Female weaver figurine**

Maya
600–950 CE
Jaina
Ceramic
National Museum of Anthropology

**72, 73 Spindle whorls**

Maya
Period unknown
Origin unknown
Ceramic
National Museum of Anthropology

**74 Spindle**

Maya
Period unknown
Origin unknown
Wood
National Museum of Anthropology

**75 Tripod plate with a deer-hunting scene**

Maya
600–850 CE
Origin unknown
Ceramic and paint
National Museum of Anthropology

**76 Cylindrical vase**

Maya
600–850 CE
Origin unknown
Ceramic and paint
National Museum of Anthropology

**77 Seal**

Maya
600–950 CE
Jaina
Ceramic
National Museum of Anthropology

**78 Seal**

Maya
Period unknown
Origin unknown
Ceramic
National Museum of Anthropology

**79 Seal**

Maya
Period unknown
Origin unknown
Ceramic
National Museum of Anthropology

### III -3. Exchange between Cities Trade and War

**80 Cylindrical vase**

Maya
600–850 CE
Origin unknown
Ceramic and paint
National Museum of Anthropology

**81 Road marker**

Maya
600–800 CE
Pakal Ná Zone, City of Palenque
Limestone
Palenque Site Museum, Alberto Ruz Lhuillier

**82 Necklace**

Maya
250–1100 CE
Origin unknown
Shell and greenstone
Grand Museum of the Maya World of Mérida

**83 Eccentric with deity heads (biface)**

Maya
About 711 CE
El Palmar
Chert
National Museum of Anthropology

**84 Alabaster vessel**

Maya
800–1530 CE
Yucatán
Alabaster (travertine)
Grand Museum of the Maya World of Mérida

**85 Lid with monkey god and cacao**

Maya
600–950 CE
Toniná
Ceramic and paint
Toniná Site Museum

**86 Toniná Monument 153**

Maya
708–721 CE
Toniná
Sandstone
Toniná Site Museum

**87 Toniná Monument 171**

Maya
About 727 CE
Palace of Water, Acropolis, Toniná
Sandstone
National Museum of Anthropology

**88 Tablet of the scribe**

Maya
About 725 CE
Palace Tower, Palenque
Limestone
Palenque Site Museum, Alberto Ruz Lhuillier

### III -4. Pakal the Great and the Red Queen: Golden Age of Palenque

**89 Tablet of the 96 glyphs**

Maya
783 CE
Vicinity of the Palace Tower, Palenque
Limestone
Palenque Site Museum, Alberto Ruz Lhuillier

**90 Male head, possibly Pakal the Great (reproduction)**

Original: Maya
About 620–683 CE
Pakal the Great’s tomb, Temple of the Inscriptions, Palenque
Stucco
National Museum of Anthropology

**91 Dupaix Tablet**

Maya
About 654 CE
Palace, Palenque
Limestone
National Museum of Anthropology

**92 Temple of the Foliated Cross South Jamb**

Maya
692 CE
Temple of the Foliated Cross, Palenque
Limestone
Palenque Site Museum, Alberto Ruz Lhuillier

**93 Temple of the Sun north tablet**

Maya
692 CE
Temple of the Sun, Palenque
Limestone
Palenque Site Museum, Alberto Ruz Lhuillier

**94 Incense burner stand**

Maya
680–800 CE
Temple 15-A, Palenque
Ceramic and paint
Palenque Site Museum, Alberto Ruz Lhuillier

**95 Incense burner stand**

Maya
680–800 CE
Temple of the Cross, Palenque
Ceramic and paint
Palenque Site Museum, Alberto Ruz Lhuillier

**96 Incense burner stand**

Maya
680–800 CE
Temple of the Sun, Palenque
Ceramic and paint
Palenque Site Museum, Alberto Ruz Lhuillier

**97 Glyphs of K’inich Ahkal**

Maya
722–742 CE
Temple 18, Palenque
Stucco
Palenque Site Museum, Alberto Ruz Lhuillier

**98 Stucco sculpture**

Maya
734 CE
Temple 19, Palenque
Stucco
Palenque Site Museum, Alberto Ruz Lhuillier

**99 Red Queen’s mask**

Maya
Late 7th century
Temple 13, Palenque
Malachite, jadeitite, and obsidian
Palenque Site Museum, Alberto Ruz Lhuillier

**100 Red Queen’s headdress ornaments**

Maya
Late 7th century
Temple 13, Palenque
Jadeitite, shell, and limestone
Palenque Site Museum, Alberto Ruz Lhuillier

**101 Red Queen’s diadem**

Maya
Late 7th century
Temple 13, Palenque
Jadeitite
Palenque Site Museum, Alberto Ruz Lhuillier

**102 Red Queen’s necklace**

Maya
Late 7th century
Temple 13, Palenque
Chalcedony
Palenque Site Museum, Alberto Ruz Lhuillier

**103 Read Queen’s breast ornaments**

Maya
Late 7th century
Temple 13, Palenque
Jadeitite
Palenque Site Museum, Alberto Ruz Lhuillier

**104 Red Queen’s belt ornaments**

Maya
Late 7th century
Temple 13, Palenque
Limestone
Palenque Site Museum, Alberto Ruz Lhuillier

**105 Red Queen’s bracelets**

Maya
Late 7th century
Temple 13, Palenque
Greenstone
Palenque Site Museum, Alberto Ruz Lhuillier

**106 Red Queen’s anklets**

Maya
Late 7th century
Temple 13, Palenque
Jade
Palenque Site Museum, Alberto Ruz Lhuillier

**107 Small mask**

Maya
Late 7th century
Temple 13, Palenque
Green chalcedony, shell, and obsidian
Palenque Site Museum, Alberto Ruz Lhuillier

**108 Shell**

Maya
Late 7th century
Temple 13, Palenque
Shell
Palenque Site Museum, Alberto Ruz Lhuillier

**109 Figurine**

Maya
Late 7th century
Temple 13, Palenque
Limestone
Palenque Site Museum, Alberto Ruz Lhuillier