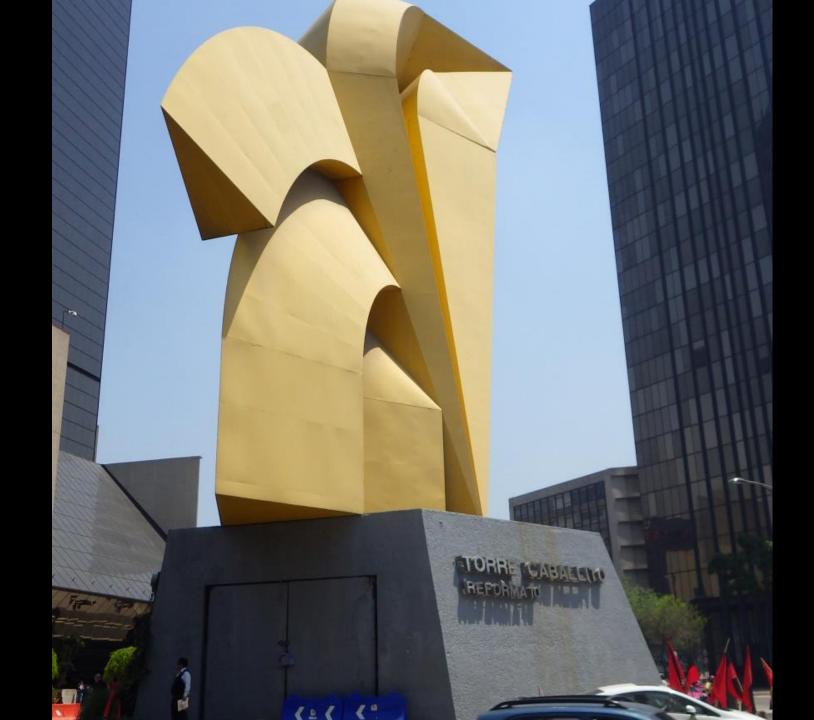
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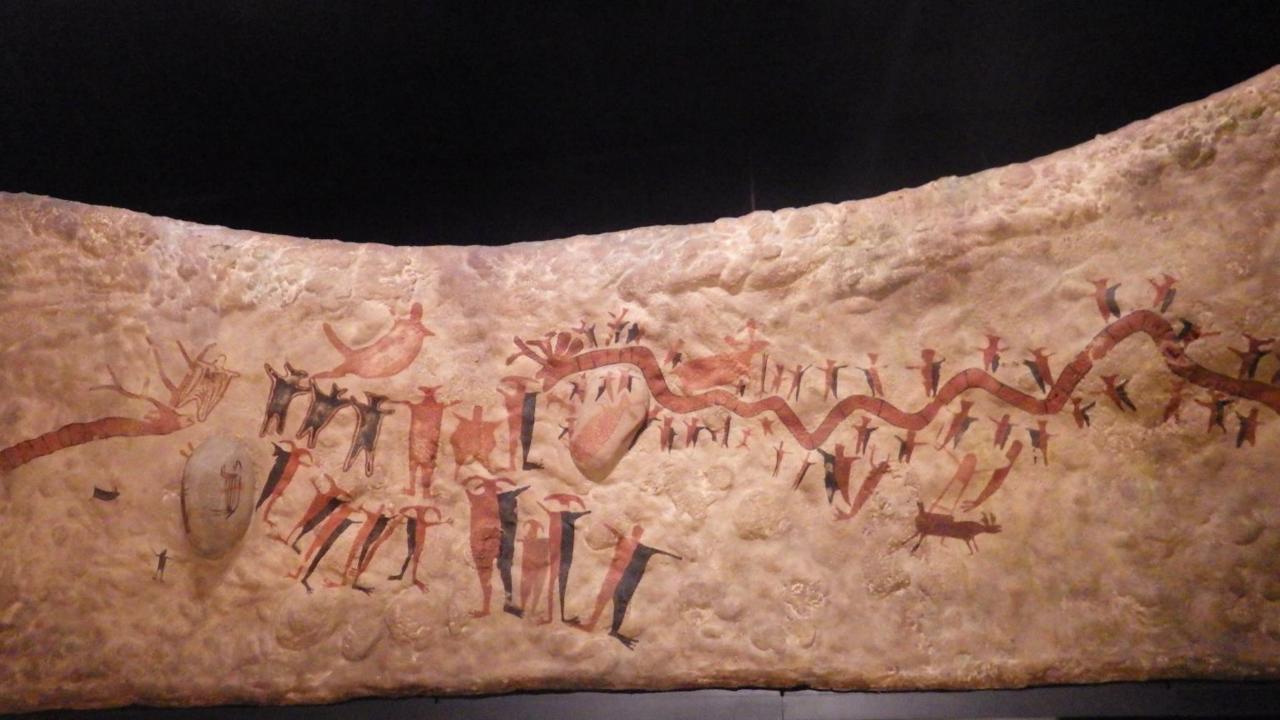
















































