

Day of the Dead Tour 2009

Summary

Our tour starts in Quiroga in the Mexican state of Michoacan. We recommend flying into **Morelia** on or before **Wednesday Oct. 28th** and back home on or after **Wednesday Nov. 11th**. Of course you may prefer to come earlier or stay longer; let us know and we will make hotel reservations for you. We urge you to book your flight as soon as possible.

and finally we will return to Quiroga. Over our 10 days of riding we will average 51km daily and cover a total of about 505km. We will travel entirely within the state of Michoacan. Our daily rides will take us to various towns and cities including; Erongaricuaro, Zacapu, Cheran, Angahuan, Tingüindín, Zamora, Paracho, Zirahuen, Santa

At the end of the tour; on Tuesday Nov 10th we will return to Quiroga. You should disassemble and once again pack your bike in your bike box; ready for your flight home. Please allow plenty of time when you take a taxi back to Morelia's airport, or plan to spend an extra day or two in **Morelia** exploring this **UNESCO World Heritage** site.

You will be responsible for taking a taxi (about US\$45) from Morelia airport to the hotel in Quiroga; **Hotel Tarasco** at Av. Vasco de Quiroga Ote. No. 49; tel.: (454)354-0100. Once checked in you can unpack and reassemble your bike and we will store your bike box at the hotel for your flight home. On Wednesday Oct. 28th we will meet at **6pm** in our hotel lobby for our first group dinner and our tour orientation.



Count on a total of about US\$240 for accommodations (based on double occupancy); about US\$180 for food and drink; and about US\$150 for miscellaneous extras such as taxi, bus transportation, and entrance fees. Err on having a little extra and make sure to save a little money for souvenirs. Please note that in order to guarantee you a spot on the tour, the outstanding balance of the guides' fee must be received by us no later than August 28th.

We start easy and ride all the quietest most beautiful roads in the region. We will wind and loop around the Purepecha highlands of Michoacan, over many mountains, by the lakes of Patzcuaro and Zirahuen

Clara del Cobre, Patzcuaro, and then finally back to Quiroga. We recommend that you take the time and spend an extra day or two in the area to also explore Morelia.

Itinerary

When	Where	Distance	Highlights
Day 0 Wed Oct. 28, 2009	Fly to Morelia, meet in Quiroga	-	small town, lake Pátzcuaro, baroque church
Day 1 Thurs Oct. 29, 2009	Quiroga to Erongaricuaru	31 km	Easy start, quiet roads and small towns around the lake
Day 2 Fri Oct. 30, 2009	Eronga to Zacapu	41 km	quiet roads, great views
Day 3 Sat Oct. 31, 2009	Zacapu to Cheran	60 km	Beautiful mountain scenery, Day of the dead.
Day 4 Sun Nov. 1, 2009	Cheran to Angahuan	57 km	Quiet mountain roads, Paracho market, Day of the dead, Charapan and Angahuan cemeteries
Day 5 Mon Nov. 2, 2009	Angahuan	-	Volcán de Paricutín, lava field, buried village, indigenous village. All Saints day.
Day 6 Tues Nov. 3, 2009	Angahuan to Tingüindín	61 km	nice downhill, agricultural center, fruit orchards, small colonial town.
Day 7 Wed Nov. 4, 2009	Tingüindín to Zamora	48 km	Unfinished gothic cathedral, sweeping views.
Day 8 Thurs Nov. 5, 2009	Zamora	-	Diverse market, traditional sweets, the unfinished cathedral
Day 9 Fri Nov. 6, 2009	Zamora to Paracho	67 km	Challenging climbing, quiet mountain backroads, guitar capitol
Day 10 Sat Nov. 7, 2009	Paracho to Zirahuen	54 km	Very quiet roads, great views, Nahuatzen market, small towns and villages, small lakes-side resort
Day 11 Sun Nov. 8, 2009	Zirahuen to Patzcuaro	34 km	brick road, copper town, view of lake Patzcuaro
Day 12 Mon Nov. 9, 2009	Patzcuaro	-	rest day, fantastic Purepecha/Mexican market, colonial architecture, handicrafts
Day 13 Tues Nov. 10, 2009	Patzcuaro to Quiroga (via Eronga)	52 km	Tocuaro masks, market day in Eronga, quiet lakeside roads
Day 14 Wed Nov. 11, 2009	Quiroga	-	Fly back home or stay a while longer