

# **Expedition** **Mexico**

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# Introduction

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The mariachi bands, Mayan pyramids, and green iguanas are usually what capture the attention of children first studying Mexico. Eventually, their attention turns to the Mexican Hat Dance, the jungle, and the volcanoes. Mexico is a magnificent country, full of all kinds of history, geographic features, wonderful people, and much more. As we head off on our expedition to learn about Mexico, we will be studying these things and discovering a land to remember!

With Download N Go™ unit studies, you are about to begin a new kind of learning experience. Each study is one week in length, having five daily lessons with lapbook components for each day. The name, Download N Go™, comes from the concept that these studies are ready to use as soon as you have downloaded them. No preparation or waiting time or other expensive resources are required. A few inexpensive items are needed for the lapbook—a simple file folder, a glue stick, safety scissors, a piece of cardstock, a ribbon or yarn, a stapler, a hole punch, and crayons or markers. That's it—simple, effective, and what a way to learn.

Now that you are beginning *Expedition Mexico*, get ready for a wonderful learning adventure about this country and all that it holds. Your child will learn about the people and places of Mexico, the unique animals of Mexico, and some of this nation's history. Each day will be spent exploring and investigating, creating and adding more learning components to the Expedition Mexico lapbook—building a wonderful reminder of all that he is learning to be enjoyed for years to come.

With this new title in the country theme of the Download N Go™ Series, your child will develop a natural appreciation of all of God's creation, one country at a time.

We will be investigating:

- Where Mexico is on the globe.
- Some of the special places of Mexico.
- Animals of Mexico.
- Cool things to know about Mexico.
- Fun and games in Mexico.

# Daily Objectives

## Day 1: Where on Earth Is Mexico?

1. Where is Mexico?
2. What is the capital of Mexico?
3. Investigate the Sierra Madre Mountains.
4. Learn about the green iguana.

## Day 2: Some of the Special Places in Mexico

1. Let's take a look at the Rio Grande River.
2. Discover the Mexican connection to chocolate!
3. Investigate the climates of Mexico.
4. Learn about the city of Mexicali.

## Day 3: A Bit of History

1. Learn about the Mayan pyramids.
2. Discover the history of the people of Mexico.
3. Investigate the resplendent quetzal.
4. What's up with rain forests and cloud forests?

## Day 4: Cool Things to Know About Mexico

1. Become familiar with the desert of Mexico.
2. Investigate the language of Mexico.
3. Learn about pink flamingos.
4. When is Mexico's Independence Day?

## Day 5: Fun and Games in Mexico

1. Learn about the Popocatepetl Volcano (Popo).
2. What is Cinco de Mayo?
3. Discover the piñata, part of many Mexican celebrations.
4. What are the favorite sports in Mexico?

# Day 1

## Where on Earth Is Mexico?

Today you are going to learn about Mexico—where it is on the globe and about its animals and geography. First, we are going to start today with two video clips:

Video: [Visit Mexico!](#)

Video: [Tour of Mexico City](#)

Where is Mexico? Find it on a world map or globe. Color Mexico **green** on this [world map](#).

[World Atlas](#)

[Mexico](#)

What is the population of Mexico—how many people live there? Write your answer below.

[Mexico](#)

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How many people live in your country?  
Write your answer below.

[World Atlas](#)

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## Mexican Animal of the Day: tarantula

Video: [Tarantula](#)

Video: [Tarantula in the Jungle](#)

*Learn about the tarantula using these links, and then draw a picture of one below.*

[Tarantula](#)

[Tarantula](#)

