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だんだんと暖かくなり、うきうきした気持ちになりますね。今回はメキシコの文化について古川校講師に執筆してもらいました。カナダ・アメリカからは近いメキシコは人気の旅行先です。その魅力をさぐってみましょう。

“H ello future world travelers! The excitement this month is land of Mexico and all her wonders. Mexico is a country blessed with rich cultures, a proud history, and **abundant** natural resources. It was my pleasure to experience the treasure that is Mexico on more than one occasion. Today I will explain why explorers like me are inspired by the educational and spiritual aspects of the Mexican world.

Mexico's history is prolific with countless civilizations, new innovative engineering feats, and mass **bloodshed**. Every chapter of Mexico's past is **invigorating** and leaves the historian coming back for more. When I was a child, Mexican history was a popular topic, and I always enjoyed learning about the many ancient civilizations. The fall of Aztec and Mayan empires, the Spain's lasting influence on **indigenous** peoples, and the **theology** of the virgin Guadalupe make Mexico a hot spot for both tourists and scholars. Mexico continues to **struggle** today with **corruption**, a **flawed** economy, and violent drug wars.

Despite her faults, people continue to be memorized by Mexico's role in history and actively follow Mexican politics.

When I was a student, I wrote many reports about how Mexicans' love of Guadalupe has an influence on their everyday lives. Her miracle in the desert and the man who she has made into a Christian has made Catholicism more powerful than any empire. When I went on a mission trip to Mexico to build houses for the homeless, I noticed her picture on the roof of every car. She plays a role in their parties, their sports, and even their daily decisions. I noticed that Guadalupe's story and personality is recreation of several older indigenous religions and philosophies.

Furthermore, Mexico's culture has been deeply refined because of her spirituality. The endless celebrations, traditions, and events prove to any outsider that Mexicans devotion to party comes from the very core of their faith.

“Mexico : A Place to Discover”

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メキシコ豆知識

How much do you know?

This leads to my next point that Mexico is just a fun place to visit. Whether it is shopping at the open air markets in Enseñada or seeing a **bull fight** in Mexico City, there is plenty to do for any curious visitor. I am a lover of the **exquisite** cooking of the local restaurants. The open air markets offer foreigners a chance to **haggle** in Spanish and get a good deal on a handmade souvenir. Although Mexico can be dangerous because of the crime and drug cartels, a cautious world traveler should take the time to find safe places in Mexico to visit. Mexico is jewel that should not be ignored, and the hungry explorer should take the opportunity to go!



メキシコのお土産(講師の友人撮影)

abundant(adj.)—豊富な bloodshed(n.)—殺人
 invigorating(adj.)—活気づける
 indigenous(adj.)—現地の、(ある土地・国に)固有の
 theology(n)—神学 struggle(n)—苦闘
 corruption(n)—腐敗 flawed(adj.)—欠点のある
 bull fight(n.)—闘牛
 exquisite(adj.)—この上なく優れた
 haggle(v.)—(ある値段まで)かけ合って値切る

❖ What language do people speak in Mexico? (言語)

メキシコはスペインの植民地であったため、スペイン語が公用語です。スペイン人入植前は地域によって様々な言語が話され、いまでも約60の先住民の言語が話されていると言われています。

❖ What does the Mexican national flag mean? (国旗の意味)



緑: 独立(1821年にスペインから独立)
 白: 宗教・カトリックへの感謝
 赤: 国内諸州の統一

サポテンの上の鷲が蛇を加えている真ん中の紋章はメキシコのシンボルです。

❖ Where are the recommended places to visit in Mexico? (お勧めの観光地)

メキシコシティ近郊: ソチミルコ(運河でボートに乗れます)、国立人類学博物館(教科書に載っているようなものが沢山)、フリーダ・カーロ美術館(こじんまりしていてじっくり鑑賞できます)

他の街: プエブラ(メキシコ中部、タラベラ焼きで有名で、食べ物もおいしいです)、オアハカ、サン・クリストバル・デ・ラス・カサス(先住民の暮らしが残っています)

ピラミッド: ティオティワカン(世界遺産、メキシコシティ近郊)、パレンケ、ボナムパック(チアパス州)、などがおすすめです。

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