

Daily Life

The **Maya people** lived in **cities, towns, and villages** across Mexico, Guatemala, Belize, and Honduras. They were amazing **builders, farmers, artists, and astronomers**. Let's explore how they lived!

Maya Homes and Cities

Homes

- Most Maya lived in **small houses made of wood, mud, and thatched roofs**.
- Rich people lived in **stone houses** near the city center.
- Families cooked over **fire pits** and slept in **hammocks** or mats.

Cities

- Big cities like **Tikal, Chichén Itzá, and Palenque** had **pyramids, palaces, and plazas**.
- Cities had **ball courts** for sacred ball games and **markets** for trade.
- Every city had a **king**, called an **Ajaw**, who was like a ruler and priest.

Clothing and Jewelry

What They Wore

- Men wore **loincloths** and capes.
- Women wore **long dresses (huipils)**.
- Nobles wore **jaguar skins, feathers, and jade jewelry**.

Face Paint and Tattoos

- Warriors painted their faces for battle.
- Many Maya had **tattoos** and even shaped their **skulls and teeth** to look beautiful!