

The Maya Quest for Meaning

Chichen Itza was developed by the Maya around 500 A.D. to pursue a quest for religious and scientific understanding. The ancient structures were constructed to study the heavens and to communicate with the gods. The city once was home to more than 60,000 residents and travelers on pilgrimages. The structures represent over 1000 years of construction from the Maya and the Toltec cultures. Visitors today come to marvel at the incredible work of the Maya and to rediscover their beliefs about the meaning of life.

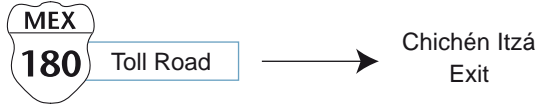
Track Point of Interest

- 01 Introduction
- 02 Trees
- 03 South Temple
- 04 Upper Temple of the Jaguars
- 05 Ball Court
- 06 Temple of the Bearded Man
- 07 Lower Temple of the Jaguars
- 08 Tzompantli
- 09 Platform of the Eagles and Jaguars
- 10 Platform of Venus
- 11 Sacbe 1 and Wall
- 12 Sacred Well
- 13 House of Purification
- 14 The Castle
- 15 Temple of the Red Jaguar
- 16 Temple of the Large Tables
- 17 Temple of the Warriors
- 18 Plaza of the Thousand Columns
- 19 Northeast Colonnade
- 20 Quarry
- 21 Palace of the Sculpted Columns
- 22 Temple of the Small Tables
- 23 Steam Bath
- 24 The Market
- 25 Temple of Xtoloc
- 26 Well of Xtoloc
- 27 Round Platform
- 28 Tomb of the High Priest
- 29 House of the Grinding Stones
- 30 House of Deer
- 31 The Red House
- 32 The Observatory
- 33 Temple of the Sculpted Panels
- 34 The Church
- 35 The Nunnery
- 36 East Annex
- 37 House of Obscure Writing





Directions from Cancun



- Follow the signs to the exit for highway 180 to Chichén Itzá.
- Take highway 180 (toll road) until the turn off for Chichén Itzá and the town of Piste (at a toll booth).

Driving time from Cancun: apx. 2.5 hours

Directions from Playa del Carmen



- Take highway 307 toward Cancun.
- Exit toward highway 180 (toll road) just before the Cancun Airport.
- Take highway 180 (toll road) until the turn off for Chichén Itzá and the town of Piste (at a toll booth).

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Yucatán Peninsula

- TekTrek Tour Location
- Major City
- Other City
- Airport
- Principal Highway
- Secondary/Other Highway
- Wetlands/National Parks

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