

Tikal A Handbook Of The Ancient Maya Ruins

This collection represents a major step forward in understanding the era from the end of Classic Maya civilization to the Spanish conquest.

"Comprehensive synthesis of ancient Maya scholarship. Extensive summary of the archaeology of the Maya world provides the historical context for a detailed topical synthesis of chronological and geographic variability within the Maya cultural tradition"-- Lonely Planet's Best of Central America is your most up-to-date advice on what to see and skip, and what hidden discoveries await you. Laze over dinner in a beachfront thatched hut on Bocas del Toro; explore remarkable jungle temples in Tikal; and stroll the picture-perfect cobblestone streets of Granada -all with your trusted travel companion.

New and updated guide to visiting Tikal, Guatemala containing over 50 new pages of content this year. See why this comprehensive book is the number one selling travel guide dedicated exclusively to Tikal! Some of the topics covered include: - Review of all lodgings inside of the archaeological park. - How to find and pick a guide. - History of Tikal. - Location of restrooms, food, and water inside the park. - Transportation and getting there. - How to conserve energy, such as riding the "secret bus" inside the park. - Other things to do in the area. - Map of the park. - Places to eat. - What to bring. - The museums. - Advice for first time travelers. - The basics of visas, electricity, medicine, mobile phone usage, language, crime, and money. - How to neutralize weather, insects and other possible nuisances that may interfere with the visit. - Shopping. - Animal and plant life. - Photography. - Planning the trip and things to think about. - When to visit. - Other things to do in Guatemala related to Tikal. - Details and unique insight into the causeways (ancient roads of Tikal), the stunning Great Plaza, the maze-like acropolises, the temples and pyramids, and the various complexes and building groups. - Numerous insider tips. - Bonus section on the colonial town of Antigua, Guatemala, covering places to stay, eat, and visit!

The Rough Guide to Guatemala is the essential companion to this astonishing country with detailed coverage of all the main attractions – from the volcanoes and crater lakes to the culturally-rich capital of Guatemala City. The introduction highlights the spectacular natural beauty of the beaches and wild-life reserves with stunning photography and the essential list of 'what not to miss'. There are informative accounts of all the Mayan ruins, with detailed historical backgrounds, and how to get the most from each sight, as well as thorough explorations of those hidden gems, including the breathtaking Lake Atitlán region and the jungle of Verapaz. You'll find new colour sections about Indigenous Costumes and Mayan Architecture, dozens of easy-to-use maps, as well as countless accommodation and restaurant reviews and tips to find the best fiestas and highland markets. The guide has all the practical information you need to get there, travel around with ease and ensure you don't miss the unmissable. Make the most of your time with The Rough Guide to Guatemala.

Nowadays, archaeological investigators don't just dig up the past They use high-tech equipment, chemical analyses, sampling strategies, and other modern means to gain a better understanding of why and how cultures change. Using the study of the Maya as a test case, Jeremy Sabloff shows how the exciting transformation of archaeology is shedding new light on past civilizations. Embracing a wide range of research, this book offers various views on the intellectual history of Maya archaeology and ethnohistory and the processes operating in the rise and fall of Maya civilization. The fourteen studies were selected from those presented at the Second Cambridge Symposium on Recent Research in Mesoamerican Archaeology and are presented in three major sections. The first of these deals with the application of theory, both anthropological and historical, to the great civilization of the Classic Maya, which flourished in the Yucatan, Guatemala, and Belize during the first millennium A.D. The structural remains of the Classic Period have impressed travelers and archaeologists for over a century, and aspects of the development and decline of this strange and brilliant tropical forest culture are examined here in the light of archaeological research. The second section presents the results of field research ranging from the Highlands of Mexico east to Honduras and north into the Lowland heart of Maya civilization, and iconographic study of excavated material. The third section covers the ethnohistoric approach to archaeology, the conjunction of material and documentary evidence. Early European documents are used to illuminate historic Maya culture. This section includes transcriptions of previously unpublished archival material. Although not formally linked beyond their common field of inquiry, the essays here offer a conspectus of late-twentieth century Maya research and a series of case histories of the work of some of the leading scholars in the field.

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Tikal, Copán, Uaxactún - ancient Maya cities whose names conjure up romance, mystery, and science all at once. Joyce Kelly's clear descriptions and captivating photographs of these and many other sites will make you want to pack your bags and head for Central America.

