

Views of the Pacific 2005

Summary

Our tour starts in Puerto Vallarta in the Mexican state of Jalisco. We recommend flying into **Puerto Vallarta** by **Saturday November 5th** and back on or after **Tuesday November 22nd**. 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 Saturday November 5th 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.

Our route will take us from Puerto Vallarta, along a winding hilly coastal road southeast to Zihuatanejo. Over

our 12 days of riding we will average 66km daily and cover a total of about 786km. 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.

At the end of the tour, on Monday November 21st 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.

Count on a total of about US\$195 for accommodations; about US\$220 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 October 6th.

Itinerary

When	Where	Distance	Highlights
Day 0 Sat Nov 5, 2005	Meet in Puerto Vallarta	-	Beaches, Night Life, Live Shows, Market.
Day 1 Sun Nov 6, 2005	Puerto Vallarta to El Tuito	45 km	Into the foothills. Spectacular Mountain Views, Waterfalls and Rivers.
Day 2 Mon Nov 7, 2005	El Tuito to Tomatlán	64 km	Flat easy riding, frequent breaks to help get acclimatized.
Day 3 Tues Nov 8, 2005	Tomatlán to Punta Perula	57 km	Beaches. Curvy, rolling, very quiet road. Seafood. Our favourite Pacific coast beach.
Day 4 Wed Nov 9, 2005	Punta Perula to Barra de Navidad	82 km	Beautiful, Quiet, Hilly, Sinuous Roads. Small Beach Resort. Beaches, Night Life, Seafood. What a beach resort should be like.
Day 5 Thurs Nov 10, 2005	Barra de Navidad	-	Beach time. Surfing, boogie boarding. Nightlife.
Day 6 Fri Nov 11, 2005	Barra de Navidad to Manzanillo	62 km	All the Comforts of Home, Big Resort Town and Bustling Port. Night Life, Beaches, Seafood.
Day 7 Sat Nov 12, 2005	Manzanillo to Tecoman	62 km	Scenic Inland Roads. Real Mexico. Good Food.
Day 8 Sun Nov 13, 2005	Tecoman to La Placita	60 km	Into Michoacan and the start of the great views and more challenging cycling. Small-Town Real Mexico. Beach.
Day 9 Mon Nov 14, 2005	La Placita to Maruata	50 km	More beach. Very Quiet, Scenic, Hilly, Curvy Roads. Spectacular Views of the Ocean. Small Towns.
Day 10 Tues Nov 15, 2005	Maruata	-	Beautiful beaches, body surfing, fresh seafood
Day 11 Wed Nov 16, 2005	Maruata to Playa Rio Nexpa	96 km	Incredibly Quiet Roads - Challenging Climbs, Rewarding Views of Ocean and Mountains. One of the most spectacular sections of Mexico. Small Towns. Surfer Beaches.
Day 12 Thurs Nov 17, 2005	P. Rio Nexpa to Playa Azul	62 km	Small Beach Resort. Seafood, Beach.
Day 13 Fri Nov 18, 2005	Playa Azul to Petacalco	43 km	State crossing, major dam, pebble beach.
Day 14 Sat Nov 19, 2005	Petacalco to Zihuatanejo	96 km	Small resort, beaches, night life, seafood.
Day 15 Sun Nov 20, 2005	Zihuatanejo	-	Enjoy Zihua for the day
Day 16 Mon Nov 21, 2005	Van or bus back to Pto. Vallarta	-	Daytime van or overnight bus back to Pto. Vallarta
Day 17 Tues Nov 22, 2005	Puerto Vallarta	-	Stay a bit longer or fly back home.