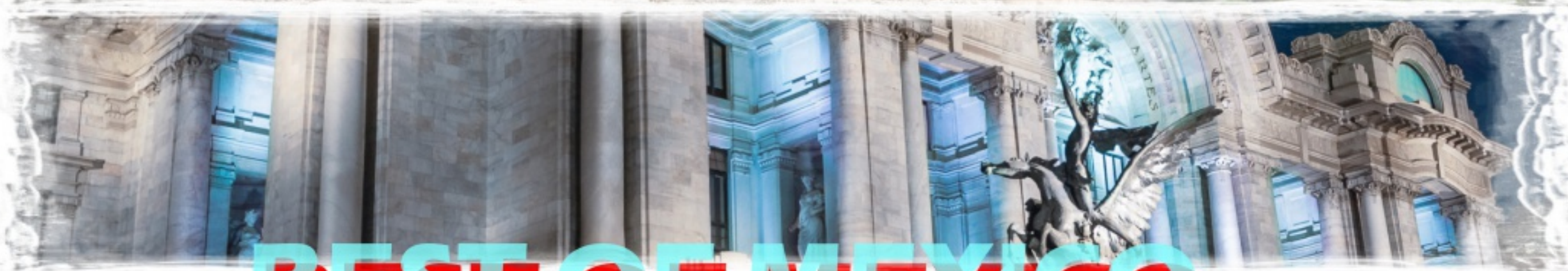


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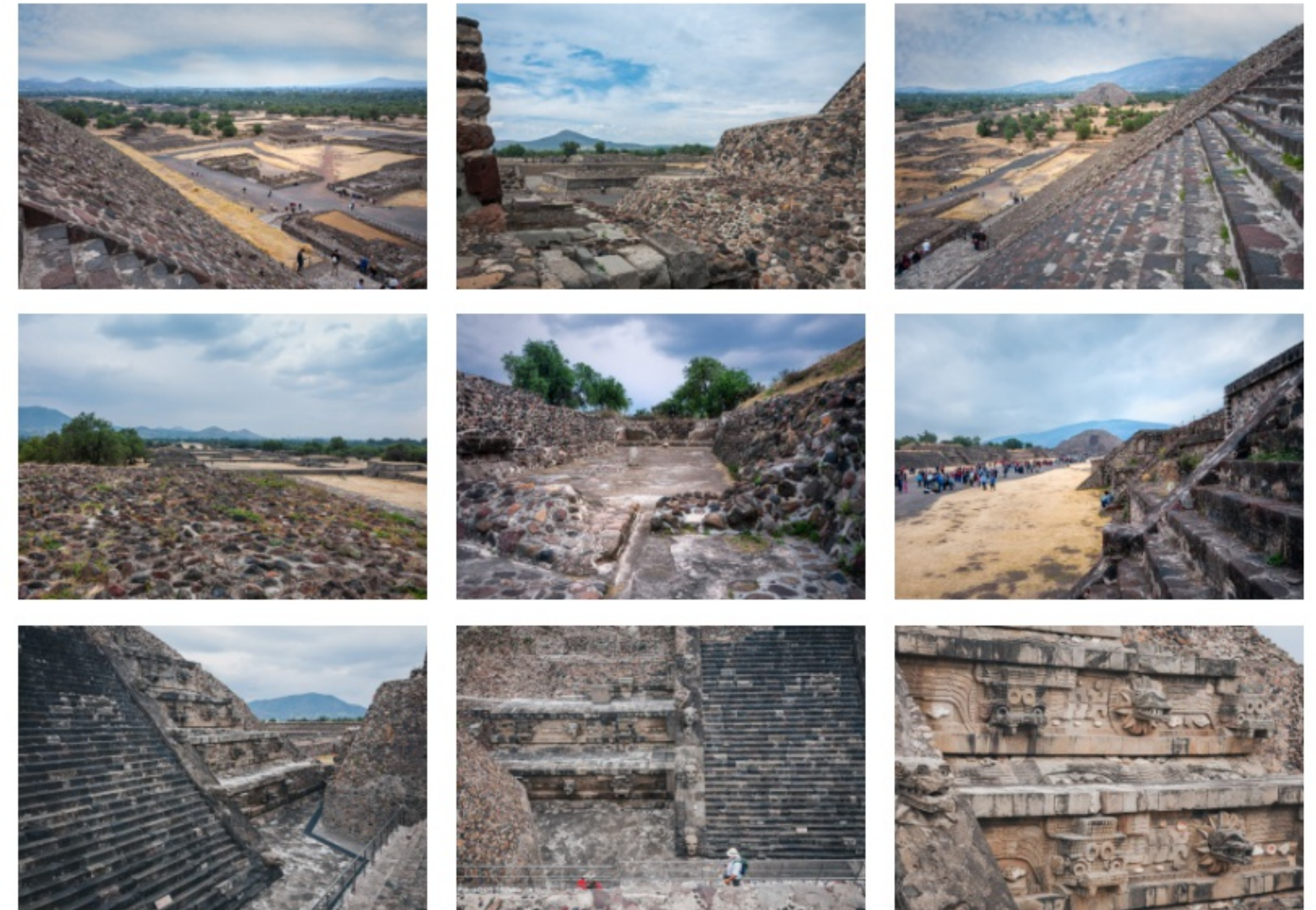
**Mexico**

