

Make a Travel Brochure for Mexico City!



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The History of Mexico City

The area now called Mexico City was originally founded by the Aztec people. The city-state was founded in 1325 and named Tenochtitlan. In 1430, Tenochtitlan joined with two other Aztec city-states and became the capital of the Aztec Empire. In 1521, Spain conquered the area and destroyed most of the Aztec structures. The Spanish added Tenochtitlan to the colony of New Spain and renamed it Mexico City. In 1821, Mexico finally won its battle for independence from Spain. Mexico became a republic in 1824. In 1847, United States forces occupied Mexico City, forcing an end to the Mexican-American war. Mexico signed a treaty giving most of its northern territory to the U.S. In 1862, the Mexican army defeated the French to keep its independence. That victory is still celebrated every year as the holiday Cinco de Mayo, or the Fifth of May. In 1910, the Mexican people rose up against their oppressive government, beginning the Mexican Revolution. In 1917, the people finally won, and Mexico adopted a new constitution. In 1957, a major earthquake destroyed much of Mexico City. The city rebuilt, however, and in 1968, it hosted the Summer Olympics. Another major earthquake struck in 1985, causing major destruction. The city rebuilt again, however, and today its population stands at over 123 million people.

Tourist Attractions and Famous Locations

Templo Mayor was one of the most important Aztec temples, and its ruins can still be seen in the middle of the city. The National Museum of Anthropology holds more ancient Mexican art than any museum in the world. The Zocalo was the ceremonial center in the Aztec city of Tenochtitlan, and is the main square of modern Mexico City. The National Autonomous University of Mexico, or UNAM, is the biggest university in Latin America. Its main campus contains murals by some of Mexico's most important artists. Bosque de Chapultepec is the largest city park in the Western Hemisphere. It includes historic ruins, a castle, the Chapultepec Zoo, and the Papalote Museo del Nino, a museum especially for kids.

Famous Residents

Famous residents of Mexico City include artists Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera; writers Carlos Fuentes and Nobel Prize in Literature winner Octavio Paz; actors Diego Luna and Lupita Nyong'o; singer and songwriter Placido Domingo; and film director Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu.



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List the main historic events in order of when they happened:

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