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Several tourists sit on benches under a large stone roof. The floor of the large courtyard is square flagstone. The National Museum of Anthropology, located in downtown Mexico City, collects material from Mexico's pre-Columbian past. It is the home of the famous sun stone, or Aztec calendar stone, and receives millions of visitors each year. The museum is a key element of the Mexican government's ongoing efforts to preserve the country's storied past. The museum opened in 1964 and is well known for its modernist architecture. This photo shows the central courtyard that sits in the middle of the galleries. The single stone column in the middle supports a large elevated platform that receives a continuous cascade of water.



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