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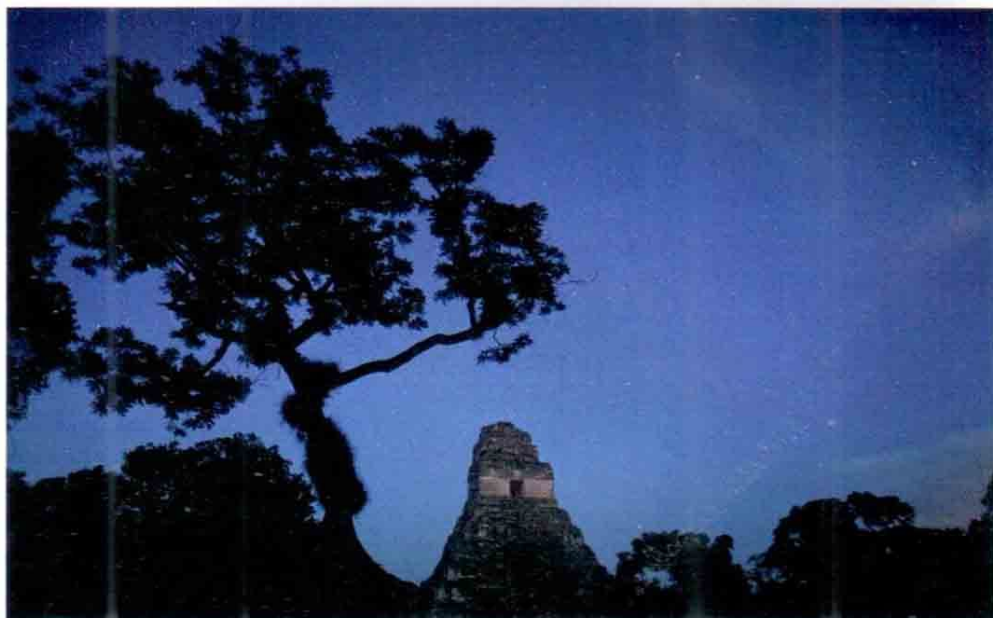
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Though remnants of Maya cities rise imposingly from Central America's jungles (right), a great deal more of the ancient civilization has remained unexplored. Now researchers are changing that. They're employing aerial lidar sensing equipment to create a "treasure map" of the cities and landscapes that the Maya created. See the discoveries that are astounding archaeologists in *Lost Treasures of the Maya*, airing February 6 at 10/9c on National Geographic.



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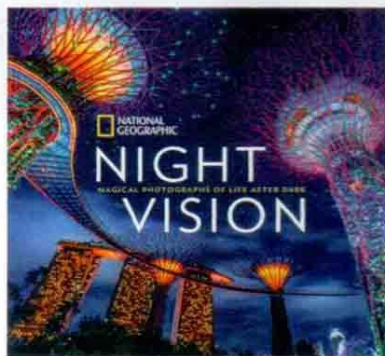
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