Information for Taught Museum Session:

**Aztecs**

Build up a picture of how an Aztec person looked by examining Aztec artefacts, as well as Central-American featherwork.

**Guided Trail**

Session Outline

- Welcome to the Museum
  Slides of the Codex Mendoza (15 minutes)
- Interactive guided tour of Aztec and Central American objects (40 minutes)
- Self-guided activity drawing an Aztec person, pencils provided (15 minutes)
- Plenary (5 minutes)
- Please organise groups to have a ratio of one Education Guide to every ten pupils
- Please allow for extra time if you want to visit the shop, or explore the Museum further

Learning Outcomes

**Aims**

- Build up a picture of how an Aztec person might have looked from viewing source material
- Look at objects similar to those used by the Aztecs and see what they reveal about Aztec life
- Discover more about Aztec beliefs, communication, craft and technology, and food

**Key concepts**

- Appearance
- Weaving
- Food
- Communication
- Belief (time and sacrifice)

"The children have not stopped talking about the trip on the bus on the way back. It’s really helped to bring our classwork to life.” (Yr 4 teacher)

"The best bit of the visit was seeing the colourful headdresses. It was the best day of my life.” (Yr 5 pupil)
Pre-visit activities

- Find out where the Aztecs lived and what the environment was like.
- Look at some pages of the Codex Mendoza to find out about the daily life of the Aztecs.

Post-visit activities

- Research the modern archaeology in Mexico City.
- Have an Aztec feast. Use Aztec ingredients such as tortillas, chillies, chocolate and corn on the cob.
- Create an Aztec headdress and wear it to your Aztec feast!

Booking information:
Booking is essential for all groups
We require a ratio of 1 adult to 10 pupils
Monday       12.00 – 4.30
Tuesday to Sundays      10.00 – 4.30
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Access is gained through the Oxford University Museum of Natural History.
Visits to this Museum must be booked separately using these contact details:
01865 282451 education@oum.ox.ac.uk

Facilities

- Lunch can be eaten on the Museum lawn or in the University Parks in fine weather. If you require a space for lunch please discuss this when making your booking.
- The museum is fully accessible to visitors with disability, with an adapted toilet and lift to all floors. A disabled parking space may be booked in advance.

The cost for this session is £100. By supporting the Museum with this charge you are helping us meet some of the costs that go towards running our educational activities and ensuring that we can continue to develop new and exciting sessions for schools.