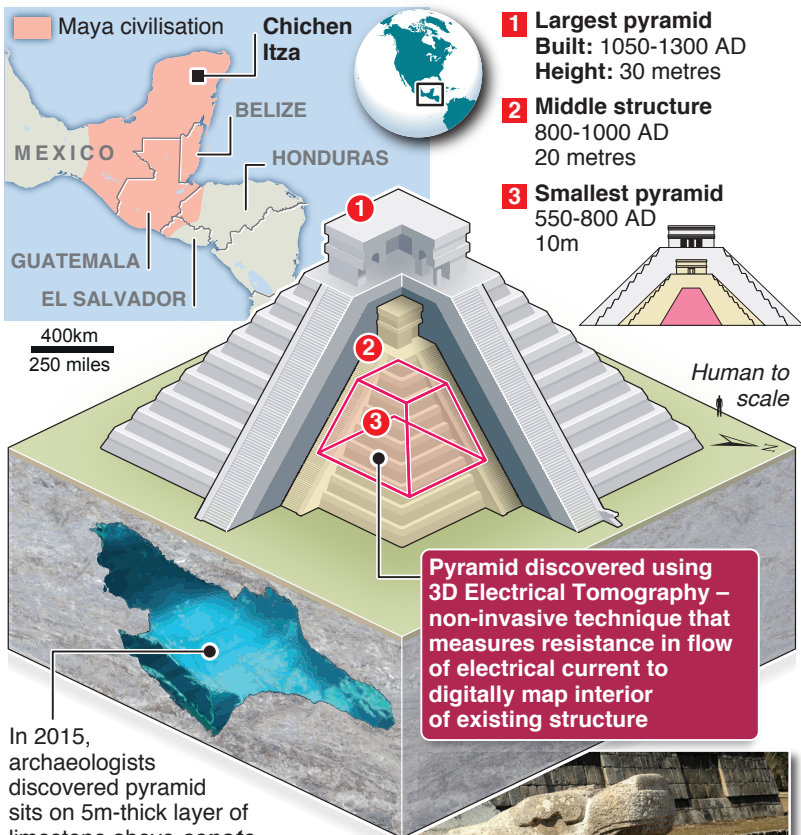


# Mayan nesting doll pyramid discovered

The discovery of a third structure within the famous Kukulcan pyramid at the archaeological complex of Chichen Itza in Mexico's Yucatan state reveals that it was built in three phases, like a "Russian nesting doll"



In 2015, archaeologists discovered pyramid sits on 5m-thick layer of limestone above **cenote**, or underground river, which are common in region and revered by Maya

**Discovery of third pyramid could shed light on original Maya culture before it intermingled with populations from central Mexico**

**Pyramid discovered using 3D Electrical Tomography – non-invasive technique that measures resistance in flow of electrical current to digitally map interior of existing structure**



*Kukulcan – Maya Feathered Serpent deity at base of temple's stairway*