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Representación de Xipe, su culto exigía el desollamiento de la víctima en asociación con la renovada "piel" que luce la tierra en esta estación, y como rito fortalecedor del ciclo agrícola. La deidad porta un bastón-cetro de hueso y la cabeza de la víctima desollada y en su honor decapitada.

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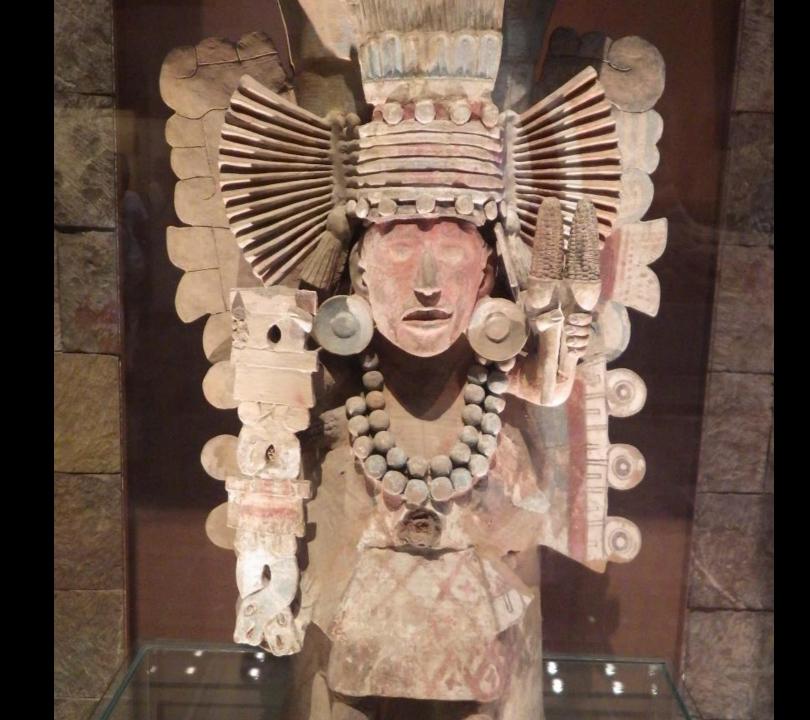


