

118 Atlantean figure from Tula

Toltec
AD 900–1100
Building B, Tula
Basalt and paint
National Museum of Anthropology

IV. Aztec: Great Temple of Tenochtitlan

IV-1. Road to the Great Power

119 Codex Mendoza (reproduction)

Original: c. AD 1541
European paper
National Library of Anthropology and History

120 Male sculpture

Aztec
AD 1325–1521
Puebla
Andesite and shell
National Museum of Anthropology

121 Mask

Teotihuacan
AD 200–550
Offering 82, Templo Mayor
Shell, obsidian, and serpentine
Templo Mayor Museum

122 Earflares

Aztec
AD 1469–81
Offering 82, Templo Mayor
Greenstone
Templo Mayor Museum

123 Eagle Warrior sculpture

Aztec
AD 1469–86
House of the Eagles, Templo Mayor
Ceramic
Templo Mayor Museum

IV-2. Gods and Rituals

124 Tlaltecuhтли relief

Aztec
AD 1325–1521
Templo Mayor
Basalt
Templo Mayor Museum

125 Urn with Mictlantecuhtli

Aztec
AD 1469–81
Offering 6, Templo Mayor
Greenstone
Templo Mayor Museum

126 Xiuhcoatl

Aztec
AD 1325–1521
Templo Mayor
Flint, turquoise, and pyrite
Templo Mayor Museum

127 Tlálóc pot

Aztec
AD 1440–69
Offering 56, Templo Mayor
Ceramic and paint
Templo Mayor Museum

128 Ehécatl sculpture

Aztec
AD 1325–1521
Mexico City
Basalt
National Museum of Anthropology

129 Pulque deity Patécatl sculpture

Aztec
AD 1469–81
Offering 6, Templo Mayor
Basalt
Templo Mayor Museum

130 Sahumador (censer)

Aztec
AD 1325–1521
Mexico City
Ceramic and paint
National Museum of Anthropology

131 Teponaztli (slit drum)

Aztec
AD 1325–1521
Mexico City
Wood
National Museum of Anthropology

132 Flute

Aztec
AD 1325–1521
Templo Mayor
Ceramic and paint
Templo Mayor Museum

133 Flute

Aztec
AD 1325–1521
Templo Mayor
Ceramic and paint
Templo Mayor Museum

134 Urn with Tezcatlipoca

Aztec
AD 1469–81
Offering 14, Templo Mayor
Ceramic
Templo Mayor Museum

135 Tortoise shell vessel with Huehuetéotl

Aztec
AD 1486–1502
Templo Mayor
Ceramic and paint
Templo Mayor Museum

136 Conch-shaped pendant

Aztec
AD 1486–1502
Offering 125, Templo Mayor
Gold
Templo Mayor Museum

137 Ear ornaments

Aztec
AD 1486–1502
Offering 167, Templo Mayor
Gold
Templo Mayor Museum

138 Bell-shaped pendants

Aztec
AD 1486–1502
Offering 167, Templo Mayor
Gold
Templo Mayor Museum

139 Human heart-shaped pendant

Aztec
AD 1486–1502
Offering 174, Templo Mayor
Gold
Templo Mayor Museum

140 Tezcatlipoca and Huitzilopochtli's scepter-shaped ornament

Aztec
AD 1486–1502
Offering 174, Templo Mayor
Gold
Templo Mayor Museum

141 Tlaltecuhтли-shaped ornament

Aztec
AD 1486–1502
Offering 174, Templo Mayor
Gold
Templo Mayor Museum

Special Exhibition

Ancient Mexico Maya, Aztec, and Teotihuacan

June 16–September 3, 2023 Heiseikan, Tokyo National Museum

I. Invitation to Ancient Mexico

1 Olmec-style stone figurine

Olmec
1000–400 BC
Cerro de Las Mesas
Jade
National Museum of Anthropology

2 Jaguar vessel

Maya
AD 600–950
Tabasco
Ceramic
National Museum of Anthropology

3 Owl vessel

Maya
AD 250–600
Oxtankah
Ceramic and paint
National Museum of Anthropology

4 Spider monkey vessel

Central Veracruz
AD 950–1521
Veracruz
Alabaster (travertine) and obsidian
National Museum of Anthropology