And when you arrive, this guidebook will not let you down. It covers 38 sites and 25 museums - more than any other guidebook - in Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador. Kelly's information is accurate and up to date: she has visited every site personally. The descriptions include all the major, well-known sites and many not appearing other guidebooks. Kelly describes each site and museum, from its pyramids and temples to its hieroglyphic stairways and "eccentric flints." She includes many site plans, and her description of each site includes its ancient history as well as its recent archaeological activity. Equally important, Kelly describes exactly how to get there. Clear maps and precise written directions include the distance (in miles and kilometers) and the driving time required for each segment of the trip. If you need a four-wheel-drive vehicle to negotiate rutted dirt roads, Kelly tells you. If you need a guide, she tells you where to find one.

The sixteen-volume Handbook of Middle American Indians, completed in 1976, has been acclaimed the world over as the most valuable resource ever produced for those involved in the study of Mesoamerica. When it was determined in 1978 that the Handbook should be updated periodically, Victoria Reifler Bricker, well-known cultural anthropologist, was selected to be series editor. This first volume of the Supplement is devoted to the dramatic changes that have taken place in the field of archaeology. The volume editor, Jeremy A. Sabloff, has gathered together detailed reports from the directors of many of the most significant archaeological projects of the mid-twentieth century in Mesoamerica, along with discussions of three topics of general interest (the rise of sedentary life, the evolution of complex culture, and the rise of cities).

"Drawing on extant material culture, as well as sculpture, painting, glyphs, and other visual records, this edited volume examines the clothes and adornments of the Classic Maya, including who wore what, and why, and how these clothes/items were made; it further discusses how clothes, body paint, headgear, jewelry, etc. varied across the larger Maya region and how it evolved over the centuries that constitute the Classic period"--

Observations of the sun, moon, planets, and stars played a central role in ancient Maya lifeways, as they do today among contemporary Maya who maintain the traditional ways. This pathfinding book reconstructs ancient Maya astronomy and cosmology through the astronomical information encoded in Precolumbian Maya art and confirmed by the current practices of living Maya peoples. Susan Milbrath opens the book with a discussion of modern Maya beliefs about astronomy, along with essential information on naked-eye observation. She devotes subsequent chapters to Precolumbian astronomical imagery, which she traces back through time, starting from the Colonial and Postclassic eras. She delves into many aspects of the Maya astronomical images, including the major astronomical gods and their associated glyphs, astronomical almanacs in the Maya codices [painted books], and changes in the imagery of the heavens over time. This investigation yields new data and a new synthesis of information about the specific astronomical events and cycles recorded in Maya art and architecture. Indeed, it constitutes the first major study of the relationship between art and astronomy in ancient Maya culture.

Final report of the 1970-1974 research conducted in the Salama Valley, Baja Verapaz, and adjacent areas of the highlands of Guatemala. The volume presents the results of the first comprehensive study of northern highland preclassic occupation and cultural development in light of the question of highland-lowland interaction and its role in the growth of Maya civilization.

This concise illustrated volume recounts Tikal's rise from prehistoric obscurity to unparalleled success at the height of Maya Civilization, as well as its spectacular collapse and abandonment. Through the many hieroglyphic inscriptions, grave gifts from tombs, and a rich architectural and artistic legacy, the book recreates the political, and social life of the city and of the Maya in general.

This comprehensive and accessible reference explores the greatest and most mysterious of civilizations, hailed for its contributions to science, mathematics, and technology. Each chapter is supplemented by an extensive bibliography as well as photos, original line drawings, and maps.

The new full-colour Rough Guide to Guatemala is the definitive guide to this fascinating Central American country. Fully updated, detailed accounts of every attraction, along with clear, colour maps, will show you everything Guatemala has to offer, from ancient Mayan cities to beautiful rainforest scenery and stunning lakes. The Rough Guide is packed full of insider tips about off-the-beaten-track destinations, hiking trails, surf spots, kayak and rafting trips and jungle walks, plus all the best hotels, cafés, restaurants and bars for every budget. Whether you're taking in the grand Mayan site of Tikal, the graceful, colonial architecture of Antigua, a traditional market or an adventurous jungle trek, The Rough Guide to Guatemala will help you make the most of your holiday. Make the most of your time with The Rough Guide to Guatemala. Now available in PDF format.

