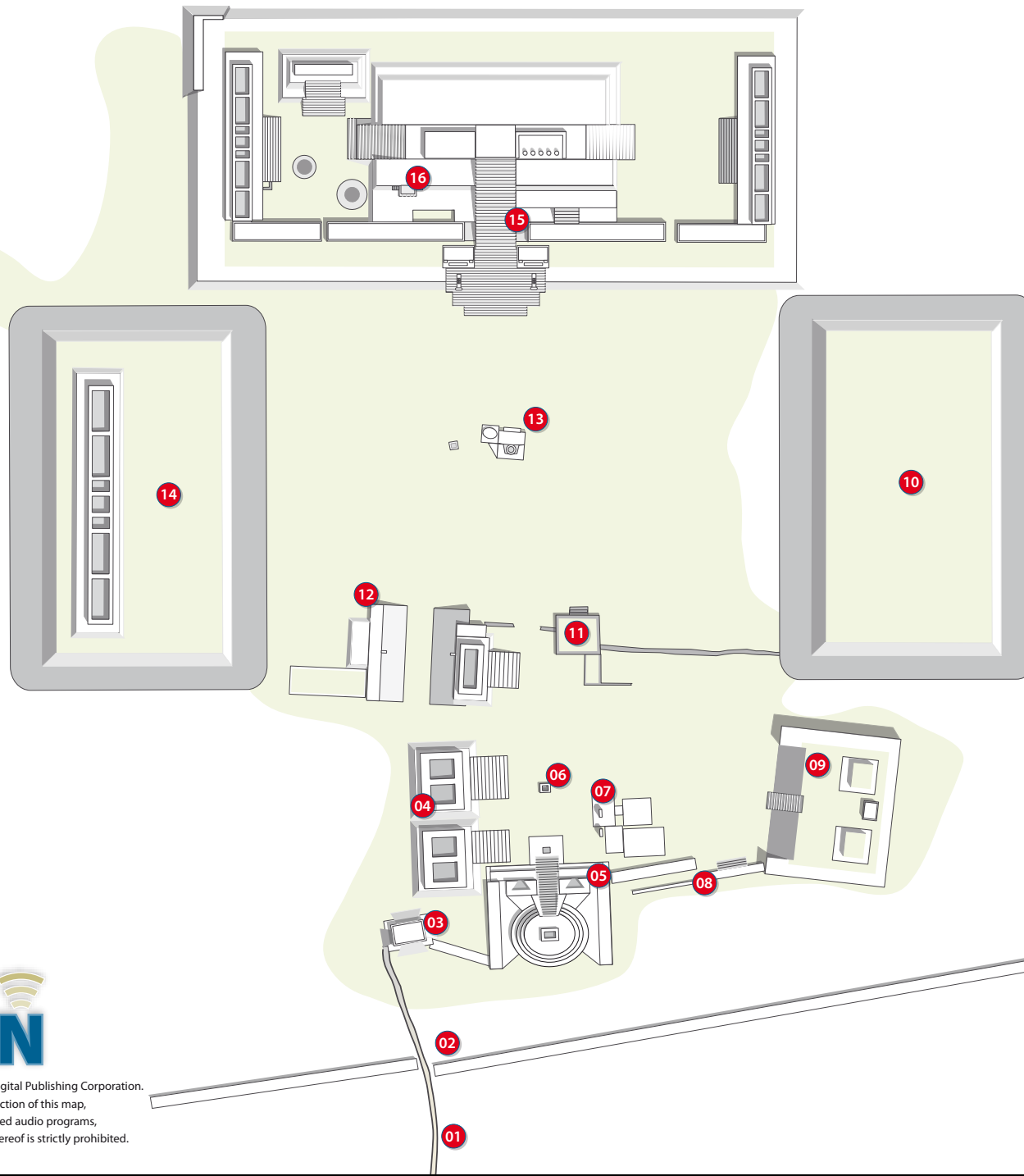


Track Point of Interest

- 01 Introduction
- 02 Wall / Muralles
- 03 Arch
- 04 The Twins
- 05 Oval Palace
- 06 Chapel
- 07 Stele
- 08 Structure 12
- 09 Structure 10
- 10 Structure 3
- 11 Structure 7
- 12 Ball Court
- 13 Steam Bath
- 14 Structure 2
- 15 Acropolis
- 16 Tomb

Digging for Answers

Abandoned by the Maya after the Spanish Conquest in the 16th Century, Ek Balam was engulfed by the low-lying jungle of the lowland Yucatan. Archaeologists only began uncovering the site in 1987. They discovered some of the most well preserved ancient Maya artifacts. They also found evidence that this little-known city was once the center of a powerful regional kingdom named Talol. Constructed by the Maya as early as 400 B.C., it is one of the earliest constructions in the Northern part of the Peninsula. Excavations continue on the site today as archaeologists hope to piece together the history of Ek Balam, which means The Black Jaguar.



Yucatán Peninsula

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

0 Miles 20

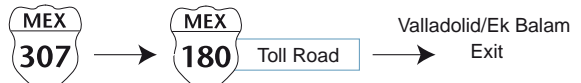
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Directions from Cancun



- Follow the signs to the exit for highway 180 to Chichen Itza.
 - Take highway 180 (toll road) toward Chichen Itza. Get off at the Valladolid exit and go north.
 - Look for signs to direct you to the Ek Balam site.
 - There is an intersection just before the site. The sign there makes it look like you should turn left. However, you need to continue straight for another 200 meters.
- Driving time from Cancun: apx. 1 hour 45 minutes

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) toward Chichen Itza. Get off at the Valladolid exit and go north.
 - Look for signs to direct you to the Ek Balam site.
 - There is an intersection just before the site. The sign there makes it look like you should turn left. However, you need to continue straight for another 200 meters.
- Driving time from Playa del Carmen: apx. 2 hours

