

Day of the Dead Tour 2006

Summary

Our tour starts in Quiroga in the Mexican state of Michoacan. We recommend flying into **Morelia** by **Wednesday Oct. 25th** and back home on or after **Wednesday Nov. 8th**. 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.

On Wednesday Oct. 25th we will meet by **6pm** in our hotel lobby; **Hotel Tarasco** (in Quiroga) at Av. Vasco de Quiroga Ote. No. 49; tel.: (454) 354-0100. You will be responsible for taking a taxi from Morelia's airport to the hotel in Quiroga (about US\$45). That evening after dinner you can unpack and reassemble your bikes and store the bike boxes at the hotel for your return home.

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 Zirahuén

and finally we will return to Quiroga. Over our 10 days of riding we will average 50km daily and cover a total of about 500km. We will travel



entirely within the state of Michoacan. Our daily rides will take us to various towns and cities including; Erongaricuaro, Zacapu, Zamora, Los Reyes, Angahuan (volcán Paricutin), Cheran, Paracho, Zirahuén, Santa Clara del Cobre, Tacámbaro, 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.

At the end of the tour; on Tuesday Nov 7th 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.

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 guides' fee of US\$550 (or the outstanding balance) must be received by us no later than Sept. 25th.

Itinerary

When	Where	Distance	Highlights
Day 0 Wed Oct. 25, 2006	Fly to Morelia, meet in Quiroga	-	small town, lake Pátzcuaro, baroque church
Day 1 Thurs Oct. 26, 2006	Quiroga to Erongaricuaró	31 km	Easy start, quiet roads and small towns around the lake
Day 2 Fri Oct. 27, 2006	Eronga to Zacapu	40 km	quiet roads, great views
Day 3 Sat Oct. 28, 2006	Zacapu	-	Rest day. Los Espinos crater lake. La Zarcita spring.
Day 4 Sun Oct 29, 2006	Zacapu to Zamora	67 km	valley of the 11 towns, Lago de Camecuaro, the unfinished cathedral
Day 5 Mon Oct 30, 2006	Zamora to Los Reyes	68 km	sweeping views, Purepecha towns
Day 6 Tues Oct. 31, 2006	Los Reyes to Angahuan	41 km	agricultural area, fruit orchards, challenging climbing. Day of the dead.
Day 7 Wed Nov. 1, 2006	Angahuan	-	Volcán de Parícutín. All saints day.
Day 8 Thurs Nov. 2, 2006	Angahuan to Paracho	49 km	Quiet mountain roads, guitar capitol
Day 9 Fri Nov. 3, 2006	Paracho to Santa Clara del Cobre	69 km	Very quiet roads, great views, small towns and villages, small lakes-side resort, copper town
Day 10 Sat Nov. 4, 2006	Santa Clara del Cobre	-	Rest day, copper town
Day 11 Sun Nov. 5, 2006	Santa Clara to Tacámbaro	43 km	mountain views, good downhill
Day 12 Mon Nov. 6, 2006	Tacámbaro to Patzcuaro	55 km	challenging climb, view of lake Pátzcuaro
Day 13 Tues Nov. 7, 2006	Patzcuaro to Quiroga (via Eronga)	52 km	Tocuaro masks, market day in Eronga, quiet lakeside roads
Day 14 Wed Nov. 8, 2006	Quiroga	-	Fly back home or stay a while longer