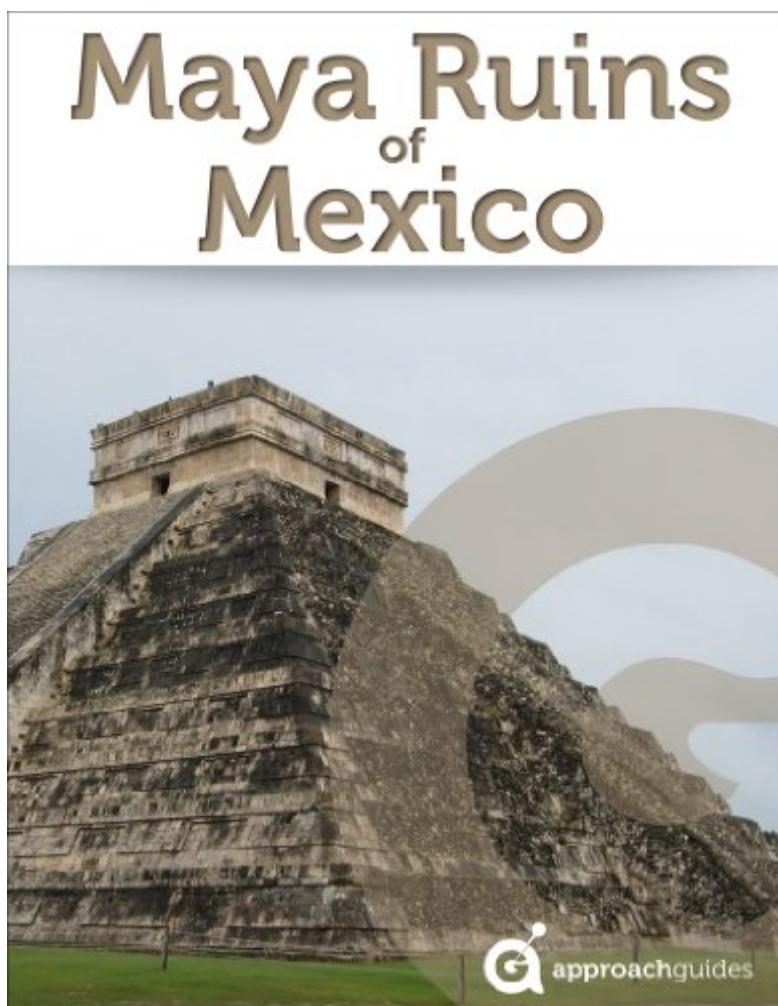


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Maya Ruins Of Mexico (Travel Guide To Chichen Itza, Tulum, Teotihuacan, Palenque, And More)



Synopsis

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follow a particular subject a little more closely. If you're going to Mexico, you'll need to include these archaeological sites in your travel plans. If you're not planning to head to Mexico, this book will certainly change that. I highly recommend this book.- Wandering EducatorsCompulsive (and compulsively informed) travelers, the Raezers are the masterminds behind the downloadable Approach Guides, which are filled with a university course-worth of history and insights for 62 destinations worldwide. WHY WE LOVE IT: The Raezers share our desire for deep, well-researched information on the wonders of the world.- Travel + Leisure

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I bought this guide in anticipation of a trip we planned to visit Chichen Itza and Tulum. The guide gave an in-depth introduction to the history and mythology of the cultures of this region, which was very helpful in understanding the architecture of the ruins. Then the descriptions of the ruins themselves were marvelously detailed and complete, and the pictures were gorgeous. I felt completely prepared when we actually made our visit, and I was able to recognize many features of the two sites, thanks to this comprehensive guide.

Not too in depth for any one ruin, but contains the essentials. Recommend you read on plane or at hotel so you can spend your time at the site looking at the ruins, not at the pages of a book. Happy travels!

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The book is a good intro with extra background info for wandering around the site. It has lots of photos and discussed most of the things the guide discussed.

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