

Haciendas, Cenotes & Ruins 2007

Summary

Our tour starts in Mérida in the Mexican state of Yucatan. We recommend flying into **Mérida** by **Saturday January 27th** and back home on or after **Saturday February 3rd** - 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 Saturday January 27th 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 Saturday February 3rd 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.

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 December 27th.

Itinerary

When	Where	Distance	Highlights
Day 0 Sat Jan 27, 2007	Meet in Mérida	-	Yucatan cuisine, Murals, Colonial Architecture, market
Day 1 Sun Jan 28, 2007	Mérida to Ticul	83 km	Picturesque Towns, Mayan villages, quiet roads, ex-haciendas, cenotes, Uxmal Mayan ruins
Day 2 Mon Jan 29, 2007	Ticul to Oxcutzcab (via ruta Puuc Mayan ruins & Loltún cave)	67 km	Rolling, hilly roads. Spectacular Mayan ruins and caves
Day 3 Tues Jan 30, 2007	Oxcutzcab to Izamal	118 km	Quiet roads, no tourists, cenotes
Day 4 Wed Jan 31, 2007	Izamal	-	Massive pyramid, Convent, Zocalo, Market... The BEST tacos in Mexico! Optional sidetrip.
Day 5 Thurs Jan 1, 2007	Izamal to Pisté (via Stilpech, Tunkas and Dzitas)	71 km	Cenotes, quiet roads, small towns
Day 6 Fri Jan 2, 2007	Pisté to Valladolid	45 km	Chichén-Itzá ruins, caves, cenotes, colonial town
Day 7 Sat Feb 3, 2007	Bus or van back to Mérida	-	Yucatan cuisine, Murals, Colonial Architecture, market