

The Other Yucatan 2003

Summary

Our tour starts and ends in Mérida in the Mexican state of Yucatan. We recommend flying into Mérida by Sunday February 2nd and back home on or after Sunday February 16th. 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 Sunday February 2nd we will meet by 8pm 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, along mostly flat, solitary roads through small towns and villages, colonial towns, fishing villages and finally back to Mérida. Over our 10

days of riding we will average 110km daily and cover a total of about 1100km. Since this is a preliminary tour, the amount of camping that we



will be able to do has yet to be determined. We will travel from the state of Yucatan to Campeche state and back. Our daily rides will take us to various towns and cities including; Buctzotz, Río Lagartos, Tizimin, Izamal, Ticul, Hopelchen, Campeche, Becal and Mérida.

At the end of the tour; on Saturday February 15th we will explore the beautiful colonial city of Mérida. The next day 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\$115 for accommodations; about US\$170 for food and drink; and about US\$150 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\$400 (or the outstanding balance) must be received by us no later than January 3rd.

Itinerary

When	Where	Distance	Highlights
Day 0 Sun Feb 2,2003	Meet in Mérida	-	Yucatan cuisine, Colonial Architecture
Day 1 Mon Feb 3,2003	Mérida to Buctotz (via Tixkokob, Motúl, Cansahcab, Dzidzantún, Dzilam González)	115 km	Picturesque Towns, Mayan villages, quiet roads
Day 2 Tues Feb 4,2003	Buctotz to Río Lagartos (via Panobá, San Felipe)	115 km	Quiet roads, the sea
Day 3 Wed Feb 5,2003	Río Lagartos	-	Flamingos, seafood, cenote, spring
Day 4 Thurs Feb 6,2003	Río Lagartos to Tizimin (via El Cuyo, Col. Yucatan)	50/100/130 km depending on route	Saltworks, small untouristed towns, colonial Tizimin
Day 5 Fri Feb 7,2003	Tizimin to Izamal (via Calotmul, Tixbacab, Tunkas)	105 km	Mayan Ruins, Convent, Zocalo, Market, Cenotes
Day 6 Sat Feb 8,2003	Izamal to Ticul (via Citilcum, Hóctun, Huhí, Acancéh, Telchaquillo, Mama)	137 km	More small towns, ruins and cenotes
Day 7 Sun Feb 9,2003	Ticul	-	Rest day. Colonial town.
Day 8 Mon Feb 10,2003	Around Ticul - Ruta Puuc	112 km	Mayan ruins and caves
Day 9 Tues Feb 11,2003	Ticul to Hopelchen	90 km	Mayan villages, cave
Day 10 Wed Feb 12,2003	Hopelchen to Campeche (via Edzná, China)	120 km	Mayan ruins, small villages, quiet roads.
Day 11 Thurs Feb 13,2003	Campeche	-	Explore the walled, fortified colonial city.
Day 12 Fri Feb 14,2003	Campeche to Becal	87 km	Small towns, seafood.
Day 13 Sat Feb 15,2003	Becal to Mérida	85 km	Colonial Center, Zocalo, Market
Day 14 Sun Feb 16,2003	Mérida	-	Stay a bit longer or fly back home