

More Yucatan Backroads 2008

Summary

Our tour starts and ends in Mérida in the Mexican state of Yucatan. We recommend flying into **Mérida** by **Tuesday January 8th** and back home on or after **Tuesday January 22nd**. 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 Tuesday January 8th 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, Monday January 21st, we ride back into Mérida. You will have some time to explore the beautiful colonial city of Mérida and later you should disassemble and once again pack your bike in your bike box; ready for your flight home the next day (Tuesday January 22nd) 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 December 8th.

Itinerary

When	Where	Distance	Highlights
Day 0 Tues Jan 8, 2008	Meet in Mérida	-	Yucatan cuisine, Colonial Architecture, Zocalo, Market
Day 1 Wed Jan 9, 2008	Mérida to Tekit	83 km	Haciendas, small towns quiet roads, Mayapan ruins
Day 2 Thurs Jan 10, 2008	Tekit to Izamal	85 km	Rolling hills, backroads, Cuzama cenote trip
Day 3 Fri Jan 29, 2008	Izamal	-	Mayan Ruins, huge pyramid, Convent, Zocalo, Market, beautiful Izamal, the best tacos in Mexico!
Day 4 Sat Jan 29, 2008	Izamal to Pisté (via Stilpech, Tunkas and Dzitas)	71 km	Cenotes, quiet roads, small towns
Day 5 Sun Jan 29, 2008	Pisté to Valladolid (via Dzitas, Tinum, Uayma)	59 km	Chichén-Itzá ruins, caves, cenotes, colonial town
Day 6 Mon Jan 29, 2008	Valladolid to Coba	77km	several cenotes, Mayan villages and towns, freshly paved backroads, remote Mayan ruins of Ixhil
Day 7 Tues Jan 29, 2008	Coba	-	Coba Mayan ruins, rest day
Day 8 Wed Jan 29, 2008	Coba to Ek Balam	85 km	quiet roads, elevated lookout tower, tiny Mayan village
Day 9 Thurs Jan 29, 2008	Ek Balam to Tizimin	40 km	Ek Balam Mayan ruins, short easy ride
Day 10 Fri Jan 29, 2008	Tizimin to Buctzotz	69 km	gently rolling, prevailing tailwind
Day 11 Sat Jan 29, 2008	Buctzotz to Telchac Puerto	71 km	Gulf coast, wetlands
Day 12 Sun Jan 29, 2008	Telchac Puerto	-	Rest day, gulf coast beaches, seafood
Day 13 Mon Jan 21, 2008	Telchac Puerto to Merida	91 km	More gulf coast, Dzibilchaltun Mayan ruins, cenote, Colonial Center, Zocalo, Market
Day 14 Tues Jan 22, 2008	Mérida	-	Stay a bit longer or fly back home