Chocolate was first introduced to the European world in Mexico during the Spanish conquest. The Meso-American people consumed it as a sweet beverage. It gets its name from the Aztec word Nāhuatl (xocolatl : xoco, bitter + atl, water).

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