

# Views of the Pacific 2004

## Summary

**O**ur tour starts in Puerto Vallarta in the Mexican state of Jalisco. We recommend flying into **Puerto Vallarta** by **Friday November 5<sup>th</sup>** and back on or after **Sunday November 21<sup>st</sup>**. 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 Friday November 5<sup>th</sup> we will meet by **6pm** in our hotel lobby; **Hotel Azteca** at Madero 473; tel.: (322)222-2750. 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.

**O**ur route will take us from Puerto Vallarta, along a winding hilly coastal road southeast to Ciudad Lazaro Cardenas. Over our 12 days of riding

we will average 66km daily and cover a total of about 786km. Beach camping is possible though not necessary on up to 8 nights of the tour. We will travel from the state of Jalisco, through the states of Colima



and Michoacan and finally into the state of Guerrero. Our daily rides will take us to various towns and cities including; El Tuito, Pino Suarez, Punta Perula, Chamela, Barra de Navidad, Manzanillo, Tecoman, La Placita, Maruata, Rio Nexpa, Playa Azul, Petacalco and Zihuatanejo.

**A**t the end of the tour, on Saturday November 20<sup>th</sup> you will take a first class overnight bus or daytime van from Zihuatanejo back to Puerto Vallarta. Once there you may take a taxi back to the hotel where 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\$130 for accommodations; about US\$170 for food and drink; and about US\$120 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 October 6<sup>th</sup>.

# Itinerary

When	Where	Distance	Highlights
Day 0 Fri Nov 5, 2004	Meet in Puerto Vallarta	-	Beaches, Night Life, Live Shows, Market.
Day 1 Sat Nov 6, 2004	Puerto Vallarta to El Tuito	43 km	Into the foothills. Spectacular Mountain Views, Waterfalls and Rivers.
Day 2 Sun Nov 7, 2004	El Tuito to Tomatlán	64 km	Flat easy riding, frequent breaks to help get acclimatized.
Day 3 Mon Nov 8, 2004	Tomatlán to Punta Perula	58 km	Beaches. Curvy, rolling, very quiet road. Camping on the Beach Possible. Seafood.
Day 4 Tues Nov 9, 2004	Punta Perula to Barra de Navidad	82 km	Beautiful, Quiet, Hilly, Sinuous Roads. Small Beach Resort. Beaches, Night Life, Seafood.
Day 5 Wed Jan 10, 2004	Barra de Navidad	-	Beach time. Surfing, boogie boarding. Nightlife.
Day 6 Thurs Nov 11, 2004	Barra de Navidad to Manzanillo	63 km	All the Comforts of Home, Big Resort Town and Bustling Port. Night Life, Beaches, Seafood.
Day 7 Fri Nov 12, 2004	Manzanillo to Tecoman	62 km	Scenic Inland Roads. Real Mexico. Good Food.
Day 8 Sat Nov 13, 2004	Tecoman to La Placita	62 km	Into Michoacan and the start of the great views and more challenging cycling. Small-Town Real Mexico. Beach.
Day 9 Sun Nov 14, 2004	La Placita to Maruata	54 km	More beach. Very Quiet, Scenic, Hilly, Curvy Roads. Spectacular Views of the Ocean. Small Towns.
Day 10 Mon Nov 15, 2004	Maruata	-	Beautiful beaches, body surfing, fresh seafood
Day 11 Tues Nov 16, 2004	Maruata to Playa Rio Nexpa/ Caleta de Campos	97 km	Incredibly Quiet Roads - Challenging Climbs, Rewarding Views of Ocean and Mountains. Small Towns. Surfer Beaches.
Day 12 Wed Nov 17, 2004	P. Rio Nexpa/ Caleta de Campos to Playa Azul	62 km	Small Beach Resort. Seafood, Beach.
Day 13 Thurs Nov 18, 2004	Playa Azul to Petacalco	43 km	State crossing, major dam, pebble beach.
Day 14 Fri Nov 19, 2004	Petacalco to Zihuatanejo	96 km	Small resort, beaches, night life, seafood.
Day 15 Sat Nov 20, 2004	Van or bus back to Pto. Vallarta	-	Daytime van or overnight bus back to Pto. Vallarta
Day 16 Sun Nov 21, 2004	Puerto Vallarta	-	Stay a little longer or fly home.