

Travel to The Yucatan December 1 – 8, 2007

Overview

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We traveled 1771 km (1100 miles) in 8 days.

Cost of the car was \$700 US and that included \$25 extra per day for Mexican insurance, and \$5 extra per day per extra driver. We paid for all of us to legally drive, and we did all share the driving equally. Cost of gas, by the time we overpaid, was probably about equal to US prices...roughly \$3.00 per gallon. Transportation costs (without gas) came to about \$18 per day per person.

We had an exciting, wonderful trip and saw some amazing sights. Nobody got sick, injured, or too crabby (though that was nip and tuck a couple of times). Nothing bad happened. I look forward to returning sometime. There were no stops we made or places we stayed that I can't recommend (except maybe our experiences at the Pemex stations).

The long version of this journal is 20 pages, but I have the highlights highlighted, for the reader who is scanning for particular details. Joe and I took well over a 1000 photos. I have limited my posting to my favorite 500 or so.

The cities and towns we stopped in to explore, spend the night, or have a meal, buy groceries, or use the ATM are (in the order we visited them):

Playa del Carmen	Bacalar	Dzibalchen	Arcancéh
Tulum	Xpujil	Hopelchen	Valladolid
Limones	Zoh-Laguna	Santa Elena	Cancun

Of course, we drove through and admired many more than this.

The tourist sites, in the order we visited them:

Xel-Ha	Becan
Tulum	Hochob
Grand Cenote	Kabah
Limones	Uxmal
Chacchoben	Loltun Caves
Dzibanche	Chichen Itza
Kohunlich (we were too late to go in)	Cenote Zaci
Calakmul	Dzinup – Cenote X-Keken

The accommodations we used are:

Hotel Hul-ka in Playa del Carmen

Los Lobos Hostel at Tulum

Hotel Laguna Bacalar south of Bacalar town

Rio Bec Dreams (2 nights) west of Xpujil

The Flycatcher Inn in Santa Elena

Hotel Zaci in Valladolid

Xin Ha Hotel in Cancun's resort zone (Mary and Josh only)