

High Deserts & Pine Forests 2006

Summary

Our tour starts in Queretaro, Queretaro. We recommend flying into **Queretaro** by **Saturday July 22nd** and back on or after **Sunday July 30th**. 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. You may also consider flying into Mexico city as there are direct busses from the airport to Queretaro.

On Thursday Saturday July 22nd we will meet by **6pm** in our hotel lobby; **Mesón de Matamoros** at Matamoros #8; tel.: (442)214-0375. You will be responsible for taking a taxi from the airport to the hotel. That evening after dinner you can unpack and reassemble your bikes and store the bike boxes at the hotel for your flight home.

Our route will take us from Queretaro, along a challenging, increasingly mountainous route,

gradually climbing up the high plateau through deserts and up mountains into pine forests. Over our 6 days of riding we will average 69km daily and cover a total of about 414km. We will travel entirely within



the state of Queretaro. Our daily rides will take us to various towns and cities including; Tequisquiapan, Ezequiel Montes, Bernal, Toliman, Colon, Cadereyta, San Joaquin, Peña Miller, Pinal de Amoles and finally, Jalpan de Serra.

We arrive in Jalpan at the end of the tour on Saturday July 29th. The next day, on Sunday July 30th, you may take a deluxe bus back to Queretaro where 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 the airport.

Count on a total of about US\$115 for accommodations; about US\$110 for food and drink; and about US\$120 for miscellaneous extras such as taxis, 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\$380 (or the outstanding balance) must be received by us no later than June 22nd.

Itinerary

When	Where	Distance	Highlights
Day 0 Sat July 22, 2006	Meet in Queretaro	-	Meet the group. Spectacular colonial city.
Day 1 Sun July 23, 2006	Queretaro to Bernal (via Tequisquiapan)	97 km	Easy but long day. Colonial towns. Spectacular scenery.
Day 2 Mon July 24, 2006	Bernal to Cadereyta (via Tolimán)	95 km	Hills, desert landscapes, Otomí lands, quiet roads, winery tour.
Day 3 Tues July 25, 2006	Cadereyta to San Joaquín	63 km	Into the REAL mountains, misty pine forests, quiet roads, mining town.
Day 4 Wed July 26, 2006	San Joaquín	-	Rest day. Otomí ruins.
Day 5 Thurs July 27, 2006	San Joaquín to Peña Miller	69 km	Back to the desert and more quiet roads.
Day 6 Fri July 28, 2006	Peña Miller to Pinal de Amoles	51 km	Up, up and up some more, another mining town
Day 7 Sat July 29, 2006	Pinal de Amoles to Jalpan de Serra	39 km	And doooooowwwwwn we go
Day 8 Sun July 30, 2006	Bus back to Queretaro	-	Return to Queretaro