

# Pilgrimage in Oaxaca 2006

## Summary

**O**ur tour starts in Oaxaca city, Oaxaca. We recommend flying into **Oaxaca by Tuesday December 5th** and back on or after **Tuesday December 19th**. 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.

**O**n Tuesday December 5th we will meet by **6pm** in our hotel lobby; **Hotel Casa Arnel** at Aldama #404, Colonia Jalatlaco (neighborhood); tel.: (951)515-2856. You will be responsible for taking a taxi from the airport to the hotel. That evening after dinner you can unpack and reassemble your bikes and store the bike boxes at the hotel for your flight home.

**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 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.

**A**fter cycling back into Oaxaca city at the end of the tour, on Monday December 18<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\$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\$550 (or the outstanding balance) must be received by us no later than November 5<sup>th</sup>.

# Itinerary

When	Where	Distance	Highlights
Day 0 Tues Dec 5, 2006	Meet in Oaxaca city	-	Mountain colonial city. Markets, museums, shady plazas, nearby Zapotec ruins of Monte Alban.
Day 1 Wed Dec 6, 2006	Oaxaca to Sola de Vega	94km	Starts flat, end in the mountains
Day 2 Thurs Dec 7, 2006	Sola de Vega to Juchatengo	51km	Challenging climb, spectacular descent
Day 3 Fri Dec 8, 2006	Juchatengo to Juquila	53km	Amazing views, challenging climbing
Day 4 Sat Dec 9, 2006	Juquila to Puerto Escondido	117km	Up, and dooooooowwwwwwwwwnnn... the Pacific ocean
Day 5 Sun Dec 10, 2006	Puerto Escondido	-	Rest Day. Small Resort Town. Surfer Beach, Mexican Resort Beach, Seafood, Nightlife.
Day 6 Mon Dec 11, 2006	Puerto Escondido to Santiago Jamiltepec	110km	Beautiful foothills and distant mountains. Colonial mountain town.
Day 7 Tues Dec 12, 2006	Santiago Jamiltepec to Cacahuatepec	80km	gentle climbs, foothills
Day 8 Wed Dec 13, 2006	Cacahuatepec	-	Rest day
Day 9 Thurs Dec 14, 2006	Cacahuatepec to Putla	87km	more climbing, small towns, gentle mountains
Day 10 Fri Dec 15, 2006	Putla to Tlaxiaco	88km	serious climbing, breath-taking views, little Paris
Day 11 Sat Dec 16, 2006	Tlaxiaco	-	Rest day. Little Paris. Huge market!
Day 12 Sun Dec 17, 2006	Tlaxiaco to Nochixtlan	83km	small towns, rolling countryside, huge church
Day 13 Mon Dec 18, 2006	Nochixtlan to Oaxaca city	103km	Hard day, 50km along a high ridge, great views on both sides
Day 14 Tues Dec 19, 2006	Oaxaca city	-	Stay a bit longer or fly back home