5 Chicomecoatl effigy brazier (reproduction)

Original: Aztec
AD 1325–1521
Tláhuac, Mexico City
Ceramic and paint
National Museum of Anthropology

6 Metate

Teotihuacan
AD 250–550
La Ventilla, Teotihuacan
Basalt
Archaeological Zone of Teotihuacan

7 Mano

Teotihuacan
AD 250–550
La Ventilla, Teotihuacan
Basalt
Archaeological Zone of Teotihuacan

8 Tablet with the night sky

Aztec
AD 1325–1521
Mexico City
Andesite
National Museum of Anthropology

9 Calendar glyph

Maya
c. AD 647
Forgotten Temple, Palenque
Stucco
National Museum of Anthropology

10 Ball game player figurine

Maya
AD 600–950
Jaina
Ceramic and paint
National Museum of Anthropology

11 Yoke (ball game protective gear)

Central Veracruz
AD 600–950
Veracruz
Stone
National Museum of Anthropology

12 Rubber ball (ethnographic)

Mayo
Contemporary
Sinaloa
Rubber
National Museum of Anthropology

13 Xipe Tótec head

Aztec
AD 1325–1521
Templo Mayor
Basalt
Templo Mayor Museum

14 Tēcpatl (ritual knife)

Aztec
AD 1502–20
Offering 52, Templo Mayor
Chert, obsidian, and copal
Templo Mayor Museum

15 Tēcpatl (ritual knife)

Aztec
AD 1502–20
Offering 52, Templo Mayor
Chert and obsidian
Templo Mayor Museum

16 Denticulate knife

Aztec
AD 1469–81
Offering 6, Templo Mayor
Chert
Templo Mayor Museum

17 Mask

Teotihuacan
AD 350–550
Azcapotzalco, Mexico City
Ceramic and paint
National Museum of Anthropology

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18 Elite personage figurine

Maya
AD 600–950
Jaina
Ceramic and paint
National Museum of Anthropology

19 Ornamented skull

Aztec
AD 1469–81
Offering 11, Templo Mayor
Bone material, shell, pyrite, and copal
Templo Mayor Museum

II. Teotihuacan: City of Gods

II-1. Sun Pyramid

20 Mask

Teotihuacan
AD 150–250
Sun Pyramid, Teotihuacan
Greenstone and pyrite
Archaeological Zone of Teotihuacan

21 Standing figurine with headdress and pendant

Teotihuacan
AD 150–250
Sun Pyramid, Teotihuacan
Greenstone
Archaeological Zone of Teotihuacan

22 Standing figurine

Teotihuacan
AD 150–250
Sun Pyramid, Teotihuacan
Greenstone, shell, and pyrite
Archaeological Zone of Teotihuacan

23 Circular sculpture with the face of death

Teotihuacan
AD 300–550
Sun Plaza, Sun Pyramid, Teotihuacan
Andesite and traces of red paint
National Museum of Anthropology

24 Old Fire God sculpture

Teotihuacan
AD 450–550
Sun Pyramid, Teotihuacan
Andesite and paint
Archaeological Zone of Teotihuacan

II-2. Moon Pyramid

25 Standing female figure with earflares

Teotihuacan
AD 200–250
Burial 2, Moon Pyramid, Teotihuacan
Jadeite, pyrite, and shell
Archaeological Zone of Teotihuacan

26 Necklace

Teotihuacan
AD 200–250
Burial 2, Moon Pyramid, Teotihuacan
Shell
Archaeological Zone of Teotihuacan

27 Standing figure

Teotihuacan
AD 200–250
Burial 2, Moon Pyramid, Teotihuacan
Obsidian
Archaeological Zone of Teotihuacan

