

Yucatan One Week Tour 2009

Summary

Our tour starts in **Valladolid** in the Mexican state of Yucatan. We recommend flying into **Mérida** or **Cancun** on or before **Saturday January 24th** and back home on or after **Saturday January 31st**. You will have to travel from the airport for another 2 to 3 hours, either by 1st class bus or by more expensive airport transfer/taxi to Valladolid where the tour starts. Of course you may also prefer to arrive 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.

We can help you with the details, but you will be responsible for getting yourself to the hotel in **Valladolid**; **Hotel Don Luis** at Calle 39 #191, tel.: (985)856-2024. Once checked in you can unpack and reassemble your bikes and we will store your bike boxes at the hotel for your flight home. On Saturday January 24th, in the evening we will meet at **6pm** in the hotel lobby for a group dinner and tour orientation.

Our route will take us from Valladolid, south-east to Coba, and looping up to Ek Balam, Izamal, Pisté (Chichen Itza) and finally back to Valladolid. Over our 5 days of riding we will average 80km daily and cover a total of about 402km. We will travel mostly in the state of Yucatan and briefly in Quintana Roo.



On the last day of the tour, Friday January 30th, we ride back into Valladolid. You will have some time to explore this beautiful colonial city. Later you should disassemble and once again pack your bike in your bike box; ready for your flight home the next day (Saturday January 31st) or later if you are staying longer. Please take into account the time it will take to bus back to Cancun or Merida to catch your flight, and allow plenty of time for the taxi ride back to the airport.

Count on a total of about US\$110 for accommodations (based on double occupancy); about US\$95 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 outstanding balance of the guides' fee must be received by us no later than November 24th.

Itinerary

When	Where	Distance	Highlights
Day 0 Sat Jan 24, 2009	Meet in Valladolid	-	Meet the group. Yucatan cuisine, Colonial Architecture, cenote, market
Day 1 Sun Jan 25, 2009	Valladolid to Coba	77 km	several cenotes, Mayan villages and towns, freshly paved backroads, remote Mayan ruins of Ixhil, Coba Mayan Ruins
Day 2 Mon Jan 26, 2009	Coba to Ek Balam	85 km	quiet roads, elevated lookout tower, tiny Mayan village
Day 3 Tues Jan 27, 2009	Ek Balam to Izamal	110 km	Cenotes, small towns, quiet roads
Day 4 Wed Jan 28, 2009	Izamal	-	Mayan Ruins, huge pyramid, Convent, Zocalo, Market, beautiful Izamal, the best tacos in Mexico!
Day 5 Thurs Jan 29, 2009	Izamal to Pisté (via Stilpech, Tunkas and Dzitas)	71 km	Cenotes, quiet roads, small towns
Day 6 Fri Jan 30, 2009	Pisté to Valladolid (via Dzitas, Tinum, Uayma)	59 km	Chichén-Itzá ruins, caves, cenotes, colonial town
Day 7 Sat Jan 31, 2009	Fly back home, or stay a little longer	-	Return home or enjoy more Yucatan cuisine, Colonial Architecture, cenote, market