

Fall of Tenochtitlan

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Part of the [Spanish conquest of the Aztec Empire](#)



"Conquista de México por Cortés". Unknown artist, second half of the 17th century. Note that the depiction of the Aztecs' clothing and weaponry is inaccurate.

Date May 26 - August 13, 1521

Location [Tenochtitlan](#), present-day [Mexico City](#), [Mexico](#)

Result Decisive Spanish and Tlaxcallan victory

Belligerents

~~Spain~~
[Tlaxcallān](#)

[Aztec Empire](#)

Commanders and leaders

[Hernán Cortés](#)
[Pedro de Alvarado](#)

[Cuitláhuac](#) †
[Cuauhtémoc](#) (POW)

Strength	
16 guns ^[1] 13 brigantines 80,000–200,000 native allies 86–96 cavalry 900–1,300 infantry ^[1]	300,000 warriors ^[2] (including war <i>acallis</i>)
Casualties and losses	
450–860 Spanish ^[1] 20,000 Tlaxcallan	100,000 warriors 100,000 civilians



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