

# Views of the Pacific 2006

## Summary

**O**ur tour starts in Puerto Vallarta in the Mexican state of Jalisco. We recommend flying into **Puerto Vallarta** by **Saturday November 11th** and back on or after **Tuesday November 28nd**. Of course you may prefer to come earlier or stay longer; let us know and we will make hotel reservations for you. Flying out of **Zihuatanejo-Ixtapa** is also an excellent option. We urge you to book your flight as soon as possible.

**O**n Saturday November 11th 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 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 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, Troncones and Zihuatanejo.

**A**t the end of the tour, on Monday November 27th you may take a first class overnight bus from Zihuatanejo back to Puerto Vallarta. Optionally you can avoid the bus ride by flying out of Zihuatanejo instead of 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\$215 for accommodations (based on double occupancy); 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\$600 (or the outstanding balance) must be received by us no later than October 11<sup>th</sup>.

# Itinerary

When	Where	Distance	Highlights
Day 0 Sat Nov 11, 2006	Meet in Puerto Vallarta	-	Beaches, Night Life, Live Shows, Market.
Day 1 Sun Nov 12, 2006	Puerto Vallarta to El Tuito	45 km	Into the foothills. Spectacular Mountain Views, Waterfalls and Rivers.
Day 2 Mon Nov 13, 2006	El Tuito to Tomatlán	64 km	Flat easy riding, frequent breaks to help get acclimatized.
Day 3 Tues Nov 14, 2006	Tomatlán to Punta Perula	57 km	Beaches. Curvy, rolling, very quiet road. Seafood. Our favourite Pacific coast beach.
Day 4 Wed Nov 15, 2006	Punta Perula to Barra de Navidad	82 km	Beautiful, Quiet, Hilly, Sinuous Roads. Small Beach Resort. Beaches, Night Life, Seafood. What a beach resort <b>should</b> be like.
Day 5 Thurs Nov 16, 2006	Barra de Navidad	-	Beach time. Surfing, boogie boarding. Nightlife.
Day 6 Fri Nov 17, 2006	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 18, 2006	Manzanillo to Tecoman	62 km	Scenic Inland Roads. Real Mexico. Good Food.
Day 8 Sun Nov 19, 2006	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 20, 2006	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 21, 2006	Maruata	-	Beautiful beaches, body surfing, fresh seafood
Day 11 Wed Nov 22, 2006	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 23, 2006	P. Rio Nexpa to Playa Azul	62 km	Small Beach Resort. Seafood, Beach.
Day 13 Fri Nov 24, 2006	Playa Azul to Troncones	104 km	State crossing, major dam, quiet rolling roads.
Day 14 Sat Nov 25, 2006	Troncones to Zihuatanejo	41 km	Small resort, beaches, night life, seafood.
Day 15 Sun Nov 26, 2006	Zihuatanejo	-	Enjoy Zihua for the day
Day 16 Mon Nov 27, 2006	Van or bus back to Pto. Vallarta	-	Daytime van or overnight bus back to Pto. Vallarta OR stay and fly out of Zihua.
Day 17 Tues Nov 28, 2006	Puerto Vallarta	-	Stay a bit longer or fly back home.