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**5 Teotihuacan** - Avenue of the Dead - It links the Temple of Quetzalcoatl, the Pyramid of the Moon and the Pyramid of the Sun



Teotihuacan - Top: View from Pyramid of the Sun - Middle: Avenue of the Dead - Bottom: Temple of Quetzalcoatl Stepped pyramid and stone carving details. **6**









### **Metropolitan Cathedral of the Assumption of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven**

This grand Roman Catholic Cathedral with many ornate chapels is Latin America's oldest & largest. Took a long time to build: 250 years from 1573 to 1813.

Initially, the planned construction was inspired by the gothic cathedrals of Spain but the long-time of construction led to the integration of multiple architectural styles: Baroque, Churrigueresque, Neoclassical.



### **Mexico City**

The Cathedral, the Palace of Fine Arts, along with the rest of the buildings in the city, have been sinking into the lakebed from the day they were built.

This is due to the fact that Mexico City is a megalopolis with over 18 million people and drawing water from underground sources has caused water tables to drop and the sinking to accelerate during the latter half of the 20th century.

The problem was made even worse by the spongy soil and seismic activity.

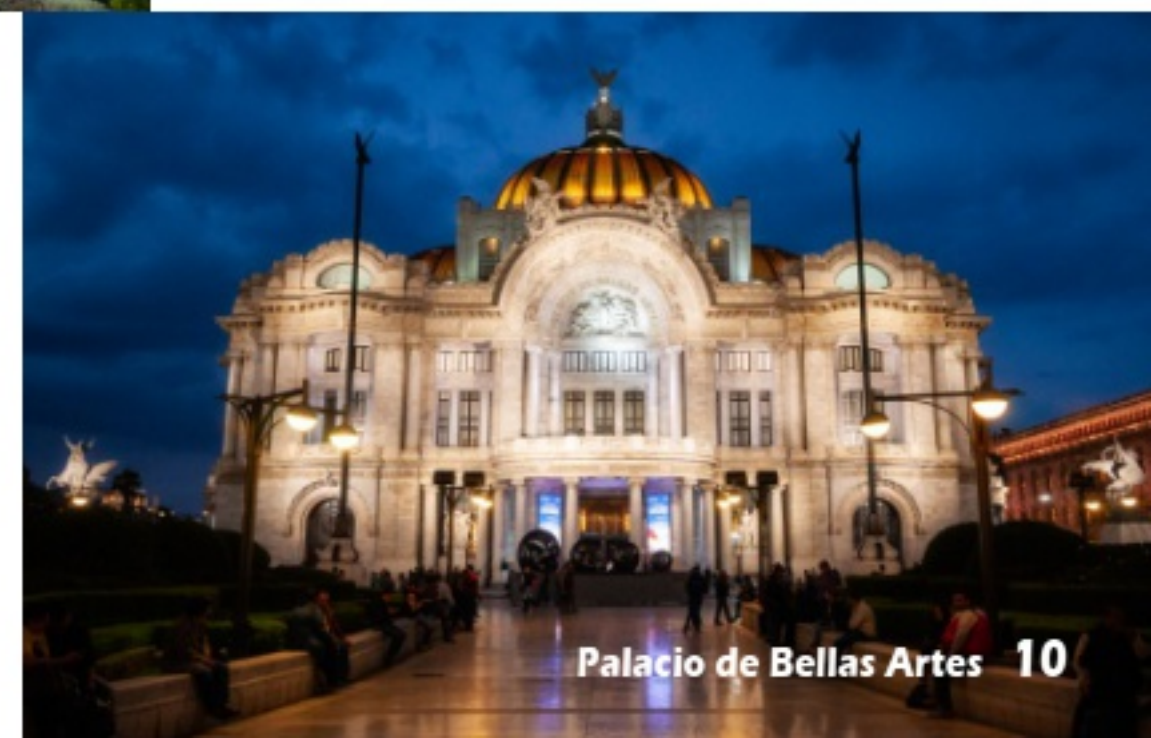


**9 Mexico City - Zocalo - Historic Center with Metropolitan Cathedral -Palace with Government Offices and Plaza de la Constitucion**

### **Palace of Fine Arts**

A splendid white-marble Palace located next to Alameda Central (Mexico City oldest municipal park) .

