

Eternal Spring in Mexico 2006

Summary

Our tour starts in Quiroga in the Mexican state of Michoacan. We recommend flying into **Morelia** by **Wednesday July 5th** and back home on or after **Wednesday July 19th**. 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 July 5th 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. That evening after dinner you can unpack and reassemble your bikes and store the bike boxes at the hotel for your flight 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 Zirahuen

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, Zamora, Tingüindin, Angahuan (volcán Paricutin), Cheran, Paracho, Zirahuen, 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 Wednesday July 19th 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\$160 for accommodations; 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\$500 (or the outstanding balance) must be received by us no later than June 6th.

Itinerary

When	Where	Distance	Highlights
Day 0 Wed July 5, 2006	Fly to Morelia, meet in Quiroga	-	small town, lake Pátzcuaro, baroque church
Day 1 Thurs July 6, 2006	Quiroga to Erongaricuaró	31 km	Easy start, quiet roads and small towns around the lake
Day 2 Fri July 7, 2006	Eronga to Zacapu	40 km	quiet roads, great views
Day 3 Sat July 8, 2006	Zacapu	-	Rest day. Los Espinos crater lake. La Zarcita spring.
Day 4 Sun July 9, 2006	Zacapu to Zamora	69 km	valley of the 11 towns, Lago de Camecuaro, the unfinished cathedral
Day 5 Mon July 10, 2006	Zamora to Tingüindin	48 km	sweeping views, Purepecha towns
Day 6 Tues July 11, 2006	Tingüindin to Angahuan	59 km	agricultural area, fruit orchards, challenging climbing
Day 7 Wed July 12, 2006	Angahuan	-	Volcán de Parícutín
Day 8 Thurs July 13, 2006	Angahuan to Cheran	51 km	Quiet mountain roads, Paracho guitar capitol
Day 9 Fri July 14, 2006	Cheran to Santa Clara del Cobre	58 km	Very quiet roads, great views, small towns and villages, small lakes-side resort, copper town
Day 10 Sat July 15, 2006	Santa Clara del Cobre	-	Rest day, copper town
Day 11 Sun July 16, 2006	Santa Clara to Tacámbaro	43 km	mountain views, good downhill
Day 12 Mon July 17, 2006	Tacámbaro to Patzcuaro	54 km	challenging climb, view of lake Pátzcuaro
Day 13 Tues July 18, 2006	Patzcuaro to Quiroga (via Eronga)	52 km	Tocuaro masks, market day in Eronga, quiet lakeside roads
Day 14 Wed July 19, 2006	Quiroga	-	Fly back home or stay a while longer