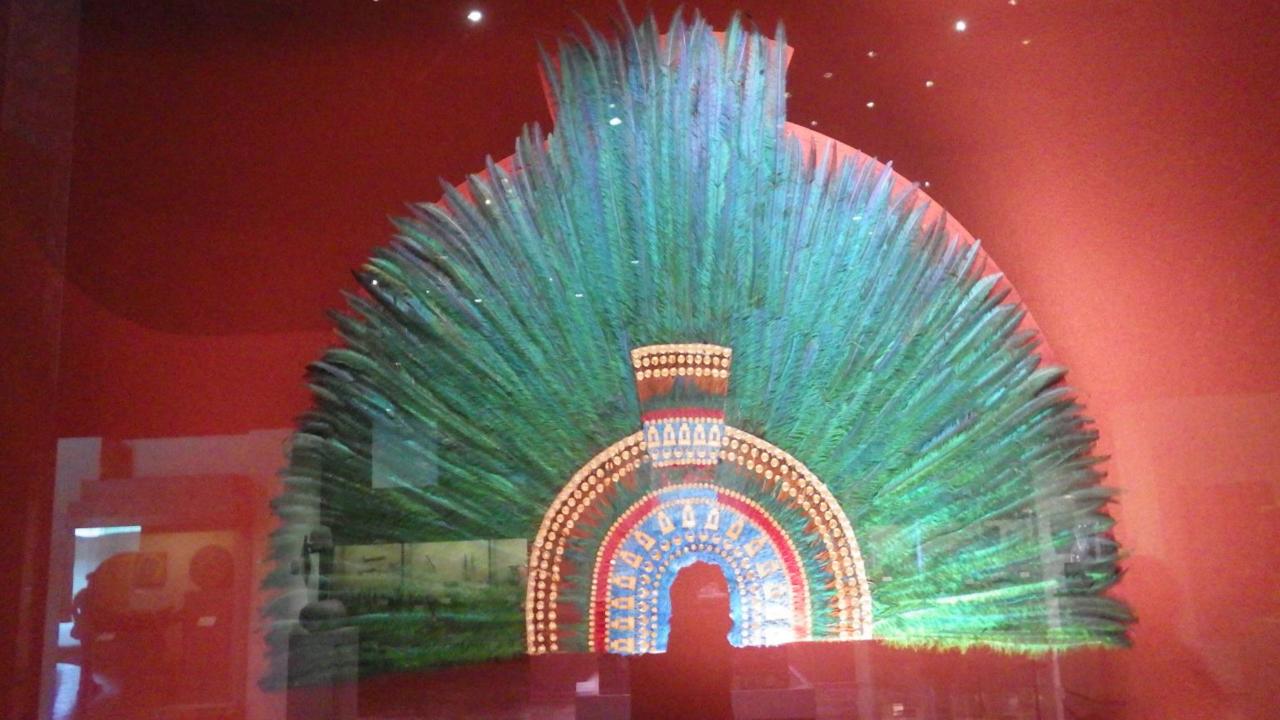
















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My Family

Magdalena Carmen Frida Kahlo Calderón was born on July 6, 1907. She was the third of four daughters born to Guillermo Kahlo—of Hungarian-German descent—and Matilde Calderón. Since she was a child, Frida coped with illness. At the age of 6, she was struck with polio. Her slightly shorter right leg did not prevent her from going to high school at the Escuela Nacional Preparatoria and from deciding to study medicine. However, on September 17, 1925, at the age of 18, Frida suffered a tragic accident. The bus she was riding was hit by a streetcar.

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Artist

As a result of her injuries and the immobility she was forced to endure for the first months of her convalescence. Frida began to paint with the encouragement of her parents. Later, she met different artists, including Tina Modotti, who introduced her to the bohemian art world. Frida met Diego Rivera, whom she later married in 1929. The couple lived in various places in Mexico and in the United States.

In this first room devoted to Frida, her oil painting work is presented. The artist's canvases reflected not only her mood, but also her stance before the world, as well as subjects that were her obsessions: self-portraits and infertility. Here she portrayed herself at three moments: her inability to be a mother materialized in *Pedregal Landscape*; miscarriage in *Frida and the Cesarean*; and the desire to conceive exemplified in *Still Life* and whose wooden frame was designed by the artist to allude to the womb. However, what predominates in the room is the artist's hope and passion for life that moved her to paint her well-known work *Long Live Life*.

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rida eligió como rencia cultural e and contradictory, a cult figure appropriated by teminists, artists, fashion designers and popular culture. From Mexico to San Francisco, Paris to New York, Kahlo continues to cause sensation with her enigmatic coquettish gaze and deep, dark brown eyes holding the viewer for a moment too long; commanding but fragile. Surrounding her, the trademark unibrow and her bright, bold Tehuana dress; all the appropriate elements of an icon, an ultimate modern day icon.

Writer Carlos Fuentes described how Frida's arrival at the Palacio de Bellas Artes would be announced by the sound of her jewellery and how the architectural grandeur of the palace, its paintings and the captivating music of its concerts would be instantaneously outshone by her striking presence'. Some of her closest friends have described how Kahlo would take special care in choosing each one of her garments, styling herself from head to toe, with the most beautiful silks, lace, shawls and skirts, some of which can be admired in this gallery. On the street, children would ask her "Where is the circus?" and she would just smile graciously and continue walking.

October 1937 marked a major step for Frida's future influence in the fashion world, when Vogue featured her for the first time in the pages of the magazine. Later, in 1939, André Breton organised Kahlo's first exhibition in Paris. It was called Mexique and her Tehuana dress became an instant sensation among European elites. It is said that star designer of the day Elsa Schiaparelli created a dress in her honour that was named 'La Robe Madame Rivera'.

It was the Tehuana dress that Kahlo chose as her signature dress; to define her identity and to portray her cultural heritage and political beliefs. Her wardrobe is mostly composed of Mexican traditional pieces from Oaxaca and other parts of the country. Nonetheless, there are also ethnic garments from Guatemala and China, as well as an interesting collection of European and





























