

Pilgrimage in Oaxaca 2005

Summary

Our tour starts in Oaxaca city, Oaxaca. We recommend flying into **Oaxaca by Thursday December 1st** and back on or after **Thursday December 15th**. 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.

On Thursday December 1st we will meet by **6pm** in our hotel lobby; **Hotel Santa Clara** at Morelos #1004; tel.: (951)516-1138. You will be responsible for taking a taxi from the airport to the hotel. That evening after dinner we will unpack and reassemble our bikes and store the bike boxes at the hotel for our flight home.

Our 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 87km daily and cover a total of about 870km. 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 Jamiltepec, Cacahuatepec, Putla, Tlaxiaco, and Nochixtlan.

After cycling back into Oaxaca city at the end of the tour, on Wednesday December 14th, 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.

Count on a total of about US\$170 for accommodations; about US\$180 for food and drink; and about US\$120 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 guides' fee of US\$500 (or the outstanding balance) must be received by us no later than November 2nd.

Itinerary

When	Where	Distance	Highlights
Day 0 Thurs Dec 1, 2005	Meet in Oaxaca city	-	Mountain colonial city. Markets, museums, shady plazas, nearby Zapotec ruins of Monte Alban.
Day 1 Fri Dec 2, 2005	Oaxaca to Sola de Vega	94km	Starts flat, end in the mountains
Day 2 Sat Dec 3, 2005	Sola de Vega to Juchatengo	51km	Challenging climb, spectacular descent
Day 3 Sun Dec 4, 2005	Juchatengo to Juquila	53km	Amazing views, challenging climbing
Day 4 Mon Dec 5, 2005	Juquila to Puerto Escondido	117km	Up, and dooooooowwwwwwwwwnnn... the Pacific ocean
Day 5 Tues Dec 6, 2005	Puerto Escondido	-	Rest Day. Small Resort Town. Surfer Beach, Mexican Resort Beach, Seafood, Nightlife.
Day 6 Wed Dec 7, 2005	Puerto Escondido to Santiago Jamiltepec	110km	Beautiful foothills and distant mountains. Colonial mountain town.
Day 7 Thurs Dec 8, 2005	Santiago Jamiltepec to Cacahuatepec	80km	gentle climbs, foothills
Day 8 Fri Dec 9, 2005	Cacahuatepec	-	Rest day
Day 9 Sat Dec 10, 2005	Cacahuatepec to Putla	87km	more climbing, small towns, gentle mountains
Day 10 Sun Dec 11, 2005	Putla to Tlaxiaco	88km	serious climbing, breath-taking views, little Paris
Day 11 Mon Dec 12, 2005	Tlaxiaco	-	Rest day. Little Paris
Day 12 Tues Dec 13, 2005	Tlaxiaco to Nochixtlan	83km	small towns, rolling countryside, huge church
Day 13 Wed Dec 14, 2005	Nochixtlan to Oaxaca city	103km	Hard day, 50km along a high ridge, great views on both sides
Day 14 Thurs Dec 15, 2005	Oaxaca city	-	Stay a bit longer or fly back home