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The indigenous influence in Mexico and the countries and areas surrounding it is instrumental to its history, much like here in the US. There are still mighty ancient cities standing, people are still speaking the ancient languages, and much ancient art is still on display around Mexico. The culture in modern Mexico is still so saturated with that of ancient indigenous people, and they are very proud of their heritage and for good reason. The ancient sites rival those of anywhere else in the world. If you ever make your way into Mexico or Central America, definitely take the time to stop and see these sites. Before you do, you will have to get an [urgent passport](#) or US passport card first.

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The borders of modern-day Mexico encompass an area that once included both the Aztec and Maya empires. The capital city of Mexico - Mexico City - is actually the exact location of the ancient Aztec Capital city of Tenochtitlan. In the middle of Mexico City is the ruins of what was the famous Templo Mayor. They've only recently excavated it, and new things are still being discovered all the time. That being said, it's probably one of the most important locations in all of the empire, making it a very important stop if you are interested in the indigenous heritage.

Teotihuacan is a very important and very famous Aztec ruin. The Aztecs believed that this was the place where the universe was created by the gods, and it contains some of the largest monuments in the world. The famous Pyramid of the Sun, the third largest pyramid in the world, is located here. The city itself is bigger than Rome. The main thoroughfare is called the Avenue of the Dead, and the Pyramid of the Moon sits at one end, while the Citadel is at the other. Definitely be sure to also see the Temple of Quetzalcoatl, which features feathered serpents in the stone.

A little ways outside of Mexico City is Cholula. Cholula and its citizens played a very important role in the formation and history of the Aztecs. It was also the location of a brutal massacre by Cortes on his way to Tenochtitlan. The Great Pyramid of Cholula is found here. This pyramid is the biggest man-made monument by volume on the planet.

Mexico is full of indigenous history and it has shaped the country in countless ways. Before you go, be sure to have your urgent U S passport. Make things easier for yourself and apply for an [online U S passport](#). Online passport services make the process quick and painless.

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