

Roaming Backroads Yucatan 2005

Summary

Our tour starts in Mérida in the Mexican state of Yucatan. We recommend flying into **Mérida** by **Wednesday January 12th** and back home on or after **Wednesday January 26th**. 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 Wednesday January 12th we will meet by **6pm** in our hotel lobby; **Hotel Las Monjas** at Calle 66A #509; tel.: (999)928-6632. 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 Mérida, starting northeastwards along very flat roads, to the gulf coast. Then

we'll loop south and west on rolling and moderately hilly roads and finally north to return to Mérida, ending on some fairly flat paved and dirt roads.



Over our 10 days of riding we will average 80km daily and cover a total of about 799km. We will travel entirely within the state of Yucatan. Our daily rides will take us to various towns and cities including; Motul, Bucztotz, Tizimin, Rio Lagartos, Espita, Valladolid, Izamal, Oxcutzcab, Santa Elena, Ticul and then finally back to Mérida.

At the end of the tour; on Wednesday January 26th we will explore the beautiful colonial city of Mérida, later 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\$150 for accommodations; about US\$170 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 guides' fee of US\$500 (or the outstanding balance) must be received by us no later than December 13th.

Itinerary

When	Where	Distance	Highlights
Day 0 Wed Jan 12,2005	Meet in Mérida	-	Yucatan cuisine, Colonial Architecture
Day 1 Thurs Jan 13,2005	Mérida to Motul (via Dzibilchaltun, Conkal)	58 km	Mayan ruins, cenote, picturesque towns, Mayan villages
Day 2 Fri Jan 14,2005	Motul to Bucztotz (via Telchac, Dzilam Gonzalez)	69 km	Picturesque Towns, Mayan villages, quiet roads
Day 3 Sat Jan 15,2005	Buctzotz to Tizimin	69 km	Hilly roads, ranching zone
Day 4 Sun Jan 16,2005	Tizimin to Río Lagartos (via Panobá, San Felipe)	68 km	Quiet roads, the sea
Day 5 Mon Jan 17,2005	Río Lagartos	-	Flamingos, seafood, cenote, spring
Day 6 Tues Jan 18,2005	Río Lagartos back to Tizimin	67 km	Quiet roads, Catacombs
Day 7 Wed Jan 19,2005	Tizimin to Valladolid (via Ek Balam)	64 km	Ek-Balam Mayan Ruins, cenotes
Day 8 Thurs Jan 20,2005	Valladolid to Izamal	105 km	Cenotes, small towns, quiet roads
Day 9 Fri Jan 21,2005	Izamal	-	Mayan Ruins, Convent, Zocalo, Market
Day 10 Sat Jan 22,2005	Izamal to Oxcutzcab	125 km	Quiet roads, no tourists, cenotes
Day 11 Sun Jan 23,2005	Oxcutzcab to Santa Elena (Ruta Puuc)	55 km	Loltún caves, Ruta Puuc Mayan ruins, quiet road
Day 12 Mon Jan 24,2005	Santa Elena to Ticul	44 km	Famous Uxmal Mayan ruins.
Day 13 Tues Jan 25,2005	Ticul to Mérida	75 km	Very quiet backroads, some dirt. Cenotes, Haciendas.
Day 14 Wed Jan 26,2005	Mérida	-	Stay a bit longer or fly back home