

# Yucatan's Beaches & Ruins 2003

## Summary

**O**ur tour starts in Cancun in the Mexican state of Quintana Roo. We recommend flying into Cancun by Saturday November 8<sup>th</sup> and back home on or after Saturday November 22<sup>nd</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 Saturday November 8<sup>th</sup> we will meet by 7pm in our hotel lobby; Hotel Colonial at Tulipanes; tel.: (998)884-1535. 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 Cancun, southwest along the Caribbean coast on very flat roads, then inland northwest along gently rolling roads,

west along the gulf coast and then finally south to Mérida. Over our 10 days of riding we will average 61km daily and cover a total of about 606km. Beach camping is possible though not necessary on up to 4 nights of the tour. We will travel from



the state of Quintana Roo into the state of Yucatan. Our daily rides will take us to various towns and cities including; Puerto Morelos, Playa del Carmen, Tulum, Cobá, Pisté (Chichén-Itzá), Izamal, Dzintzantun, Progreso, and Mérida.

**A**t the end of the tour; on Friday November 21<sup>st</sup> or Saturday November 22<sup>nd</sup> you will take a deluxe bus from Mérida back to Cancun. Once there you may walk 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\$115 for accommodations; about US\$170 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\$400 (or the outstanding balance) must be received by us no later than October 9<sup>th</sup>.

# Itinerary

When	Where	Distance	Highlights
Day 0 Sat Nov 8,2003	Meet in Cancun	-	Hotel Zone (Beaches, Bars, Discos, Clubs), Mainland Town
Day 1 Sun Nov 9,2003	Cancun to Puerto Morelos	53 km	Snorkeling, Scuba-Diving, Beach, Camping Possible
Day 2 Mon Nov 10,2003	Puerto Morelos to Playa del Carmen	37 km	Beach, Scuba-Diving, Snorkeling
Day 3 Tues Nov 11,2003	Playa del Carmen to Tulum	61-74 km	Cenotes, caves, beach, camping possible
Day 4 Wed Nov 12,2003	Tulum	-	Beach, snorkel, Scuba-Diving, Tulum ruins, camping possible
Day 5 Thurs Nov 13,2003	Tulum to Cobá (via many cenotes)	55 km	Mayan Ruins, Cenotes, Quiet Small Town
Day 6 Fri Nov 14,2003	Cobá to Valladolid	62 km	Cenote Zací, Zocalo, Churches, Parks, Market
Day 7 Sat Nov 15,2003	Valladolid to Pisté (Chichén-Itzá)	50 km	Cenote X-Kekén near Dzitnup, Balancanchen caves
Day 8 Sun Nov 16,2003	Pisté (Chichén-Itzá)	-	Chichén-Itzá Ruins
Day 9 Mon Nov 17,2003	Pisté to Izamal (via Dzitas, Tunkas and Stilpech)	75-96 km	Cenotes, Mayan Ruins, Convent, Zocalo, Market
Day 10 Tues Nov 18,2003	Izamal to Dzintzantun	~47 km	Quiet Fishing Village, Seafood, Beach, Camping Possible
Day 11 Wed Nov 19,2003	Dzintzantun to Progreso	84 km	Mayan ruins, flamingos, Gulf Coast Road, Long Pier, Beaches, Restaurants, Shops and Market
Day 12 Thurs Nov 20,2003	Progreso to Mérida via Chicxulub, Taxché, etc.	65 km	Mayan ruins, cenote, Colonial Center, Zocalo, Market
Day 13 Fri Nov 21,2003	Mérida	-	Colonial Center, Zocalo, Market
Day 14 Sat Nov 22,2003	Mérida to Cancun	-	Relax on the bus back to Cancun