

Mexico



- **Name:** United Mexican States (in Spanish: *Estados Unidos Mexicanos*)
- **Government:** Democracy, Republic
- **Population:** 126 million people
- **Language:** Spanish, Various Indigenous Languages
- **National symbols:** eagles, red, green, Dahlia flowers
- **National Anthem:** "*Mexican National Anthem*" (Spanish: Himno Nacional Mexicano, Nahuatl language: Mexihcaletepetlacuicalt)



The Huichol indigenous people live in present day Jalisco, Nayarit and Zacatecas states in Mexico. But they prefer to call themselves *Wixáritari* (or "the people"). They speak *Wixárika* (or the Huichol language). The Huichol art is a form of writing, as through the creations, the Huichol tell us their stories and myths. Currently, one can say that there is no other ethnic group in Mexico that conserve so deeply their beliefs and traditions. Huichol art is made by coating the bottom of a gourd, or the wooden figure of an animal, with a mixture of beeswax and pine tar. Then, one-by-one, the artist presses into place hundreds of brightly-colored glass beads.

