

## Did you know?

- Mexico has the world's smallest volcano. Actually, it's not a volcano, but a geyser. It is 13 m high and has a staircase inside!
- The Maya worshipped nature gods, especially the gods of sun, rain and corn.
- Maya children were named according to the day they were born. Every day of the year had a specific name for boys and girls.
- There are 50 species of hummingbird in Mexico.
- Every year, monarch butterflies perform one of the world's most spectacular long-distance migrations from the United States to Mexico.
- Mexico has three colours on its flag. Green represents hope and victory; white is purity and red for the blood of Mexican people.
- The Chihuahua is the world's smallest dog and is named after a Mexican state.
- One unusual Maya weapon was a 'hornet bomb', which was an actual hornet's nest thrown at enemies during battle. Yikes!
- Mexico City is built on a lake and is sinking at a rate of 20 cm per year.
- Mexico is home to the very rare volcano rabbit. Guess where it lives?
- To make hot chocolate, the 'drink of the gods', the Maya used to roast and grind the beans to a paste, then add water, vanilla and chilli peppers. It really was HOT chocolate.
- Mexicans are obsessed with breaking Guinness World Records. In 2009 alone, they broke or challenged records for the most mariachi musicians ever gathered in one place, the largest meatball ever cooked, the biggest cheesecake ever baked, the largest group kissing session and the most people dancing to Michael Jackson's *Thriller* at once.

