

More Yucatan Backroads 2013

Summary

Our tour starts and ends in Mérida in the Mexican state of Yucatan. We recommend flying into **Mérida** on or before **Friday January 18th** and back home on or after **Friday February 1st**. 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 Santa Ana** at Calle 45 No. 503; tel.: (999)923-3331. 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 Friday January 18th 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

On the last day of the tour, Thursday January 31st, 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 (Friday February 1st) or later if you are staying longer. Please allow plenty of time for the taxi ride back to the airport.



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

Count on a total of about US\$240 for accommodations (based on double occupancy); about US\$220 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 18th.

Itinerary

When	Where	Distance	Highlights
Day 0 Fri Jan 18, 2013	Meet in Mérida	-	Yucatan cuisine, Colonial Architecture, Zocalo, Market
Day 1 Sat Jan 19, 2013	Mérida to Tekit	83 km	Haciendas, small towns quiet roads, Mayapan ruins
Day 2 Sun Jan 20, 2013	Tekit to Izamal	85 km	Rolling hills, backroads, Cuzama cenote trip
Day 3 Mon Jan 21, 2013	Izamal	-	Mayan Ruins, huge pyramid, Convent, Zocalo, Market, beautiful Izamal, the best tacos in Mexico!
Day 4 Tues Jan 22, 2013	Izamal to Pisté (via Stilpech, Tunkas and Dzitas)	71 km	Cenotes, quiet roads, small towns
Day 5 Wed Jan 23, 2013	Pisté to Valladolid (via Dzitas, Tinum, Uayma)	59 km	Chichén-Itzá ruins, caves, cenotes, colonial town
Day 6 Thurs Jan 24, 2013	Valladolid to Coba	77km	several cenotes, Mayan villages and towns, freshly paved backroads, remote Mayan ruins of Ixhil
Day 7 Fri Jan 25, 2013	Coba	-	Coba Mayan ruins, rest day
Day 8 Sat Jan 26, 2013	Coba to Ek Balam	85 km	quiet roads, elevated lookout tower, tiny Mayan village
Day 9 Sun Jan 27, 2013	Ek Balam to Tizimin	40 km	Ek Balam Mayan ruins, short easy ride
Day 10 Mon Jan 28, 2013	Tizimin to Buctzotz	69 km	gently rolling, prevailing tailwind
Day 11 Tues Jan 29, 2013	Buctzotz to Telchac Puerto	71 km	Gulf coast, wetlands
Day 12 Wed Jan 30, 2013	Telchac Puerto	-	Rest day, gulf coast beaches, seafood
Day 13 Thurs Feb 31, 2013	Telchac Puerto to Merida	91 km	More gulf coast, Dzibilchaltun Mayan ruins, cenote, Colonial Center, Zocalo, Market
Day 14 Fri Feb 1, 2013	Mérida	-	Stay a bit longer or fly back home