

Roaming Backroads Yucatan 2006

Summary

Our tour starts in Mérida in the Mexican state of Yucatan. We recommend flying into **Mérida** by **Friday January 27th** and back home on or after **Friday February 10th**. 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 Friday January 27th 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 mainly flat roads. Over our 10 days of



riding we will average 81km daily and cover a total of about 807km. 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, Valladolid, Izamal, Oxcutzcab, Santa Elena, Ticul and then finally back to Mérida.

At the end of the tour; on Friday February 10th 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\$205 for accommodations; about US\$180 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 28th.

Itinerary

When	Where	Distance	Highlights
Day 0 Fri Jan 27, 2006	Meet in Mérida	-	Yucatan cuisine, Colonial Architecture, Zocalo, Market
Day 1 Sat Jan 28, 2006	Mérida to Motul (via Dzibilchaltun, Conkal)	58 km	Mayan ruins, cenote, picturesque towns, Mayan villages
Day 2 Sun Jan 29, 2006	Motul to Buctzotz (via Telchac, Dzilam Gonzalez)	69 km	Picturesque Towns, Mayan villages, quiet roads
Day 3 Mon Jan 30, 2006	Buctzotz to Tizimin	69 km	Hilly roads, ranching zone
Day 4 Tues Jan 31, 2006	Tizimin to Río Lagartos (via Panobá, San Felipe)	68 km	Quiet roads, the sea
Day 5 Wed Feb 1, 2006	Río Lagartos	-	Flamingos, seafood, cenote, spring
Day 6 Thurs Feb 2, 2006	Río Lagartos back to Tizimin	67 km	Quiet roads, Catacombs
Day 7 Fri Feb 3, 2006	Tizimin to Valladolid (via Ek Balam)	64 km	Ek-Balam Mayan Ruins, cenotes
Day 8 Sat Feb 4, 2006	Valladolid to Izamal	105 km	Cenotes, small towns, quiet roads
Day 9 Sun Feb 5, 2006	Izamal	-	Mayan Ruins, Convent, Zocalo, Market
Day 10 Mon Feb 6, 2006	Izamal to Oxcutzcab	125 km	Quiet roads, no tourists, cenotes
Day 11 Tues Feb 7, 2006	Oxcutzcab to Santa Elena (Ruta Puuc)	55 km	Loltún caves, Ruta Puuc Mayan ruins, quiet road
Day 12 Wed Feb 8, 2006	Santa Elena to Ticul	44 km	Famous Uxmal Mayan ruins.
Day 13 Thurs Feb 9, 2006	Ticul to Mérida	83 km	Mayan villages, Cenotes, Haciendas.
Day 14 Fri Feb 10, 2006	Mérida	-	Stay a bit longer or fly back home