The palace includes a large theatre, a Concert Hall, the National Museum of Architecture, and a Museum of Fine Arts.



**Palacio de Bellas Artes 10**









**13** Mexico City - Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe - Interior - The New Church has a circular floor plan and can accommodate up to 10,000 people.



Mexico City - New and Old Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe - Revered Catholic Church and Pilgrimage Place **14**





**Chichen Itza**























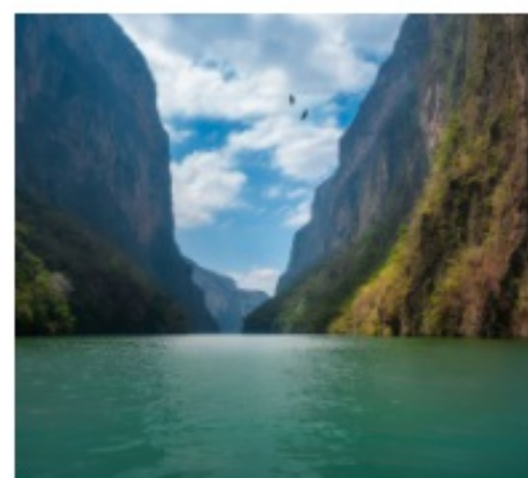
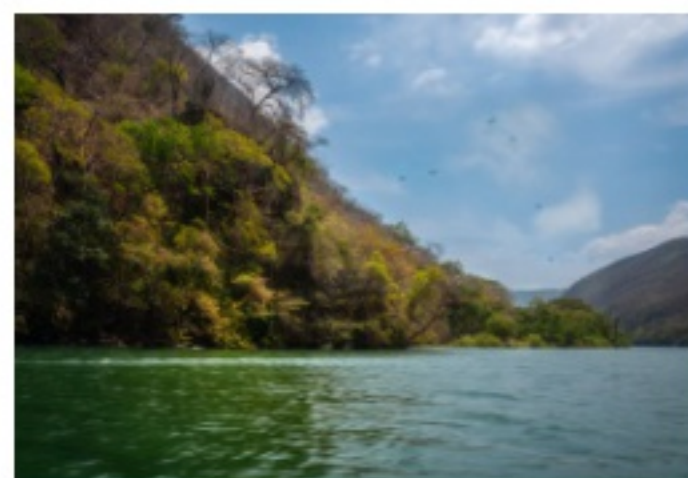
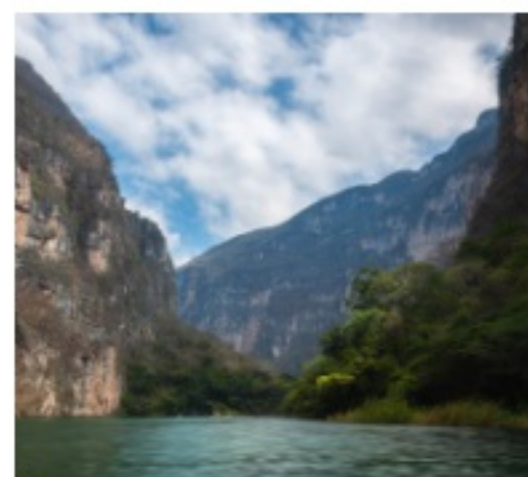
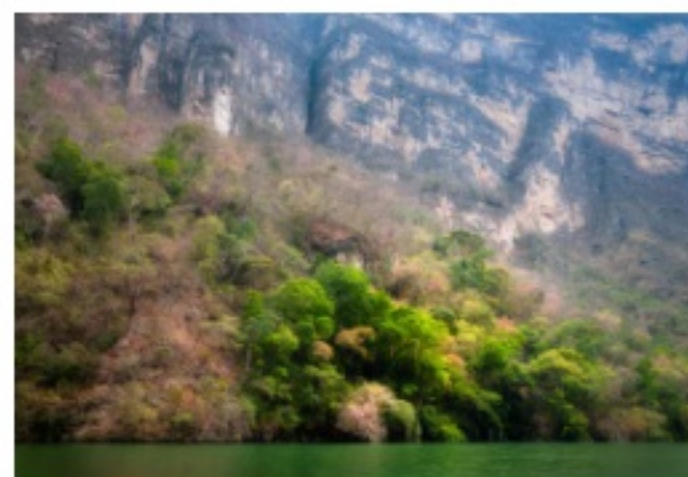
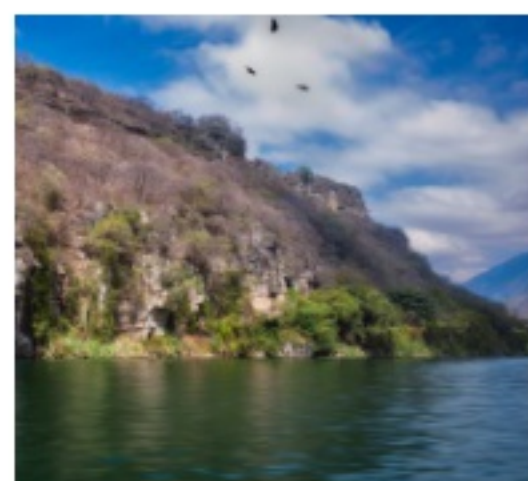




