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Illinois Valley Archaeological Society and Dickson Mounds to Host Expedition to Mexico City Sept. 2-9

LEWISTOWN, IL – The Illinois Valley Archaeological Society and Dickson Mounds Museum are co-sponsoring an Expedition to Mexico City September 2-9, 2019, a fully guided tour organized by MexiMayan Travel. Only a few days are left to reserve your spot on this extraordinary opportunity.

Imagine stepping out of your historic hotel right onto the **Zocalo**, the ceremonial center of Tenochtitlan, the ancient capital of the Aztec Empire. You can visit the **Templo Mayor** where Cortez met with Montezuma. Tour the **Museum of Anthropology** with its unparalleled collection ranging from an Ice Age mammoth kill, through the origins of civilization, the mystical Olmecs, the state level Teotihuacanos, the enigmatic Toltecs, to the Maya and the Aztecs. Mexico City is also the hub for visits to significant sites such as **Teotihuacan** and **Tula**.

This tour will be led by archaeologist Lawrence Conrad, who has traveled worldwide and led trips on four continents. Groups have enjoyed Larry's knowledge, affability and sense of humor.

Tour arrangements are made through MexiMayan Academic Travel. The group rate is \$2,140 per person (double occupancy) and includes airfare out of Peoria, Illinois. Registration and deposit are required by May 27. Full payment is due by July 10. For full trip details, registration, or more information and complete itinerary, go to www.meximayan.com and click the link "Upcoming Trips."

The Illinois State Museum-Dickson Mounds is located between Lewistown and Havana off Illinois Routes 78 and 97. The museum is open free to the public from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. every day. Tours and special programs are available for groups with reservations. For more information, call 309-547-3721 or TTY 217-782-9175. Also visit us on Facebook at Illinois State Museum-Dickson Mounds or online at the Dickson Mounds link on the Illinois State Museum website at www.illinoisstatemuseum.org.