





# BEST OF MEXICO

Welcome to the United Mexican States, aka Mexico! Many people know this exotic country for its historical cities and landmarks, one of them being a New Seven Wonders of the World, the Mayan ruins of Chichen Itza near Cancun. Of course you can't forget Mexico City, the second-largest metropolitan area in the world after Tokyo, or the gorgeous beaches of Cabo San Lucas and Puerto Vallarta! Make sure to enjoy every bit of Mexico and you build this folk art puzzle by Eric Dowdle.

1. Puerto Vallarta is a thriving artist community with iconic statues lining the beach such as the "Neptune and Nereid," the "Dancing Dolphins Fountain" and "The Boy and the Seahorse." It has even become a famous Sand sculpture area for artist.
2. Chichen Itza, Mayan ruins is classified as one of the New Seven Wonders of the World with El Castillo (*aka the Temple of Kukulkan*) being the central icon of this famous site.
3. Another great way to discover the culture and beautiful nature of Mexico is through Xcaret, a archaeological park you can spend days exploring!
4. The Aztec calendar consists of two calendars, one for a day count [tonalpohualli] and the other for a year count [xiuhpohualli]. The first was the religious calendar, telling the ancient people when to consult the God's and the second was for agricultural purposes in figuring out the best time to plant crops.
5. The three colors of Mexico's flag hold deep significance for the country and its citizens: green represents hope and victory, white stands for the purity of Mexican ideals and red brings to mind the blood shed by the nation's heroes.
6. Cabo San Lucas sits at the southernmost tip of the Baja of Mexico and its English name is Cape of Saint Luke. Known as a geologically stunning spots, with over 300 sunny days a year, Cabo is a hot spot and one of the safest in the world. It's also the Marlin fishing capital of the world.
7. Cancun is one of the top tourist destinations in North America where many can step into Mayan history and culture at the ruins of Chichen Itza.