

# More Yucatan Backroads 2009

## Summary

**O**ur tour starts and ends in Mérida in the Mexican state of Yucatan. We recommend flying into **Mérida** on or before **Tuesday January 6<sup>th</sup>** and back home on or after **Tuesday January 20<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.

**Y**ou 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 6<sup>th</sup> we will meet at **6pm** in our hotel lobby for our first group dinner and our tour orientation.

**O**ur 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.

**O**n the last day of the tour, Monday January 19<sup>th</sup>, 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 (Tuesday January 20<sup>th</sup>) or later if you are staying longer. Please allow plenty of time for the taxi ride back to the airport.

**C**ount 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 6<sup>th</sup>.

# Itinerary

When	Where	Distance	Highlights
Day 0 Tues Jan 6, 2009	Meet in Mérida	-	Yucatan cuisine, Colonial Architecture, Zocalo, Market
Day 1 Wed Jan 7, 2009	Mérida to Tekit	83 km	Haciendas, small towns quiet roads, Mayapan ruins
Day 2 Thurs Jan 8, 2009	Tekit to Izamal	85 km	Rolling hills, backroads, Cuzama cenote trip
Day 3 Fri Jan 9, 2009	Izamal	-	Mayan Ruins, huge pyramid, Convent, Zocalo, Market, beautiful Izamal, the best tacos in Mexico!
Day 4 Sat Jan 10, 2009	Izamal to Pisté (via Stilpech, Tunkas and Dzitas)	71 km	Cenotes, quiet roads, small towns
Day 5 Sun Jan 11, 2009	Pisté to Valladolid (via Dzitas, Tinum, Uayma)	59 km	Chichén-Itzá ruins, caves, cenotes, colonial town
Day 6 Mon Jan 12, 2009	Valladolid to Coba	77km	several cenotes, Mayan villages and towns, freshly paved backroads, remote Mayan ruins of Ixhil
Day 7 Tues Jan 13, 2009	Coba	-	Coba Mayan ruins, rest day
Day 8 Wed Jan 14, 2009	Coba to Ek Balam	85 km	quiet roads, elevated lookout tower, tiny Mayan village
Day 9 Thurs Jan 15, 2009	Ek Balam to Tizimin	40 km	Ek Balam Mayan ruins, short easy ride
Day 10 Fri Jan 16, 2009	Tizimin to Buctzotz	69 km	gently rolling, prevailing tailwind
Day 11 Sat Jan 17, 2009	Buctzotz to Telchac Puerto	71 km	Gulf coast, wetlands
Day 12 Sun Jan 18, 2009	Telchac Puerto	-	Rest day, gulf coast beaches, seafood
Day 13 Mon Jan 19, 2009	Telchac Puerto to Merida	91 km	More gulf coast, Dzibilchaltun Mayan ruins, cenote, Colonial Center, Zocalo, Market
Day 14 Tues Jan 20, 2009	Mérida	-	Stay a bit longer or fly back home