

# Roaming Backroads Yucatan 2007

## Summary

**O**ur tour starts in Mérida in the Mexican state of Yucatan. We recommend flying into **Mérida** by **Tuesday January 9th** and back home on or after **Tuesday January 23th**. 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 January 9th 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 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 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 80km daily and



cover a total of about 797km. 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.

**A**t the end of the tour; on Tuesday January 23rd 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.

**C**ount on a total of about US\$205 for accommodations (based on double occupancy); 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\$550 (or the outstanding balance) must be received by us no later than December 9<sup>th</sup>.

# Itinerary

When	Where	Distance	Highlights
Day 0 Tues Jan 9, 2007	Meet in Mérida	-	Yucatan cuisine, Colonial Architecture, Zocalo, Market
Day 1 Wed Jan 10, 2007	Mérida to Motul (via Dzibilchaltun, Conkal)	58 km	Mayan ruins, cenote, picturesque towns, Mayan villages
Day 2 Thurs Jan 11, 2007	Motul to Buctzotz (via Telchac, Dzilam Gonzalez)	69 km	Picturesque Towns, Mayan villages, quiet roads
Day 3 Fri Jan 12, 2007	Buctzotz to Tizimin	69 km	Hilly roads, ranching zone
Day 4 Sat Jan 13, 2007	Tizimin to Río Lagartos (via Panobá, San Felipe)	68 km	Quiet roads, the sea
Day 5 Sun Feb 14, 2007	Río Lagartos	-	Flamingos, seafood, cenote, spring
Day 6 Mon Feb 15, 2007	Río Lagartos back to Tizimin	67 km	Quiet roads, Catacombs
Day 7 Tues Feb 16, 2007	Tizimin to Valladolid (via Ek Balam)	64 km	Ek-Balam Mayan Ruins, cenotes
Day 8 Wed Feb 17, 2007	Valladolid to Izamal	105 km	Cenotes, small towns, quiet roads
Day 9 Thurs Feb 18, 2007	Izamal	-	Mayan Ruins, Convent, Zocalo, Market
Day 10 Fri Feb 19, 2007	Izamal to Oxcutzcab	125 km	Quiet roads, no tourists, cenotes
Day 11 Sat Feb 20, 2007	Oxcutzcab to Santa Elena (Ruta Puuc)	55 km	Loltún caves, Ruta Puuc Mayan ruins, quiet road
Day 12 Sun Feb 21, 2007	Santa Elena to Ticul	44 km	Famous Uxmal Mayan ruins.
Day 13 Mon Feb 22, 2007	Ticul to Mérida	83 km	Mayan villages, Cenotes, Haciendas.
Day 14 Tues Feb 23, 2007	Mérida	-	Stay a bit longer or fly back home