

# Under the Volcano 2014

## Summary

**O**ur tour starts in Cholula in the Mexican state of Puebla, near the city of Puebla. We recommend flying into **Puebla** on or before **Tuesday Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>** and back home on or after **Tuesday Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>** (Puebla airport is very close to Cholula). 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.

and finally we will return to Cholula. Over our 10 days of riding we will average 61km daily and cover a total of about 606km. We will travel almost entirely within the state of Puebla, with a short jaunt through Tlaxcala. Our daily rides will take us to various towns and cities including; Tlaxcala, Huamantla, Ciudad Serdan, Tehuacan, Tepexi de Rodriguez, Izucar de Matamoros, Atlixco and then finally

**A**t the end of the tour; on Monday Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> we will return to Cholula. 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 Puebla airport, or plan to spend an extra day or two in **Puebla city** exploring this **UNESCO World Heritage** site.

**Y**ou will be responsible for taking a taxi from Puebla airport to the hotel in Cholula; **Casa Calli** at Portal Guerrero No. 11; tel.: (222)261-5607/8. Once checked in you can unpack and reassemble your bike and we will store your bike box at the hotel for your flight home. On Tuesday Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> we will meet at **6pm** in our hotel lobby for our first group dinner and our tour orientation.



**C**ount on a total of about US\$240 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 outstanding balance of the guides' fee must be received by us no later than October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**W**e start easy and ride all the quietest most beautiful roads in the region. We will cycle a big loop around the Puebla plateau with a few good ups and downs over mountains, with majestic views of Popocatepetl, La Malinche and Orizaba to name a few

back to Cholula. We recommend that you take the time and spend an extra day or two in the area to also explore Puebla city.

# Itinerary

When	Where	Distance	Highlights
Day 0 Tues Dec. 2, 2014	Fly into Puebla, taxi to Cholula (2100m)	-	La Virgen de los Remedios, views of Popo, tunnels, container city, oldest church in the Americas.
Day 1 Wed Dec. 3, 2014	Cholula to Tlaxcala (2260m)	57km (583m climbing)	Cacaxtla ruins, pulque, tacos, vistas
Day 2 Thurs Dec 4, 2014	Tlaxcala to La Malinche (3100m)	35km (926m climbing)	Pulque, thick pine forest, high mountain scenery, rambling hacienda country roads
Day 3 Fri Dec 5, 2014	La Malinche to Huamantla (2520m)	16km (40m climbing)	Almost a rest day... Museo de titeres (puppets)
Day 4 Sat Dec 6, 2014	Huamantla to Cantona (2490m)	88km (583m climbing)	Pulque museum, challenging ride, lagoons
Day 5 Sun Dec 7, 2014	Cantona	-	Ruins, museum
Day 6 Mon Dec 8, 2014	Cantona to Ciudad Serdan (2550m)	92km (693m climbing)	Lagoons, ex-haciendas, agricultural region, Huge Tianguis (market), views of Orizaba
Day 7 Tues Dec. 9 2014	Ciudad Serdan to Tehuacan (1650m)	70km (491m climbing)	More views of Orizaba, pineapple juice, pulque, city of gods
Day 8 Wed Dec. 10, 2014	Tehuacan	-	Municipal palace murals, museum of anthropology and minerology, trip to Zapotitlan cactus reserve
Day 9 Thurs Dec. 11, 2014	Tehuacan to Tepexi de Rodriguez (1760m)	88km (1128m climbing)	Very quiet roads, remote isolated terrain, canyons, challenging day
Day 10 Fri Dec. 12, 2014	Tepexi to Izucar de Matamoros (1300m)	89km (1052m climbing)	museo pie de vaca, fossil museum, more remote country and challenging cycling
Day 11 Sat Dec. 13, 2014	Izucar de Matamoros to Atlixco (1850m)	43km (660m climbing)	polychrome clay handicrafts, gradual climb, views of Popo
Day 12 Sun Dec, 14, 2014	Atlixco	-	Rest day, San Miguel on the hill, views of Popo
Day 13 Mon Dec 15, 2014	Atlixco to Cholula (2100m)	28km (587m climbing)	Chipilo Italian town, Santa Maria Tonantzintla, short easy day to finish
Day 14 Tues Dec 16, 2014	Cholula	-	Fly back home or stay a while longer