

Yucatan to the Clouds 2005

Summary

Our tour starts in Cancun in the Mexican state of Quintana Roo. We recommend flying into **Cancun** by **Thursday February 10th** and back home on or after **Sunday March 6th**. 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 Thursday February 10th we will meet by **6pm** 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.

Our route will take us from Cancun, along flat roads down the Caribbean coast, inland on increasingly hilly roads, along the Gulf Coast, through the wetlands of Tabasco and finally into the mountains of Chiapas. Over our 17 days of riding we will average 81km daily and cover a total of about

1383km. There is an optional side-trip at the end of the tour. Camping is possible though not necessary on up to 4 nights of the tour. We will travel from the state of Quintana Roo, through the states of Yucatan, Campeche and Tabasco and finally



into the state of Chiapas. Our daily rides will take us to various towns and cities including; Playa del Carmen, Tulum, Felipe Carrillo Puerto, J.M. Morelos, Tekax, the Ruta Puuc, Sta. Elena, Uxmal ruins, Hopelchen, Campeche, Sabancuy, Ciudad del Carmen, Frontera, Villahermosa, Pichucalco, Tapilula, Jitotol, and San Cristóbal de las Casas.

At the end of the tour; Saturday March 5th you will take an overnight deluxe bus from San Cristóbal 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.

Count on a total of about US\$220 for accommodations; about \$280 for food and drink; and about \$170 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\$700 (or the outstanding balance) must be received by us no later than January 11th.

Itinerary

When	Where	Distance	Highlights
Day 0 Thurs Feb 10, 2005	Meet in Cancun	-	Beaches, Bars, Discos, Clubs, Cuisine
Day 1 Fri Feb 11, 2005	Cancun to Playa del Carmen	88 km	Beach, Scuba-Diving, Snorkeling
Day 2 Sat Feb 12, 2005	Playa del Carmen to Tulum	61-74 km	Cenotes, caves, beach, camping possible
Day 3 Sun Feb 13, 2005	Tulum	-	Beach, snorkel, Scuba-Diving, Tulum ruins, camping possible
Day 4 Mon Feb 14, 2005	Tulum to Felipe Carillo Puerto	105 km	Cenote, Sanctuary of the talking cross, Whipping Fountain, Mercado
Day 5 Tues Feb 15, 2005	Felipe Carillo Puerto to Jose Maria Morelos	80 km	Small towns
Day 6 Wed Feb 16, 2005	JM Morelos to Tekax	93 km	Field of Aloe-Vera, rolling hills, charming towns
Day 7 Thurs Feb 17, 2005	Tekax	-	Rest day.
Day 8 Fri Feb 18, 2005	Tekax to Sta. Elena via Ruta Puuc	70 km	Loltún cave, Mayan ruins and more Mayan ruins
Day 9 Sat Feb 19, 2005	Sta. Elena and Uxmal Ruins	29 km	Almost a rest day. Famous Uxmal Mayan ruins
Day 10 Sun Feb 20, 2005	Sta. Elena to Hopelchen	73 km	Mayan villages, cave
Day 11 Mon Feb 21, 2005	Hopelchen to Campeche (via Edzná)	116 km	Mayan ruins, small villages, quiet roads
Day 12 Tues Feb 22, 2005	Campeche	-	Explore the walled, fortified colonial city.
Day 13 Wed Feb 23, 2005	Campeche to Sabancuy	133 km	Deserted beaches, charming friendly town

Day 14 Thurs Feb 24, 2005	Sabancuy to Ciudad del Carmen	85 km	Gulf coast, deserted beaches, bustling exciting city
Day 15 Fri Feb 25, 2005	Ciudad del Carmen to Frontera	97 km	Quiet roads, small towns and villages.
Day 16 Sat Feb 26, 2005	Frontera to Villahermosa	83 km	The wetlands of the state of Tabasco.
Day 17 Sun Feb 27, 2005	Villahermosa	-	La Venta park; Olmec archeological museum, Tabasco zoo. Exciting bustling city.
Day 18 Mon Feb 28, 2005	Villahermosa to Pichucalco	78 km	A small town in the foothills of the mountains of Chiapas state.
Day 19 Tues Mar 1, 2005	Pichucalco to Tapilula	53 km mountains	In the heart of the mountains. Challenging climbing. Amazing views and scenery. Small villages and towns.
Day 20 Wed Mar 2, 2005	Tapilula to Jitotol	52 km mountains	Climbing higher into the mountains and yet more spectacular views. Small villages and towns.
Day 21 Thurs Mar 3, 2005	Jitotol to San Cristóbal	74 km mountains	Spectacular Mountain Scenery, Villages, the Historic Old Town
Day 22 Fri Mar 4, 2005	Around San Cristóbal	Optional 30-60km mountains	Colonial Town, Markets - explore San Cristóbal
Day 23 Sat Mar 5, 2005	San Cristóbal to Cancun	-	Leave in the afternoon for Cancun, or stay a little longer!
Day 24 Sun Mar 6, 2005	Cancun to home	-	Morning arrival in Cancun. Stay a little longer or fly home.