Maya Come to Life

A life-size diorama immerses visitors in an ancient tomb discovered by UCF archaeologists Diane and Arlen Chase at “Maya: Hidden Worlds Revealed,” a traveling exhibit currently showing at Boston’s Museum of Science. The recreation of the tomb of the Great Scrolled Skull at Santa Rita Corozal in Belize is designed to look exactly like it did when the husband-and-wife team first opened it, and includes artifacts such as an intricate jade, shell and obsidian mask that the ruler likely wore as an ornament on his belt or necklace. Another exhibit features a 3-D map of the Maya city of Caracol, which the Chases created using laser remote sensing technology to discover ancient agricultural terraces, roads and structures covered by thick jungle. The exhibit, which runs in Boston through May 3, continues at the San Diego Natural History Museum, June 12 to Jan. 3, 2016.

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