

More Yucatan Backroads 2011

Summary

Our tour starts and ends in Mérida in the Mexican state of Yucatan. We recommend flying into **Mérida** on or before **Wednesday January 19th** and back home on or after **Wednesday February 2nd**. 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.

You will be responsible for taking a taxi from the airport to the hotel; **Hotel Las Monjas** at Calle 66A #509; tel.: (999)928-6632. Once checked in you can unpack and reassemble your bikes and we will store your bike boxes at the hotel for your flight home. On Wednesday January 19th we will meet at **6pm** in our hotel lobby for our first group dinner and our tour orientation.

Our route will take us from Mérida, starting southwards, and we will finish along the gulf coast and ride south

back to Mérida. Over our 10 days of riding we will average about 73km and cover a total of about 731km. We will travel almost entirely within the state of Yucatan, briefly visiting Quintana Roo. Our daily rides will take us to various towns and cities



including; Tekit, Izamal, Pisté, Valladolid, Coba, Ek Balam, Tizimin, Buctzotz, Telchac Puerto and of course, Mérida.

On the last day of the tour, Tuesday February 1st, we ride back into Mérida. You will have some time to explore this beautiful colonial city of and later you should disassemble and once again pack your bike in your bike box; ready for your flight home the next day (Wednesday February 2nd) or later if you are staying longer. Please allow plenty of time for the taxi ride back to the airport.

Count on a total of about US\$205 for accommodations (based on double occupancy); 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 outstanding balance of the guides' fee must be received by us no later than November 19th.

Itinerary

When	Where	Distance	Highlights
Day 0 Wed Jan 19, 2011	Meet in Mérida	-	Yucatan cuisine, Colonial Architecture, Zocalo, Market
Day 1 Thurs Jan 20, 2011	Mérida to Tekit	83 km	Haciendas, small towns quiet roads, Mayapan ruins
Day 2 Fri Jan 21, 2011	Tekit to Izamal	85 km	Rolling hills, backroads, Cuzama cenote trip
Day 3 Sat Jan 22, 2011	Izamal	-	Mayan Ruins, huge pyramid, Convent, Zocalo, Market, beautiful Izamal, the best tacos in Mexico!
Day 4 Sun Jan 23, 2011	Izamal to Pisté (via Stilpech, Tunkas and Dzitas)	71 km	Cenotes, quiet roads, small towns
Day 5 Mon Jan 24, 2011	Pisté to Valladolid (via Dzitas, Tinum, Uayma)	59 km	Chichén-Itzá ruins, caves, cenotes, colonial town
Day 6 Tues Jan 25, 2011	Valladolid to Coba	77km	several cenotes, Mayan villages and towns, freshly paved backroads, remote Mayan ruins of Ixhil
Day 7 Wed Jan 26, 2011	Coba	-	Coba Mayan ruins, rest day
Day 8 Thurs Jan 27, 2011	Coba to Ek Balam	85 km	quiet roads, elevated lookout tower, tiny Mayan village
Day 9 Fri Jan 28, 2011	Ek Balam to Tizimin	40 km	Ek Balam Mayan ruins, short easy ride
Day 10 Sat Jan 29, 2011	Tizimin to Buctzotz	69 km	gently rolling, prevailing tailwind
Day 11 Sun Jan 30, 2011	Buctzotz to Telchac Puerto	71 km	Gulf coast, wetlands
Day 12 Mon Jan 31, 2011	Telchac Puerto	-	Rest day, gulf coast beaches, seafood
Day 13 Tues Feb 1, 2011	Telchac Puerto to Merida	91 km	More gulf coast, Dzibilchaltun Mayan ruins, cenote, Colonial Center, Zocalo, Market
Day 14 Wed Feb 2, 2011	Mérida	-	Stay a bit longer or fly back home