

Ancient Maya Civilisation Map

The ancient Maya civilisation existed in Central America, in an area that today includes Mexico (Yucatan Peninsula), Guatemala, Belize and parts of Honduras and El Salvador. This map shows some of the monuments from ancient Maya cities that are still visible today.

Uxmal

One of the monuments here is a tall pyramid called the 'Pyramid of the Magician'.



Chichén Itzá

The name means 'at the brim of the well where the wise men of the water live' in one of the Mayan languages. Did you know that the monuments here are not purely influenced by the Maya, but also by the Toltecs (another ancient civilisation)?

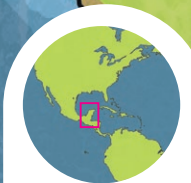


Palenque

One of the monuments here is the 'Temple of the Inscriptions'. Inside is an elaborate tomb for King Pacal, who was a Maya king for 68 years.



enlarged area



Tulum

This is one of the only walled cities built by the Maya.



Tikal

This city was occupied by the Maya for more than 1500 years. The ruins here have been named a UNESCO World Heritage site.



Copán

One of the most incredible ruins here is the 'Hieroglyphic Stairway': a staircase leading to a temple, which has over 1000 hieroglyphs carved into it.

