

# Pilgrimage in Oaxaca 2008

## Summary

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

**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 Friday December 5th 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 Thursday 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 outstanding balance of the guides' fee must be received by us no later than October 5<sup>th</sup>.

Jamiltepec, Cacahuatepec, Putla, Tlaxiaco, and Nochixtlan.

# Itinerary

When	Where	Distance	Highlights
Day 0 Fri Dec 5, 2008	Meet in Oaxaca city	-	Mountain colonial city. Markets, museums, shady plazas, nearby Zapotec ruins of Monte Alban.
Day 1 Sat Dec 6, 2008	Transfer to Zimatlan and cycle to Sola de Vega	66km	starts flat, end in the mountains, start seeing the pilgrims
Day 2 Sun Dec 7, 2008	Sola de Vega to Juchatengo	51km	Challenging climb, spectacular descent
Day 3 Mon Dec 8, 2008	Juchatengo to Juquila	53km	Amazing views, challenging climbing
Day 4 Tues Dec 9, 2008	Juquila to Puerto Escondido	117km	Up, and dooooooowwwwwwwwwnnn... the Pacific ocean
Day 5 Wed Dec 10, 2008	Puerto Escondido	-	Rest Day. Small Resort Town. Surfer Beach, Mexican Resort Beach, Seafood, Nightlife.
Day 6 Thurs Dec 11, 2008	Puerto Escondido to Santiago Jamiltepec	110km	Beautiful foothills and distant mountains. Colonial mountain town.
Day 7 Fri Dec 12, 2008	Santiago Jamiltepec to Cacahuatepec	80km	gentle climbs, foothills
Day 8 Sat Dec 13, 2008	Cacahuatepec	-	Rest day
Day 9 Sun Dec 14, 2008	Cacahuatepec to Putla	87km	more climbing, small towns, gentle mountains
Day 10 Mon Dec 15, 2008	Putla to Tlaxiaco	88km	serious climbing, breath-taking views, little Paris
Day 11 Tues Dec 16, 2008	Tlaxiaco	-	Rest day. Little Paris. Huge market!
Day 12 Wed Dec 17, 2008	Tlaxiaco to Nochixtlan	83km	small towns, rolling countryside, huge church
Day 13 Thurs Dec 18, 2008	Nochixtlan to Oaxaca city	103km	Hard day, 50km along a high ridge, great views on both sides
Day 14 Fri Dec 19, 2008	Oaxaca city	-	Stay a bit longer or fly back home