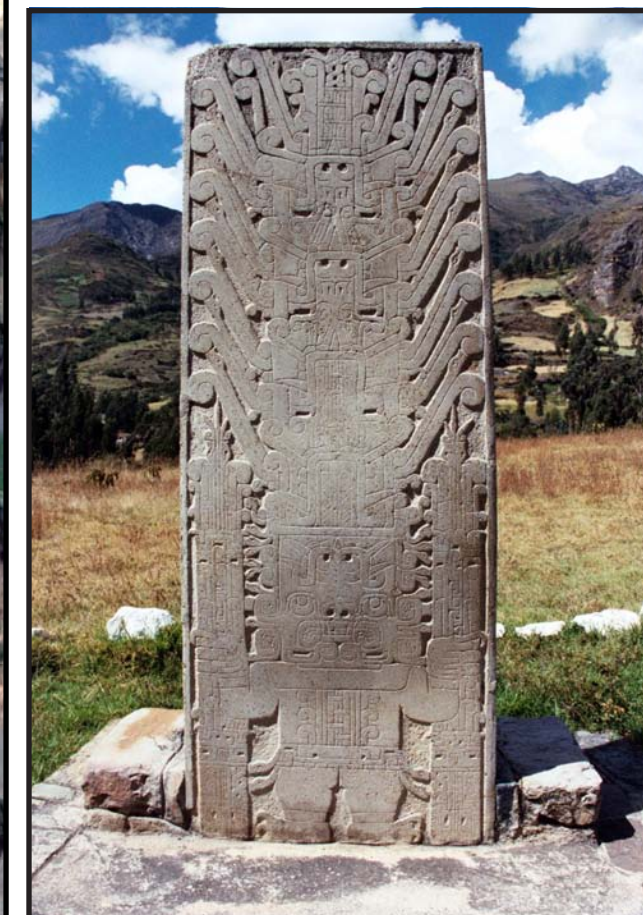








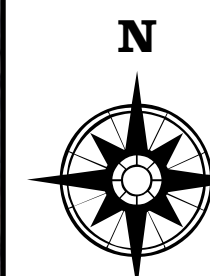
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Site Significance - Culture & Archaeology



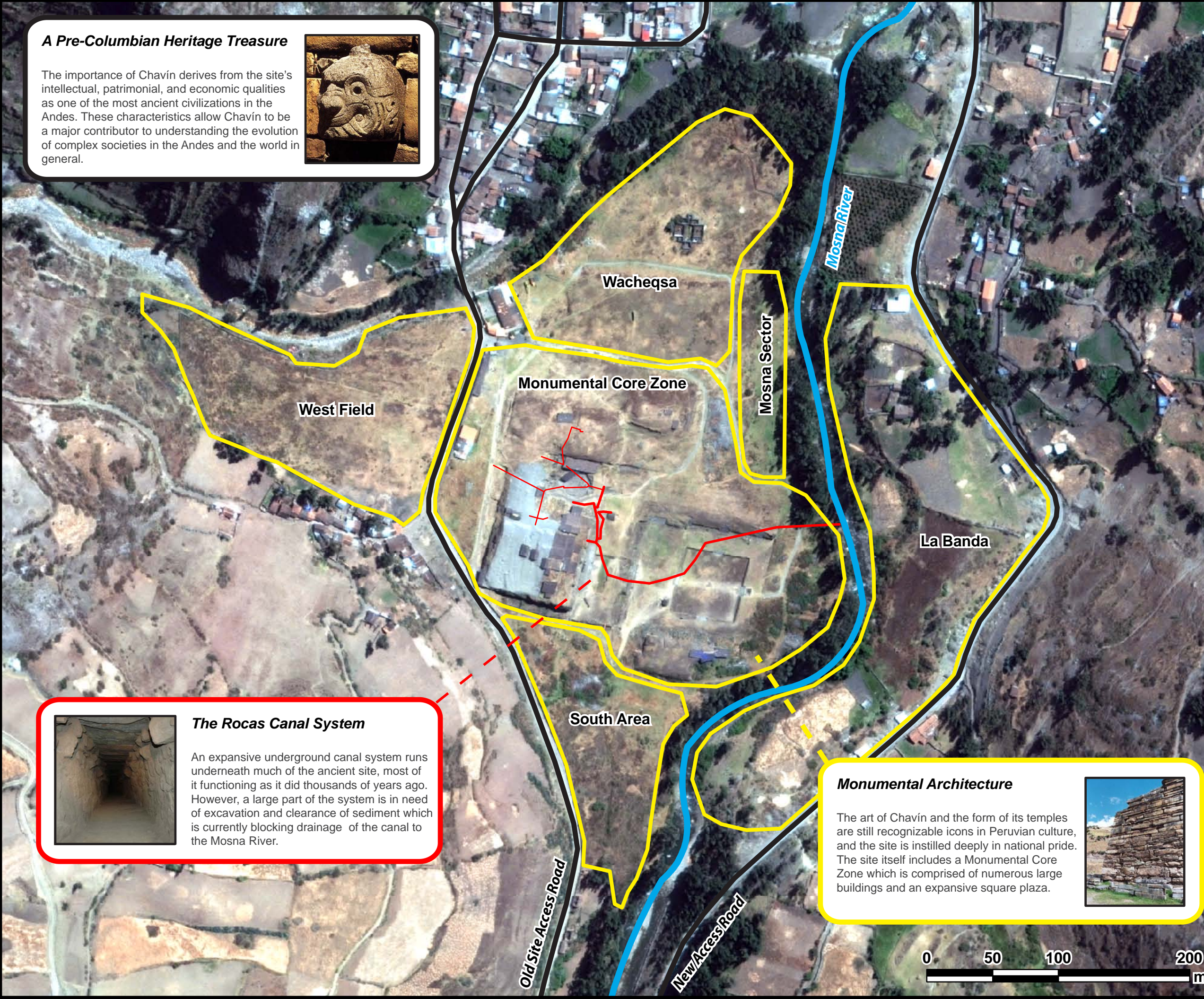
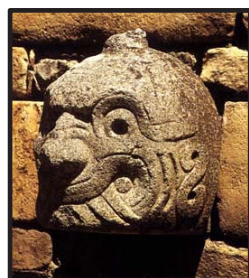
Map Legend

-  Core Archaeological Zones
-  Rocas Canal System
-  Mosna River
-  Modern Road



A Pre-Columbian Heritage Treasure

The importance of Chavín derives from the site's intellectual, patrimonial, and economic qualities as one of the most ancient civilizations in the Andes. These characteristics allow Chavín to be a major contributor to understanding the evolution of complex societies in the Andes and the world in general.



The Rocas Canal System



An expansive underground canal system runs underneath much of the ancient site, most of it functioning as it did thousands of years ago. However, a large part of the system is in need of excavation and clearance of sediment which is currently blocking drainage of the canal to the Mosna River.

Monumental Architecture

The art of Chavín and the form of its temples are still recognizable icons in Peruvian culture, and the site is instilled deeply in national pride. The site itself includes a Monumental Core Zone which is comprised of numerous large buildings and an expansive square plaza.

