

“The Architecture and Sculpture of the Mayans”

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Jeff and Barb showed pictures from their recent visits to Southern Mexico, the Yucatan Peninsula and Guatemala, where they viewed various Mayan archeological sites and cities.

The areas visited and discussed are Chichen Itza, Tikal, Palenque and many others.

Figure 1 shows a map of the Mayan Region.

The attached photos are grouped by subject, rather than location. They are in no particular order. Together they show that the Mayan culture which spanned the time from about 700 to 1400 and on to the present under Spanish rule was very advanced. The technology and engineering to build the pyramids and other buildings rival anything from that time period and beyond. Their art, expressed in the stone work, stone carvings and sculptures, again rivals anything from the “modern world”. Their system of writing and their knowledge of mathematics is unsurpassed.

Enjoy the images and be prepared to be amazed.

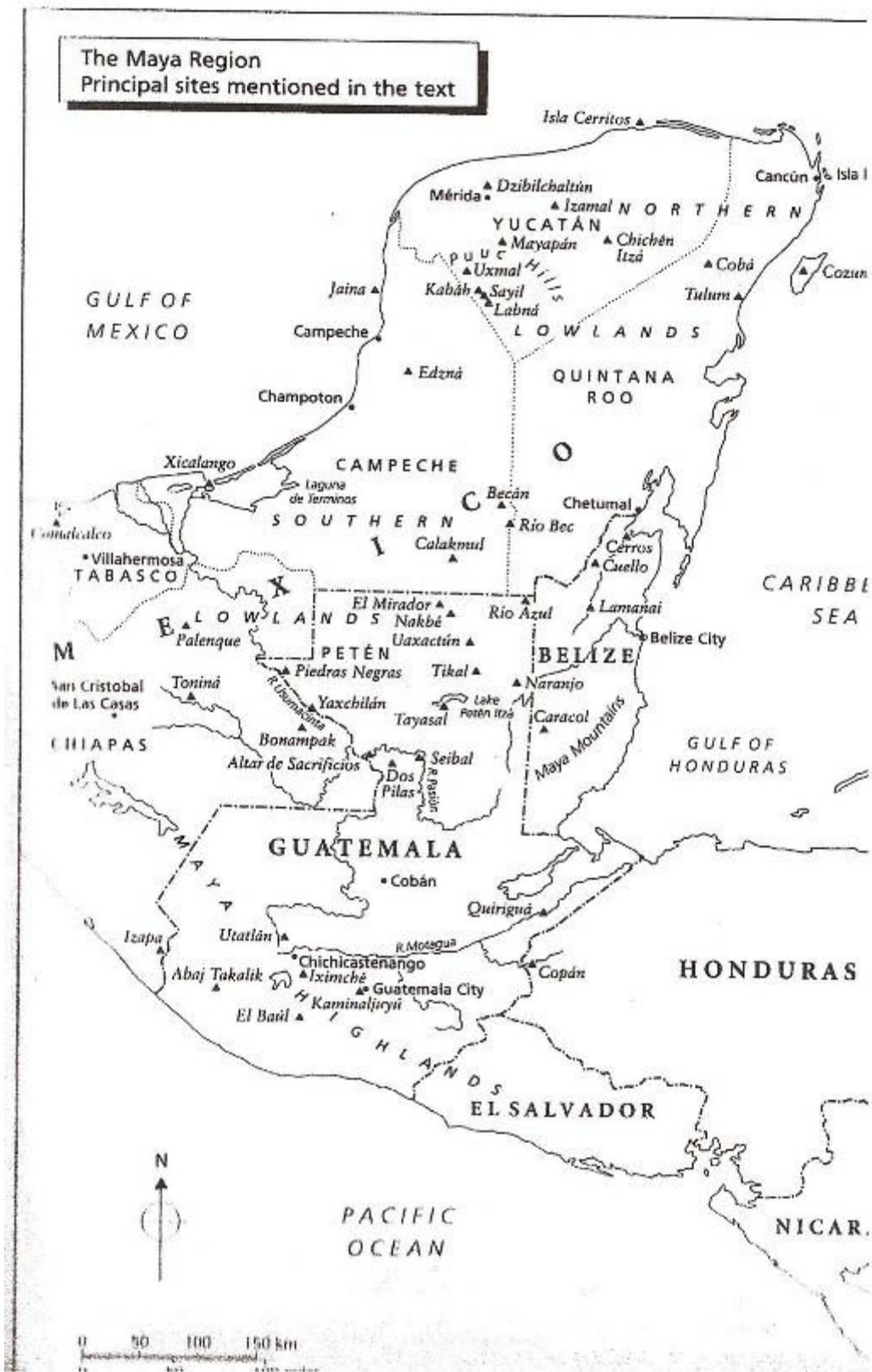


Figure 1

Archaeological Sites

Pyramids and Buildings



Barb at Tikal



Tikal



Pyramid with “Stola” in front





Ball Court



Observatory



Stone Work



“T” Symbol shape



“Goal” for a ball court



Carvings



Building façade



Carving in colored stone



Mayan Hieroglyphs





Sculptures





Murals / Art



Current Mayan Life

Churches





Ceremony



Flowers in front of a church



Processional



Mayan Cross

Miscellaneous



Courtyard of a villa



Market Day



Spices



Bananas



Masks



Parrots



Colored Stucco



Barb and Jeff in Native Costume