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**TICKETS NOW ON SALE FOR WEST COAST PREMIERE OF *MAYA: HIDDEN WORLDS REVEALED***

*San Diego Natural History Museum will open a new special exhibition offering insight into the ancient Maya*

**SAN DIEGO—April 29, 2015—**Today, the San Diego Natural History Museum (theNAT) announced that tickets are now on sale for the special, limited-engagement exhibition [Maya: Hidden Worlds Revealed](#), coming to the iconic Balboa Park institution on June 12, 2015. This exhibition will be on view through January 3, 2016 and tells the story of this ancient civilization through the eyes of Maya rulers and their loyal subjects. At 10,000 square feet, it is the largest exhibition of its kind to be presented in the United States.

Tickets are available at [sdnat.org/maya](http://sdnat.org/maya) or by calling 877.946.7797; advance purchase is recommended. Admission includes access to *Maya*, all other exhibitions within the Museum, and unlimited 2D and 3D films in the [giant screen theater](#).

The ruined cities of the ancient Maya have captured our imaginations since news of their discovery in the jungles of Central America was published in the 1840s. Extensive research has uncovered a culture with a sophisticated worldview that, during its Classic period (250-900 AD), rivaled any civilization in Europe. *Maya*, an original exhibition, sheds light on this mysterious and majestic ancient culture.

“We are committed to bringing new content-rich traveling exhibitions to San Diego for locals and visitors to enjoy,” said Dr. Michael Hager, president and CEO of the Museum. “*Maya: Hidden Worlds Revealed* is the largest exhibition about the ancient Maya ever to be displayed in the United States. We are delighted to be able to offer this exhibition to our guests and hope they walk away feeling as if they’ve learned something new about this important and multifaceted culture.”

Visitors will experience jaw-dropping architecture and distinctive art through a series of exhibits and artifacts. The exhibition investigates questions surrounding the Maya and offers a glimpse into the daily life of the Maya people.

Exhibition highlights include more than 200 authentic artifacts; bilingual text panels in English and Spanish; dozens of interactive components; immersive recreated environments; life-size replicas of awe-inspiring temples; the iconic sculpted monuments known as stelae that were erected in the great plazas of Maya cities; and spectacular examples of Maya artistry, such as a recreated portion of a famous frieze from the El Castillo pyramid in Xunantunich (a Maya civic ceremonial center). Throughout *Maya*, interactive elements offer visitors the opportunity to decipher ancient symbols, explore tombs, and investigate the Maya approach to math and astronomy.

**Public Tickets**

Tickets for *Maya* are now on sale to the public at [sdnat.org/maya](http://sdnat.org/maya). Admission: \$29 adults; \$27 seniors (62+), students, and military (with ID); \$19 youth (7-17); and \$11 child (3-6). Children 2 and under are free.

### **Museum Member Tickets**

Special exhibition member admission: \$16 adults; \$14 seniors (62+), students, and military (with ID); \$11 youth (7-17); and \$9 child (3-6). Children 2 and under are free. For more information on membership at theNAT, visit [sdnat.org/membership](http://sdnat.org/membership).

### **Group Tickets**

*Maya* is appropriate for groups of all ages. For groups of 10 or more, reservations are now available with discounted rates. Group admission: \$23 adults; \$21.50 seniors (62+), students, and military (with ID); \$15.50 youth (7-17); and \$11 child (3-6). Children 2 and under are free.

School field trips start at \$13 per student. *Maya* meets California Social Science Content Standards, Grade 7: World History and Geography. For more information on group reservations, call 619.255.0349, or email [groupsales@sdnhm.org](mailto:groupsales@sdnhm.org).

### **Passholder Tickets**

Visitors with a Balboa Park Explorer, San Diego GoCard, or other passes for general admission to theNAT may purchase an upgrade ticket to see *Maya* at discounted rates. Purchase tickets at the Admissions Desk on the day of visit. Admission: \$19 adults; \$17 seniors (62+), students, and military (with ID); \$13 youth (7-17); and \$11 child (3-6).

### **Exhibition Hours**

The exhibition and Museum will be open from 10 AM to 5 PM daily (closed on Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day). Due to the expected popularity of the exhibition, purchasing tickets in advance is recommended.

*Maya: Hidden Worlds Revealed* was created by the Science Museum of Minnesota, the Denver Museum of Nature & Science, and the Museum of Science, Boston. For additional information about the exhibition, visit [sdnat.org/maya](http://sdnat.org/maya) or call 877.946.7797.

### **About the San Diego Natural History Museum**

The San Diego Natural History Museum (theNAT) is the second oldest scientific institution in California and the third oldest west of the Mississippi. Founded in 1874 by a small group of citizen scientists, the Museum's mission is to interpret the natural world through research, education and exhibits; to promote understanding of the evolution and diversity of Southern California and the peninsula of Baja California, Mexico; and to inspire in all people respect for the environment. The Museum is located at 1788 El Prado, San Diego, CA 92101 in Balboa Park.

For more information, call 877.946.7797 or visit [sdnat.org](http://sdnat.org). Follow theNAT on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) and join the discussion on [Facebook](#).

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