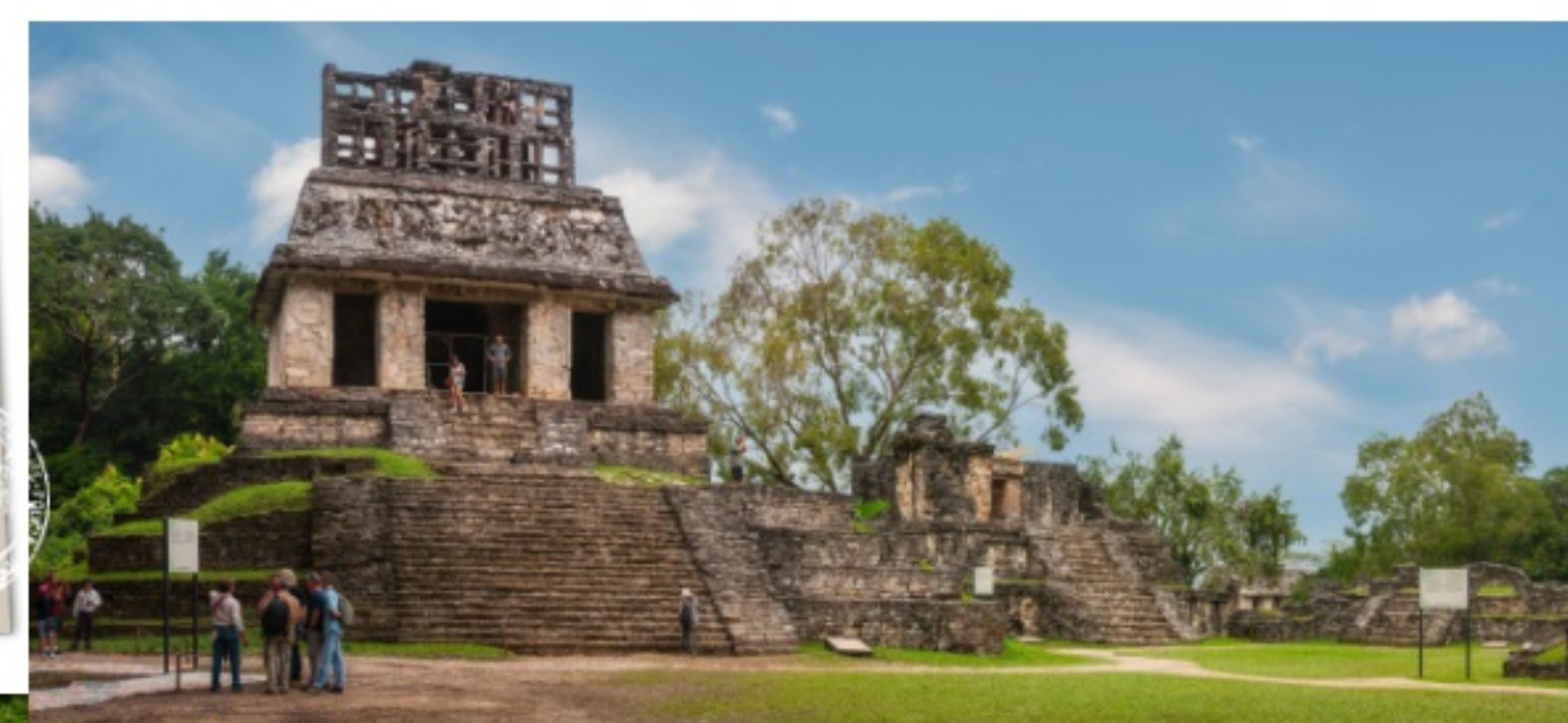




















**37** Palenque -The City has a planned layout with monumental edifices and it is famous for the decorative stucco sculptures and low-relief carvings, best in Maya Art.



Palenque - Ruins of an ancient Maya City - The Temple of Inscriptions - Largest Funeral Pyramid in the Classical period. dedicated to its famous ruler Pakal the Great **38**





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