

# Pilgrimage in Oaxaca 2015

## Summary

**O**ur tour starts in Oaxaca city, Oaxaca. We recommend flying into **Oaxaca** by **Tuesday January 6<sup>th</sup>** and back 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 Casa Arnel** at Aldama #404, Colonia Jalatlaco (neighborhood); tel.: (951)515-2856. 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 by **6pm** in our hotel lobby for our first group dinner and our tour orientation.

**O**ur route will take us from Oaxaca city, around a very challenging, mountainous route, to the coast for a short visit, then back into the

mountains, finally looping back to Oaxaca city. Over our 10 days of riding we will average 84km daily and cover a total of about 838km. We will travel entirely within the state of Oaxaca. Our daily rides will take us to various towns and cities including; Sola de Vega, Juchatengo, Juquila, Puerto Escondido, Santiago

**A**fter cycling back into Oaxaca city at the end of the tour, on Monday January 19<sup>th</sup>, 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\$215 for accommodations (based on double occupancy); about US\$180 for food and drink; and about US\$150 for miscellaneous extras such as taxis, 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>.

Jamiltepec, Cacahuatepec, Putla, Tlaxiaco, and Nochixtlan.

# Itinerary

When	Where	Distance	Highlights
Day 0 Tues Jan 6, 2015	Meet in Oaxaca city	-	Mountain colonial city. Markets, museums, shady plazas, nearby Zapotec ruins of Monte Alban.
Day 1 Wed Jan 7, 2015	Oaxaca to Sola de Vega	92km 1200m ↑	Big market. Starts flat, end in the mountains
Day 2 Thurs Jan 8, 2015	Sola de Vega to Juchatengo	51km 900m ↑	Morning market, challenging climb, spectacular descent, in the thick of the pilgrimage
Day 3 Fri Jan 9, 2015	Juchatengo to Juquila	53km 1641m ↑	Amazing views, challenging climbing, pilgrimage destination
Day 4 Sat Jan 10, 2015	Juquila to Puerto Escondido	117km 1780m ↑	Up, and dooooooooooooooooooooooooooooo... the Pacific ocean
Day 5 Sun Jan 11, 2015	Puerto Escondido	-	Rest Day. Small Resort Town. Surfer Beach, Mexican Resort Beach, Seafood, Nightlife.
Day 6 Mon Jan 12, 2015	Puerto Escondido	-	A second rest day. You've rested, now check out the local attractions
Day 7 Tues Jan 13, 2015	Puerto Escondido to Santiago Jamiltepec	110km 500m ↑	Beautiful foothills and distant mountains. Colonial mountain town
Day 8 Wed Jan 14, 2015	Santiago Jamiltepec to Cacahuatepec	80km 950m ↑	gentle climbs, Pinotepa market, foothills
Day 9 Thurs Jan 15, 2015	Cacahuatepec to Putla	87km 1500m ↑	more climbing, small towns, gentle mountains, Putla Sunday market
Day 10 Fri Jan 16, 2015	Putla to Tlaxiaco	88km 2240m ↑	serious climbing, breath-taking views, little Paris
Day 11 Sat Jan 17, 2015	Tlaxiaco	-	Rest day. Little Paris. Huge weekly market
Day 12 Sun Jan 18, 2015	Tlaxiaco to Nochixtlan	83km 1209m ↑	small towns, rolling countryside, huge church
Day 13 Mon Jan 19, 2015	Nochixtlan to Oaxaca city	103km 1200m ↑	Hard day, 50km along a high ridge, great views on both sides
Day 14 Tues Jan 20, 2015	Oaxaca city	-	Stay a bit longer or fly back home