

# Haciendas, Cenotes & Ruins 2005

## Summary

**O**ur tour starts in Mérida in the Mexican state of Yucatan. We recommend flying into **Mérida** by **Sunday January 30th** and back home on or after **Sunday February 6<sup>th</sup>** - if you can it's worth your while to stay an extra day or two to see Mérida. Of course you may also prefer to arrive earlier; let us know and we will make hotel reservations for you. We urge you to book your flight as soon as possible.

**O**n Sunday January 30th we will meet by **6pm** in our hotel lobby; **Hotel Las Monjas** at Calle 66A #509; tel.: (999)928-6632. You will be responsible for taking a taxi from the airport to the hotel. That evening after dinner we will unpack and reassemble our bikes and store the bike boxes at the hotel for our flight home.

**O**ur route will take us from Mérida, south along gently rolling paved and dirt roads to the hilly Puuc region, then north and east, the hills gradually softening back to rolling, to



end up in Valladolid. Over our 5 days of riding we will average 80km daily and cover a total of about 400km. We will travel entirely within the state of Yucatan. Our daily rides will take us to various towns and cities including; Ticul, Oxcutzcab, Izamal, Pisté (Chichén Itzá) and Valladolid.

**A**t the end of the tour; on Sunday February 6<sup>th</sup> you will take a deluxe bus or van from Valladolid back to Mérida. Once there you may walk or ride back to the hotel 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.

**C**ount on a total of about US\$65 for accommodations; about US\$85 for food and drink; and about US\$120 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\$350 (or the outstanding balance) must be received by us no later than December 31<sup>st</sup>.

# Itinerary

When	Where	Distance	Highlights
Day 0 Sun Jan 30,2005	Meet in Mérida	-	Yucatan cuisine, Murals, Colonial Architecture, market
Day 1 Mon Jan 31,2005	Mérida to Ticul	79 km	Picturesque Towns, Mayan villages, quiet roads, ex-haciendas, cenotes, Uxmal Mayan ruins
Day 2 Tues Feb 1,2005	Ticul to Oxcutzcab (via ruta Puuc Mayan ruins & Loltún cave)	70 km	Rolling, hilly roads. Spectacular Mayan ruins and caves
Day 3 Wed Feb 2,2005	Oxcutzcab to Izamal	120 km	Quiet roads, no tourists, cenotes
Day 4 Thurs Feb 3,2005	Izamal	-	Massive pyramid, Convent, Zocalo, Market... The BEST tacos in Mexico! Optional sidetrip.
Day 5 Fri Feb 4,2005	Izamal to Pisté (via Stilpech, Tunkas and Dzitas)	80 km	Cenotes, quiet roads, small towns
Day 6 Sat Feb 5,2005	Pisté to Valladolid	50 km	Chichén-Itzá ruins, caves, cenotes, colonial town, cArNaVaL!
Day 7 Sun Feb 6,2005	Bus or van back to Mérida	-	Yucatan cuisine, Murals, Colonial Architecture, market, cArNaVaL!