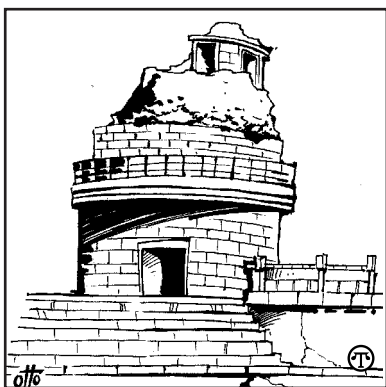




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Mexico's Mystery Ruins

(NAPSA)—Near Mexico's Costa Maya lies the magnificent Mayan ruin of Chichen Itza. According to Pleasant Mexico Holidays, a leading travel company, Chichen Itza is a "must see." Easily accessible from the resort hotels of Cancun and Playa del Carmen via air-conditioned buses, Chichen Itza, built over two centuries ago, contains intriguing mysteries.



In Mexico's Chichen Itza, a round tower called the Caracol holds tantalizing mystery—it appears to be an astronomical observatory, like Stonehenge, accurately recording the cycle of the seasons.

One is the Great Ball Court where players kicked a hard rubber ball into a stone hoop. The winning team was showered with gold, but stone carvings show that the losing players had their throats cut. Perhaps the most eerie mystery is the Great Pyramid of Chichen Itza. Every spring and fall equinox, light and shadow strike the pyramid so as to produce a shadowy picture of Kulkulkan, the feathered serpent god revered by the Mayans. As the shadows lengthen, the serpent *seems* to wriggle down the pyramid until it reaches the earth where, it was believed Kulkulkan blessed the crops.

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