

## CENTRAL AMERICA

**Central America** is the small isthmus that separates the Pacific Ocean and Caribbean Sea, and connects North America and South America. It is made up of these **seven countries**:



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- Belize
- Guatemala
- El Salvador
- Honduras
- Nicaragua
- Panama
- Costa Rica

Central America is considered a **Mesoamerican** civilization that was largely inhabited by people indigenous to the area until Spanish intervention in the 1500's. The most notable of the native people of Central America are the **Mayans** and **Aztecs**, who created an empire in this region of the Americas.



After the **Spanish rule**, the people of Central America established different stages of independence from New Spain. Mexican and U.S. involvement played a big part in the history and creation of Central America as we know it today.



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