

Aspero

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Archaeologists in Peru recently uncovered a structure at Áspero that appears to have been used to observe the sky, adding detail to what is known about early scientific practices in the Caral Civilisation.

About Aspero

- It is a **late preceramic archaeological site** associated with the **Norte Chico civilization (also called Caral-Supe civilization)**, one of the **oldest known civilizations in the Americas**.
- It is located in **Peru** on the **right bank** of the **Supe River**, only **500 meters from the Pacific Ocean**.
- Once a **major fishing centre for the city of Caral**, Áspero was **inhabited** throughout the **Late Archaic period** from before **3000 BC to approximately 1800 BC**.
- It was a **major urban center with monumental architecture**, including **large platform mounds** and **sunken circular plazas**, serving as a hub for trade, agriculture, and religious rituals.
- Aspero was the **main supplier of marine products** during this period.

- Researchers have identified **25 architectural complexes** that demonstrate a **complex social organization**, based on the **use of marine resources** and **exchange with populations from the coast**, the **highlands**, and the jungle.
- Among the site's most **notable findings** are **elite funerary contexts** such as the **Lady of the Four Tupus, the Elite Male**, and the **recent burial of a high-status girl**.
- Áspero functioned not only as a fishing center but also as a **place for the development of scientific and ritual knowledge**.
- **Astronomical observations** conducted there helped its inhabitants **understand and predict environmental changes**, highlighting the settlement's advanced knowledge of its natural surroundings.

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