

Haciendas, Cenotes & Ruins 2012

Summary

Our tour starts in Mérida in the Mexican state of Yucatan. We recommend flying into **Mérida** by **Friday January 6th** and back home on or after **Friday January 13th**, leaving enough time to be shuttled back to Mérida before your flight - 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.

On Friday January 6th 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 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 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 77km daily and cover a total of about 384km. 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.

At the end of the tour; on Friday January 13th 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 for your flight home.

Count on a total of about US\$110 for accommodations (based on double occupancy); about US\$95 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\$380 (or the outstanding balance) must be received by us no later than November 6th.

Itinerary

When	Where	Distance	Highlights
Day 0 Fri Jan 6, 2012	Meet in Mérida	-	Yucatan cuisine, Murals, Colonial Architecture, market
Day 1 Sat Jan 7, 2012	Mérida to Ticul	83 km	Picturesque Towns, Mayan villages, quiet roads, ex-haciendas, cenotes, Uxmal Mayan ruins
Day 2 Sun Jan 8, 2012	Ticul to Oxcutzcab (via ruta Puuc Mayan ruins & Loltún cave)	67 km	Rolling, hilly roads. Spectacular Mayan ruins and caves
Day 3 Mon Jan 9, 2012	Oxcutzcab to Izamal	118 km	Quiet roads, no tourists, cenotes
Day 4 Tues Jan 10, 2012	Izamal	-	Massive pyramid, Convent, Zocalo, Market... The BEST tacos in Mexico! Optional sidetrip.
Day 5 Wed Jan 11, 2012	Izamal to Pisté (via Stilpech, Tunkas and Dzitas)	71 km	Cenotes, quiet roads, small towns
Day 6 Thurs Jan 12, 2012	Pisté to Valladolid	45 km	Chichén-Itzá ruins, caves, cenotes, colonial town
Day 7 Fri Jan 13, 2012	Bus or van back to Mérida	-	Yucatan cuisine, Murals, Colonial Architecture, market