28 Mosaic standing figure

Teotihuacan
AD 200–250
Burial 6, Moon Pyramid, Teotihuacan
Serpentine, jadeite, shell, and pyrite
Archaeological Zone of Teotihuacan

29 Serpentine eccentric (biface)

Teotihuacan
AD 200–250
Burial 6, Moon Pyramid, Teotihuacan
Obsidian
Archaeological Zone of Teotihuacan

30 Knife eccentric (biface)

Teotihuacan
AD 200–250
Burial 6, Moon Pyramid, Teotihuacan
Obsidian
Archaeological Zone of Teotihuacan

31 Pendant

Teotihuacan
AD 200–250
Burial 6, Moon Pyramid, Teotihuacan
Shell
Archaeological Zone of Teotihuacan

32 Perforator

Teotihuacan
AD 200–250
Burial 6, Moon Pyramid, Teotihuacan
Jadeite
Archaeological Zone of Teotihuacan



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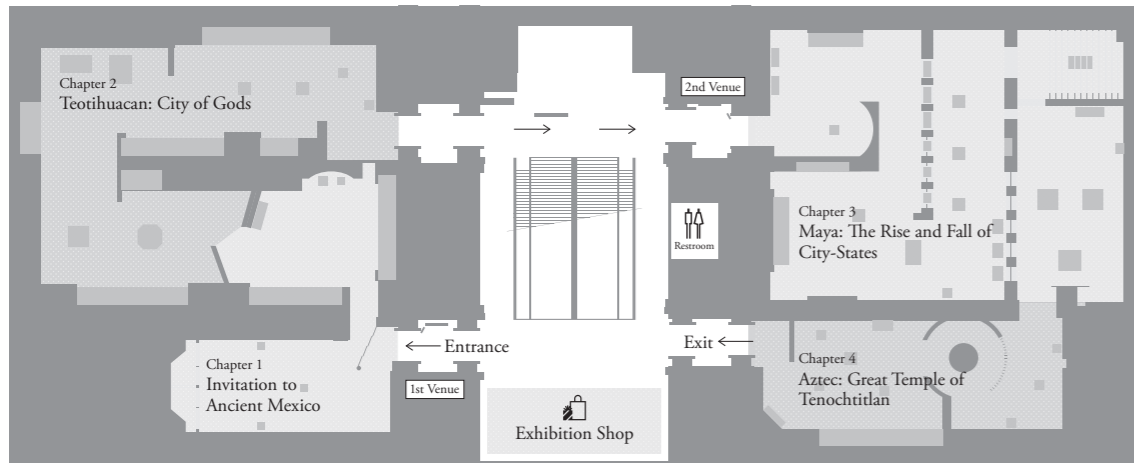
Notes

•The exhibition will also be held at the Kyushu National Museum from October 3 - December 10, 2023, at the National Museum of art, Osaka from February 6 - May 6, 2024.

•The same artwork numbers are used in both the catalogue and the galleries, but the works are not displayed in numerical order.

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* Temperature, humidity and brightness of the exhibition rooms are strictly controlled under international standards for preservation. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.



33 Seated figurine

TeotihuacanAD 250–300Burial 3, Moon Pyramid, TeotihuacanGreenstoneArchaeological Zone of Teotihuacan

34 Earflares

TeotihuacanAD 300–350Burial 5, Moon Pyramid, TeotihuacanJadeititeArchaeological Zone of Teotihuacan

35 Necklace

TeotihuacanAD 300–350Burial 5, Moon Pyramid, TeotihuacanJadeititeArchaeological Zone of Teotihuacan

36 Pendant

TeotihuacanAD 300–350Burial 5, Moon Pyramid, TeotihuacanJadeititeArchaeological Zone of Teotihuacan

II-3. Feathered Serpent Pyramid

37 Baton

TeotihuacanAD 200–250Feathered Serpent Pyramid, TeotihuacanWoodArchaeological Zone of Teotihuacan

38 Nose plaque

TeotihuacanAD 200–250Feathered Serpent Pyramid, TeotihuacanGreenstoneArchaeological Zone of Teotihuacan