Are you worried and anxious about the present state of the world? Are you concerned about your future and that of your family? Do you want to live better, cheaper and healthier? Without worrying about politics, war, money problems, government surveillance, keeping up with the Joneses or even the unthinkable -- nuclear Armageddon? Then consider bugging out to Belize, the little English-speaking country on the Caribbean Coast. It's so close, yet so far from most of the world's problems. Bug Out to Belize by Lan Sluder tells you how to do it: What areas are best? How much does it cost to live in Belize? How to get residency? What are the pitfalls to avoid? And, how to make the move! Written by one of the world's leading experts on Belize, an award-winning reporter, editor and author of more than 20 books, Bug Out to Belize -- new in 2018 -- can guide you to a better, more worry-free future in beautiful Belize, the friendly, affordable, frost-free and English-speaking little country on the Caribbean Coast.

The Third Edition of this highly successful introduction to the archaeology of Mesoamerica includes full coverage of the Aztec and Maya areas in one volume. Beginning with the settling of the New World and continuing through the Spanish conquest of Mesoamerica in 1521, this completely updated textbook includes the deciphering of Maya hieroglyphs, the dynamic history of the Maya, the new royal tomb excavated at Copan, Honduras, important new discoveries at Rio Azul and Naj Tunich in Guatemala, and Caracol in Belize, ritual sacrifices on a massive scale revealed at Teotihuacan in central Mexico, and new material from Tula (Toltec capitol) and from the heart of Mexico City.

World-renowned 'tell it like it is' guidebook Discover Guatemala with this comprehensive, entertaining, 'tell it like it is' Rough Guide, packed with comprehensive practical information and our experts' honest and independent recommendations. Whether you plan to explore the Mayan ruins of Tikal, visit colonial Antigua or climb Volcán de Pacaya The Rough Guide to Guatemala will help you discover the best places to explore, sleep, eat, drink and shop along the way. Features of The Rough Guide to Guatemala: - Detailed regional coverage: provides in-depth practical information for each step of all kinds of trip, from intrepid off-the-beaten-track adventures, to chilled-out breaks in popular tourist areas. Regions covered include: Guatemala City, Antigua and around, the western highlands, the Pacific coast, the Oriente and Izabal, Cobán and the Verapaces, Petén and Into Honduras: Copán and around. - Honest independent reviews: written with Rough Guides' trademark blend of humour, honesty and expertise, and recommendations you can truly trust, our writers will help you get the most from your trip to Guatemala. - Meticulous mapping: always full-colour, with clearly numbered, colour-coded keys. Find your way around Guatemala City, the western highlands and many more locations without needing to get online. - Fabulous full-colour photography: features a richness of inspirational colour photography, including captivating Lago de Atitlán and the vast Mirador basin. - Things not to miss: Rough Guides'

rundown of Guatemala's best sights and top experiences. - Itineraries: carefully planned routes will help you organise your trip, and inspire and inform your on-the-road experiences. - Basics section: packed with essential pre-departure information including getting there, getting around, accommodation, food and drink, health, the media, festivals, sports and outdoor activities, culture and etiquette, shopping and more. - Background information: comprehensive Contexts chapter provides fascinating insights into Guatemala, with coverage of history, religion, ethnic groups, environment, wildlife and books, plus a handy language section and glossary. About Rough Guides: Rough Guides have been inspiring travellers for over 35 years, with over 30 million copies sold globally. Synonymous with practical travel tips, quality writing and a trustworthy 'tell it like it is' ethos, the Rough Guides list includes more than 260 travel guides to 120+ destinations, gift-books and phrasebooks.

"General overview of the ancient Maya begins with summary discussions of the history of Maya studies, the environment and geography of the Maya world, and the European invasion. Text is devoted primarily to a synthesis of the history of Maya cultural traditions based primarily on archaeological data and complemented by epigraphic and ethnohistorical information"--Handbook of Latin American Studies, v. 57.

Tikal has been called the Maya equivalent of ancient Rome. The once great city featured great temples, plazas, residences, roads, and beautiful artwork. In this book, the author brings to life the ruins of this great ancient culture. With detailed information on how to get to the site, as well as local transportation, lodging, food, site maps, history, and architecture, this book is a superior resource for visiting the archaeological zone. It also covers the basics of traveling in Guatemala. The information in the book is valuable as both a stand-alone book and as a detailed supplement to other travel guides on Guatemala.

