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British Travellers in Mexico: Lost Cities and Surreal Worlds

With its mosaic of cultures, Mexico has long been a magnet for British travellers. In the nineteenth century, the 'lost' rainforest cities of the Maya were revealed by artist Frederick Catherwood and archaeologist Alfred Percival Maudslay. Eminent twentieth-century literary visitors included D. H. Lawrence and Graham Greene. Mexico holds an especial fascination for Surrealists. Edward James created a vast sculpture garden, with towering concrete forms, in subtropical rainforest. After a spell in an asylum, painter Leonora Carrington found the freedom she needed in Mexico.



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British Travellers and Artists in Mexico



Maya (Chichén Itzá)
Frederick Catherwood - Artist



Ancient Mexico Exhibition by William Bullock held in London 1824



Leonora Carrington - Surrealist



Edward James – Surrealist Structures at Las Pozas