39 Nose plaque

TeotihuacanAD 200–250Feathered Serpent Pyramid, TeotihuacanGreenstoneArchaeological Zone of Teotihuacan

40 Feathered Serpent sculpture

TeotihuacanAD 200–250Feathered Serpent Pyramid, TeotihuacanAndesite and stuccoArchaeological Zone of Teotihuacan

41 Cipactli headdress sculpture

TeotihuacanAD 200–250Feathered Serpent Pyramid, TeotihuacanAndesite and stuccoArchaeological Zone of Teotihuacan

42 Standing figure

TeotihuacanAD 200–250Underground tunnel, Feathered Serpent Pyramid, TeotihuacanGreenstone and pyriteArchaeological Zone of Teotihuacan

43 Standing figure

TeotihuacanAD 200–250Underground tunnel, Feathered Serpent Pyramid, TeotihuacanGreenstone and pyriteArchaeological Zone of Teotihuacan

44 Trumpet

TeotihuacanAD 150–250Underground tunnel, Feathered Serpent Pyramid, TeotihuacanShellArchaeological Zone of Teotihuacan

45 Trumpet

TeotihuacanAD 150–250Underground tunnel, Feathered Serpent Pyramid, TeotihuacanShellArchaeological Zone of Teotihuacan

46 Storm God vessel

TeotihuacanAD 150–250Underground tunnel, Feathered Serpent Pyramid, TeotihuacanCeramicArchaeological Zone of Teotihuacan

47 Bowl

TeotihuacanAD 200–250Underground tunnel, Feathered Serpent Pyramid, TeotihuacanCeramic, stucco, and paintArchaeological Zone of Teotihuacan

II-4. City Growth and Diversity

48 Mural with Storm God

TeotihuacanAD 350–550Zacuala, TeotihuacanEarthen aggregate, stucco, and mineral pigmentsNational Museum of Anthropology

49 Storm God almena

TeotihuacanAD 250–550Zacuala, TeotihuacanCeramic and paintArchaeological Zone of Teotihuacan

50 Incense burner

TeotihuacanAD 350–550Palace B, La Ventilla, TeotihuacanCeramic and paintNational Museum of Anthropology

51 Incense burner

TeotihuacanAD 350–550La Ventilla, TeotihuacanCeramic and paintArchaeological Zone of Teotihuacan

52 Mask

TeotihuacanAD 350–550La Ventilla, TeotihuacanLimestone, shell, and pyriteArchaeological Zone of Teotihuacan

53 Figurine holding shields

TeotihuacanAD 450–550Origin unknownCeramic and paintNational Museum of Anthropology

54 Avian effigy vessel

TeotihuacanAD 250–550La Ventilla, TeotihuacanCeramic, shell, and greenstoneNational Museum of Anthropology

55 Effigy urn

ZapotecAD 450–550Oaxaca Barrio, TeotihuacanCeramic, greenstone, shell, and paintNational Museum of Anthropology

56 Tripod vessel

TeotihuacanAD 450–550Tetitla, TeotihuacanCeramic, stucco, and mineral pigmentsNational Museum of Anthropology

57 Mirror back

TeotihuacanAD 450–550TeotihuacanCeramicNational Museum of Anthropology

III. Maya: The Rise and Fall of City-States

III-1. Cosmology and Knowledge

58 Plate with hunters holding blowguns

MayaAD 600–830Origin unknownCeramic and paintGrand Museum of the Maya World of Mérida

59 Tripod plate with ceiba

MayaAD 600–830Origin unknownCeramic and paintGrand Museum of the Maya World of Mérida

60 Bowl with the night sky

MayaAD 600–830Origin unknownCeramic and paintRegional Museum of Anthropology of Yucatán, Cantón Palace

61 Plate with a star sign

MayaAD 700–830Origin unknownCeramic and paintRegional Museum of Anthropology of Yucatán, Cantón Palace