Illustrated descriptions, explanations, and appraisals of accessible Mayan ceremonial centers in Guatemala, Mexico, and Honduras, setting each of the twenty-four sites in its historical, cultural, and architectural context

In *Mesoamerican Elites*, Diane Z. Chase and Arlen F. Chase present a wide variety of essays, all of which evaluate current archaeological knowledge of the privileged ruling classes, or elites, in Mesoamerica. Some experts argue that Mesoamerican societies consisted only of elites and peasants, while others argue that considerable intermediate social levels also existed. In light of such diverse opinions, this volume addresses problems in the interpretation of archaeological evidence regarding ancient Mesoamerican social structure.

A history of the Maya Indians in the city of Tikal, founded in 800 B.C.

In 378 CE the world of the Maya was turned upside down by the invasion of forces from the mega city of Teotihuacan. Tikal's king was killed and a foreigner was placed on the throne. Two monuments in Tikal record the event. This book walks the reader glyph by glyph to uncover what happened.

*Includes pictures *Includes descriptions of the ruins and the history of the sites *Includes online resources and a bibliography for further reading Many ancient civilizations have influenced and inspired people in the 21st century. The Greeks and Romans continue to fascinate the West today. But of all the world's civilizations, none have intrigued people more than the Mayans, whose culture, astronomy, language, and mysterious disappearance all continue to captivate people. In 2012 especially, there was a renewed focus on the Mayans, whose advanced calendar has led many to speculate the world would end on the same date the Mayan calendar ends, but if anything, the focus on the "doomsday" scenario overshadowed the Mayans' true contribution to astronomy, language, sports, and art. The Maya maintained power in the Yucatan for over a thousand years, and at the height of its "Classical era" (3rd-9th centuries A.D.), the city of Tikal was one of the power centers of the empire. Archaeologists believe Tikal had been built as early as the 5th or 4th century BC, and eventually it became a political, economic and military capital that was an important part of a far-flung network across Mesoamerica, despite the fact it was seemingly conquered by Teotihuacan in the 4th century AD. It seems the foreign rulers came to assimilate Mayan culture, thus ensuring Tikal would continue to be a power base, and as a result, the city would not be abandoned until about the 10th century AD. As one of the Ancient Maya's most important sites, construction at Tikal was impressive, and even though it was apparently conquered, the city's records were unusually well preserved. This includes a list of the city's dynastic rulers, as well as the tombs and monuments dedicated to them. Thanks to this preservation, Tikal offers researchers their best look at the Ancient Maya and has gone a long way toward helping scholars understand Mayan history. Near the end of the Classic Era, the city of Uxmal was one of the Maya's most noteworthy cities and a capital after Tikal waned. While it was not as powerful as cities like Tikal, Uxmal was apparently at the forefront of Mayan culture, particularly when it came to architecture. However, while Uxmal used high ground to display its prominence, and the ruins are still among the most popular places for tourists in the region, the site is still shrouded in mystery. Even as scholars continue to work on the site to further interpret it, it's still unclear when exactly Uxmal was founded, how many people called it home, and when it was abandoned, despite the existence of Mayan chronicles and oral legends. What is apparent, however, is the skills of Uxmal's artisans, whether through constructing structures like the 5 level Pyramid of Magicians and the expansive Governor's Palace or adorning the structures with precisely detailed art and sculptures. In fact, the craftsmanship can be credited with helping to preserve Uxmal itself. *Tikal and Uxmal: The History and Legacy of the Mayan Capitals of the Classic Era* covers the history of the cities, as well as the speculation and debate surrounding them. Along with pictures and a bibliography, you will learn about Tikal and Uxmal like never before.

The Great Maya center of Tikal in Guatemala is famous for its well-preserved architecture. This book presents detailed descriptions of a selection of unexcavated standing structures in the forests around the site center that complement the Museum's Architectural Survey conducted from 1960 to 1970. The survey produced measured drawings—plans, sections, elevations, and details—supplemented by descriptive text and quantitative tables for each structure. All structures are vaulted, and some are major works. TR 23 A is the primary record of important parts of Tikal's urban landscape, with clear, precise, and usable architectural analyses for Mayanists, archaeologists, art historians, architectural historians, urbanists, and those interested in construction techniques and in uses of Maya buildings. University Museum Monograph, 114

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