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## Chichen Itza: Mexico's Mystery Ruins

(NAPSA)—In the jungle off Costa Maya, on the Caribbean side of Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula, lies the magnificent Mayan ruin, Chichen Itza.



**Mexico's Chichen Itza is home to many mysteries.**

According to Pleasant Mexico Holidays, a leading travel company that books packages to Mexico, Chichen Itza is a "must see."

Easily accessible from the resort hotels of Cancun and Playa del Carmen via comfortable, air-conditioned buses that depart daily, Chichen Itza, built over ten centuries ago, contains some of Mexico's most intriguing mysteries. One is the Great Ball Court, where Mayans played an interesting soccer-like game in which the losers were killed.

A round tower called the Caracol holds another tantalizing mystery—it appears to be an astronomical observatory, like Stonehenge in England. Stone tablets unearthed there indicate they were extremely accurate calendars, right down to the 365-day cycle of the seasons.

Another unexplained mystery takes place at the Great Pyramid every spring and fall equinox, March 21 and September 21, respectively. Precisely on those two days, light and shadow strike the pyramid in such a way as to produce a shadowy picture of Kulkulkan, the feathered serpent god revered by the Mayans.

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