62 Sculpture representing the Venus cycle and the solar year

MayaAD 800–1000Venus Platform, Chichen ItzaLimestoneRegional Museum of Anthropology of Yucatán, Cantón Palace

63 Toniná Monument 159

Maya c. AD 799TonináSandstoneToniná Site Museum

III-2. People of the Maya World

64 Ruling elite figurine

MayaAD 600–950JainaCeramic and paintNational Museum of Anthropology

65 High-status female figurine

MayaAD 600–950JainaCeramic and paintNational Museum of Anthropology

66 Warrior figurine

MayaAD 600–950JainaCeramicNational Museum of Anthropology

67 Captive or shaman figurine

MayaAD 600–950Simojovel, ChiapasCeramicNational Museum of Anthropology

68 Female figurine possibly a scribe

MayaAD 600–950JainaCeramicNational Museum of Anthropology

69 Bone artifact

MayaAD 600–950OxkintokBoneRegional Museum of Anthropology of Yucatán, Cantón Palace

70 Performer figurine

MayaAD 600–950JainaCeramicRegional Museum of Anthropology of Yucatán, Cantón Palace

71 Female weaver figurine

MayaAD 600–950JainaCeramicNational Museum of Anthropology

72, 73 Spindle whorls

MayaPeriod unknownOrigin unknownCeramicNational Museum of Anthropology

74 Spindle

MayaPeriod unknownOrigin unknownWoodNational Museum of Anthropology

75 Tripod plate with a deer-hunting scene

MayaAD 600–700Origin unknownCeramic and paintNational Museum of Anthropology

76 Cylindrical vase

MayaAD 600–850Origin unknownCeramic and paintNational Museum of Anthropology

77 Seal

MayaAD 600–950JainaCeramicNational Museum of Anthropology

78 Seal

MayaPeriod unknownOrigin unknownCeramicNational Museum of Anthropology

79 Seal

MayaPeriod unknownOrigin unknownCeramicNational Museum of Anthropology

III-3. Exchange between Cities Trade and War

80 Cylindrical vase

MayaAD 600–850Origin unknownCeramic and paintNational Museum of Anthropology

81 Road marker

MayaAD 600–800Pakal Nā Zone, City of PalenqueLimestonePalenque Site Museum, Alberto Ruz Lhuillier

82 Necklace

MayaAD 250–1100Origin unknownShell and greenstoneGrand Museum of the Maya World of Mérida

83 Eccentric with deity heads (biface)

Maya c. AD 711El PalmarChertNational Museum of Anthropology

84 Alabaster vessel

MayaAD 800–1530YucatánAlabaster (travertine)Grand Museum of the Maya World of Mérida

85 Lid with Monkey God and cacao

MayaAD 600–950TonináCeramic and paintToniná Site Museum

86 Toniná Monument 153

MayaAD 708–721TonináSandstoneToniná Site Museum

87 Toniná Monument 171

Maya c. AD 727Palace of Water, Acropolis, TonináSandstoneNational Museum of Anthropology

88 Tablet of the Scribe

Maya c. AD 725Palace Tower, PalenqueLimestonePalenque Site Museum, Alberto Ruz Lhuillier

III-4. Pakal the Great and the Red Queen: Golden Age of Palenque

89 Tablet of the 96 glyphs

MayaAD 783Vicinity of the Palace Tower, PalenqueLimestonePalenque Site Museum, Alberto Ruz Lhuillier

90 Male head, possibly Pakal the Great (reproduction)

Original: Maya c. AD 620–683Pakal the Great's tomb, Temple of the Inscriptions, PalenqueStuccoNational Museum of Anthropology

91 Dupaix Tablet

Maya c. AD 654Palace, PalenqueLimestoneNational Museum of Anthropology

92 Temple of the Foliated Cross South Jamb

MayaAD 692Temple of the Foliated Cross, PalenqueLimestonePalenque Site Museum, Alberto Ruz Lhuillier

93 Temple of the Sun North Tablet

MayaAD 692Temple of the Sun, PalenqueLimestonePalenque Site Museum, Alberto Ruz Lhuillier

