

# México's South Coast 2004

## Summary

**O**ur tour starts in Zihuatanejo in the Mexican state of Guerrero. We recommend flying into **Zihuatanejo-Ixtapa** by **Friday November 26<sup>th</sup>** and back home on or after **Saturday December 11<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

**O**n Friday November 26<sup>th</sup> we will meet by **6pm** in our hotel lobby; **Hotel Casa Aurora** at Bravo 42 (was 27); tel.: (755)554-3046. 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 Zihuatanejo, along a winding hilly coastal road south-east to Puerto

Escondido. Over our 10 days of riding we will average 68km daily and cover a total of about 679km. Beach camping is possible though not necessary on up to 7 nights of the tour. We will travel from the state of Guerrero into the state of Oaxaca.



Our daily rides will take us to various towns and cities including; Papanoa, San Jeronimo/ Hacienda de Cabañas, Pie de la Cuesta, Acapulco, San Marcos, Playa Ventura, Cuajinipuilapa, Santiago Jamiltepec, Lagunas de Chacahua, and Puerto Escondido.

**A**t the end of the tour; on Friday December 10<sup>th</sup> you will take a first class overnight bus or daytime van from Puerto Escondido back to Zihuatanejo. Once there you may take a taxi 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\$130 for accommodations; about US\$170 for food and drink; and about US\$120 for miscellaneous extras such as taxi and 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 \$500 (or the outstanding balance) must be received by us no later than October 27<sup>th</sup>.

# Itinerary

When	Where	Distance	Highlights
Day 0 Fri Nov 26, 2004	Meet in Zihuatanejo	-	Small resort, beaches, night life, seafood.
Day 1 Sat Nov 27, 2004	Zihuatanejo to Puerto Papanoa	80 km	Small Town, Beach, Possible Beach Camping, Seafood.
Day 2 Sun Nov 28, 2004	Papanoa to San Jeronimo	81 km	Small town real Mexico. Lagoon, River, Beach, Seafood.
Day 3 Mon Nov 29, 2004	S. Jeronimo to Pie de la Cuesta	75 km	Relaxing beach, big surf, lagoon swimming
Day 4 Tues Nov 30, 2004	Pie de la Cuesta	-	Relaxing beach, big surf, lagoon swimming
Day 5 Wed Dec 1, 2004	Pie de la Cuesta to Acapulco	10 km	All the comforts of home. Beach, Shops, Night Life.
Day 6 Thurs Dec 2, 2004	Acapulco to San Marcos	81 km	Quiet beaches. Zero traffic roads. Interesting river crossing. Real Mexico.
Day 7 Fri Dec 3, 2004	San Marcos to Playa Ventura	73 km	Quiet Roads, Beach, Seafood. Camping on the Beach.
Day 8 Sat Dec 4, 2004	Playa Ventura	-	Beach, Seafood. Possible Camping on the Beach.
Day 9 Sun Dec 5, 2004	Playa Ventura to Cuajinipuilapa	84 km	Real Small-Town Mexico. Beautiful Inland Views, Quiet Roads.
Day 10 Mon Dec 6, 2004	Cuajinipuilapa to Santiago Jamiltepec	83 km	Beautiful foothill and distant mountains. Colonial mountain town.
Day 11 Tues Dec 7, 2004	Santiago Jamiltepec to Lagunas de Chacahua	51 km	Downhill. Lagoon, wetland wildlife.
Day 12 Wed Dec 8, 2004	L. de Chacahua to Puerto Escondido	61 km	Small Resort Town. Surfer Beach, Mexican Resort Beach, Seafood, Nightlife.
Day 13 Thurs Dec 9, 2004	Puerto Escondido	-	Small Resort Town. Surfer Beach, Mexican Resort Beach, Seafood, Nightlife.
Day 14 Fri Dec 10, 2004	Puerto Escondido to Zihuatanejo	-	Daytime van back to Zihuatanejo
Day 15 Sat Dec 11, 2004	Zihuatanejo	-	Stay a bit longer or fly back home.