

# Yucatan to the Clouds 2006

## Summary

**O**ur tour starts in Cancun in the Mexican state of Quintana Roo. We recommend flying into **Cancun** by **Tuesday February 14th** and back home on or after **Friday March 10th**. 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 Tuesday February 14th we will meet by **6pm** in our hotel lobby; **Hotel Colonial** at Tulipanes No. 22 x Av. Tulum; tel.: (998)884-1535. 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 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 84km daily and cover a total of about 1421km. There is an optional side-trip at the end 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, Ticul, Hopelchen, Campeche, Sabancuy, Ciudad del Carmen, Frontera, Villahermosa, Pichucalco, Tapilula, Jitotol, and finally, San

Cristóbal de las Casas.

**A**t the end of the tour; Thursday March 9th 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.

**C**ount on a total of about US\$280 for accommodations; about \$290 for food and drink; and about \$200 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\$750 (or the outstanding balance) must be received by us no later than January 15<sup>th</sup>.

# Itinerary

When	Where	Distance	Highlights
Day 0 Tues Feb 14, 2006	Meet in Cancun	-	Beaches, Bars, Discos, Clubs, Cuisine
Day 1 Wed Feb 15, 2006	Cancun to Playa del Carmen	88 km	Beach, Scuba-Diving, Snorkeling
Day 2 Thurs Feb 16, 2006	Playa del Carmen to Tulum	61-74 km	Cenotes, caves, beach, camping possible
Day 3 Fri Feb 17, 2006	Tulum	-	Beach, snorkel, Scuba-Diving, Tulum ruins, camping possible
Day 4 Sat Feb 18, 2006	Tulum to Felipe Carillo Puerto	105 km	Cenote, Sanctuary of the talking cross, Whipping Fountain, Mercado
Day 5 Sun Feb 19, 2006	Felipe Carillo Puerto to Jose Maria Morelos	80 km	Small towns.
Day 6 Mon Feb 20, 2006	JM Morelos to Tekax	93 km	Field of Aloe-Vera, rolling hills, charming towns.
Day 7 Tues Feb 21, 2006	Tekax	-	Rest day
Day 8 Wed Feb 22, 2006	Tekax to Sta. Elena via Ruta Puuc	70 km	Loltún cave, Mayan ruins and more Mayan ruins
Day 9 Thurs Feb 23, 2006	Sta. Elena to Ticul via Uxmal Ruins	52 km	Almost a rest day. Famous Uxmal Mayan ruins
Day 10 Fri Feb 24, 2006	Ticul to Hopelchen	88 km	Mayan villages, cave
Day 11 Sat Feb 25, 2006	Hopelchen to Campeche (via Edzná, China)	116 km	Mayan ruins, small villages, quiet roads, cArNaVaL!
Day 12 Sun Feb 26, 2006	Campeche	-	Explore the walled, fortified colonial city. More Carnaval.

Day 13 Mon Feb 27, 2006	Campeche to Sabancuy	133 km	Deserted beaches, charming friendly town, yet more carnival.
Day 14 Tues Feb 28, 2006	Sabancuy to Ciudad del Carmen	85 km	Gulf coast, deserted beaches, bustling exciting city
Day 15 Wed Mar 1, 2006	Ciudad del Carmen to Frontera	97 km	Quiet roads, small towns and villages.
Day 16 Thurs Mar 2, 2006	Frontera to Villahermosa	83 km	The wetlands of the state of Tabasco.
Day 17 Fri Mar 3, 2006	Villahermosa	-	La Venta park; Olmec archeological museum, Tabasco zoo. Exciting bustling city.
Day 18 Sat Mar 4, 2006	Villahermosa to Pichucalco	78 km	A small town in the foothills of the mountains of Chiapas state.
Day 19 Sun Mar 5, 2006	Pichucalco to Tapilula	53 km mountains	In the heart of the mountains. Challenging climbing. Amazing views and scenery. Small villages and towns.
Day 20 Mon Mar 6, 2006	Tapilula to Jitotol	52 km mountains	Climbing higher into the mountains and yet more spectacular views. Small villages and towns.
Day 21 Tues Mar 7, 2006	Jitotol to San Cristóbal	74 km mountains	Spectacular Mountain Scenery, Villages, the Historic Old Town
Day 22 Wed Mar 8, 2006	Around San Cristóbal	Optional 30-60 km mountains	Colonial Town, Markets - explore San Cristóbal
Day 23 Thurs Mar 9, 2006	San Cristóbal to Cancun	-	Leave in the afternoon for Cancun, or stay a little longer!
Day 24 Fri Mar 10, 2006	Cancun to home	-	Morning arrival in Cancun. Stay a little longer or fly home.