94 Incense burner stand

MayaAD 680–800Temple 15-A, PalenqueCeramic and paintPalenque Site Museum, Alberto Ruz Lhuillier

95 Incense burner stand

MayaAD 680–800Temple of the Cross, PalenqueCeramic and paintPalenque Site Museum, Alberto Ruz Lhuillier

96 Incense burner stand

MayaAD 680–800Temple of the Sun, PalenqueCeramic and paintPalenque Site Museum, Alberto Ruz Lhuillier

97 Glyphs of K'inich Ahkal

MayaAD 722–742Temple 18, PalenqueStuccoPalenque Site Museum, Alberto Ruz Lhuillier

98 Stucco sculpture

MayaAD 734Temple 19, PalenqueStuccoPalenque Site Museum, Alberto Ruz Lhuillier

99 Red Queen's mask

MayaLate 7th centuryTemple 13, PalenqueMalachite, jadeitite, and obsidianPalenque Site Museum, Alberto Ruz Lhuillier

100 Red Queen's headdress ornaments

MayaLate 7th centuryTemple 13, PalenqueJadeitite, shell, and limestonePalenque Site Museum, Alberto Ruz Lhuillier

101 Red Queen's diadem

MayaLate 7th centuryTemple 13, PalenqueJadeititePalenque Site Museum, Alberto Ruz Lhuillier

102 Red Queen's necklace

MayaLate 7th centuryTemple 13, PalenqueChalcedonyPalenque Site Museum, Alberto Ruz Lhuillier

103 Red Queen's breast ornaments

MayaLate 7th centuryTemple 13, PalenqueJadeititePalenque Site Museum, Alberto Ruz Lhuillier

104 Red Queen's belt ornaments

MayaLate 7th centuryTemple 13, PalenqueLimestonePalenque Site Museum, Alberto Ruz Lhuillier

105 Red Queen's bracelets

MayaLate 7th centuryTemple 13, PalenqueGreenstonePalenque Site Museum, Alberto Ruz Lhuillier

106 Red Queen's anklets

MayaLate 7th centuryTemple 13, PalenqueJadePalenque Site Museum, Alberto Ruz Lhuillier

107 Small mask

MayaLate 7th centuryTemple 13, PalenqueGreen chalcedony, shell, and obsidianPalenque Site Museum, Alberto Ruz Lhuillier

108 Shell

MayaLate 7th centuryTemple 13, PalenqueShellPalenque Site Museum, Alberto Ruz Lhuillier

109 Figurine

MayaLate 7th centuryTemple 13, PalenqueLimestonePalenque Site Museum, Alberto Ruz Lhuillier

110 Needle

MayaLate 7th centuryTemple 13, PalenqueGreenstonePalenque Site Museum, Alberto Ruz Lhuillier

III-5. Chichen Itza: Cosmopolitan City in the Northern Maya Area

111 Pendant with an Ik' sign

MayaAD 600–1000Grand Cenote, Chichen ItzaJadeRegional Museum of Anthropology of Yucatán, Cantón Palace

112 Frog-shaped ornament

MayaAD 900–1540Grand Cenote, Chichen ItzaGold-copper alloyNational Museum of Anthropology

113 Tortoise shell pendant with bells

MayaAD 900–1540Grand Cenote, Chichen ItzaGold-plated copperNational Museum of Anthropology

114 Sandal

MayaAD 1200–1540Grand Cenote, Chichen ItzaGold-plated copperNational Museum of Anthropology

115 Mosaic disk

MayaAD 900–1000El Castillo, Chichen ItzaWood, turquoise, shell, coral, pyrite, and slateNational Museum of Anthropology

116 Chacmool

MayaAD 900–1100Tzompantli, Chichen ItzaLimestoneRegional Museum of Anthropology of Yucatán, Cantón Palace

117 Atlantean figure from Chichen Itza

MayaAD 900–1100Temple of the Warriors, Chichen ItzaLimestoneNational Museum of Anthropology