**Fall of Tenochtitlan**

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| **Siege of Tenochtitlan** | |
| Part of the [Spanish conquest of the Aztec Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spanish_conquest_of_the_Aztec_Empire) | |
| [The Conquest of Tenochtitlan.jpg](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:The_Conquest_of_Tenochtitlan.jpg) "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](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tenochtitlan), present-day [Mexico City](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mexico_City), [Mexico](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mexico) | | **Result** | Decisive Spanish and Tlaxcallan victory | | |
| **Belligerents** | |
| [Spain](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spain)[Spain](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spanish_Empire) [Tlaxcallān](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tlaxcala_(Nahua_state)) | [Aztec Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aztec_Empire) |
| **Commanders and leaders** | |
| [Hernán Cortés](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hern%C3%A1n_Cort%C3%A9s) [Pedro de Alvarado](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pedro_de_Alvarado) | [Cuitláhuac](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cuitl%C3%A1huac) [**†**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Killed_in_action) [Cuauhtémoc](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cuauht%C3%A9moc)  [(POW)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prisoner_of_war) |
| **Strength** | |
| 16 guns[[1]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fall_of_Tenochtitlan#cite_note-Hassig-0) 13 brigantines 80,000–200,000 native allies 86–96 cavalry 900–1,300 infantry[[1]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fall_of_Tenochtitlan#cite_note-Hassig-0) | 300,000 warriors[[2]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fall_of_Tenochtitlan#cite_note-1)(including war *acallis*) |
| **Casualties and losses** | |
| 450–860 [Spanish](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spain)[[1]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fall_of_Tenochtitlan#cite_note-Hassig-0) 20,000 [Tlaxcallan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tlaxcallan) | 100,000 warriors 100,000 civilians |

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