

Grand Tour Riviera Maya 2026

- Ninth Edition -

November 27th to December 7th



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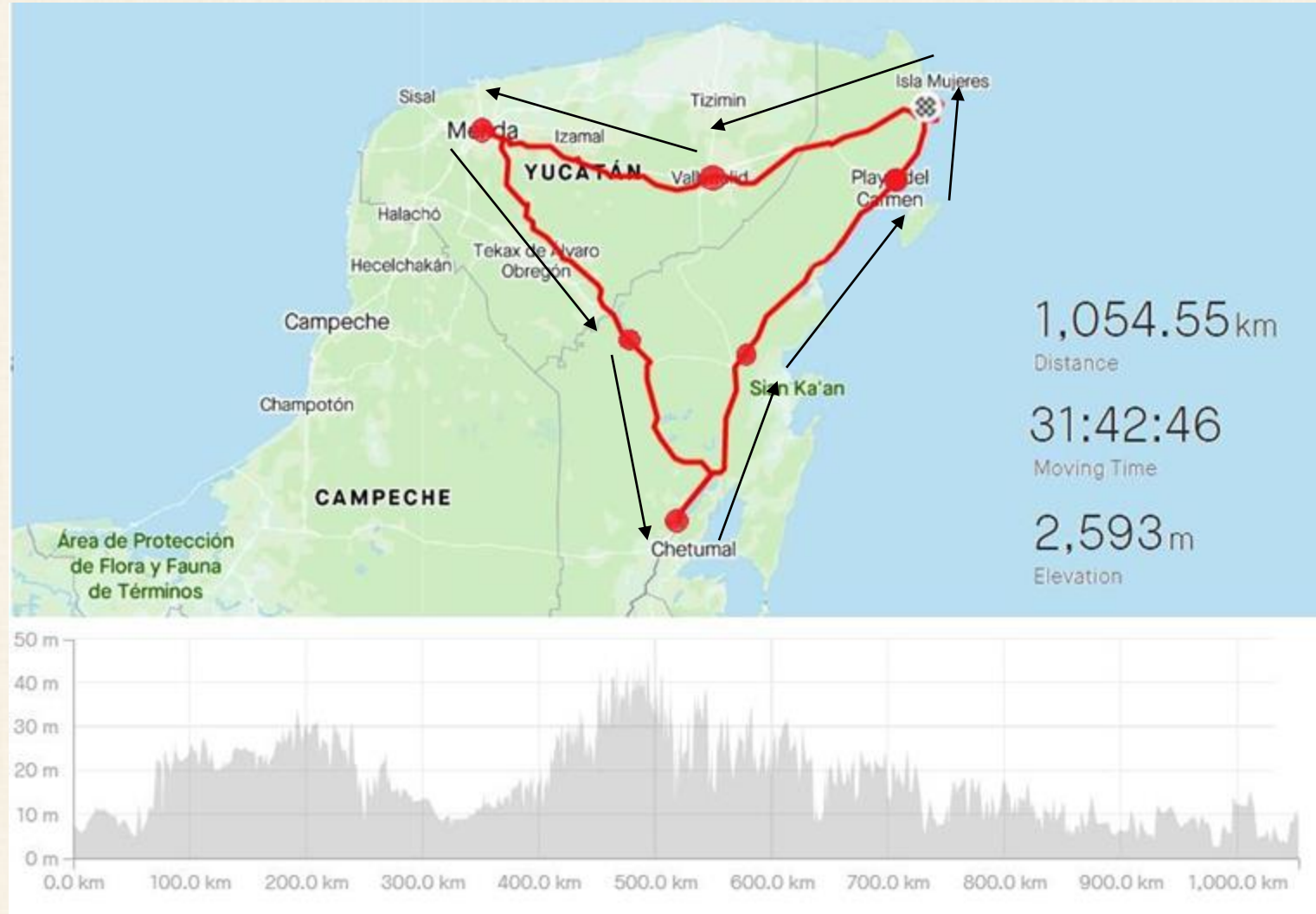
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General Information

1000 kilometers by bicycle divided into **7 stages**, with 2 rest days through the world-famous Riviera Maya, Mexico.

Included in the WWBTO tour:

- ✓ Medical insurance
- ✓ Hydration and snacks along the route
- ✓ 3 support vehicles throughout the journey
- ✓ Participant kit
- ✓ Breakfasts on riding days
- ✓ Hotel lodging
- ✓ Mechanical support



Link Strava: <http://www.strava.com/routes/2788903183115383748>

What should I bring?

Your luggage to use during the route:

- Bicycle in perfect condition
- Gloves
- Helmet
- Sunscreen (plenty!)
- Front and rear lights
- Glasses
- Cycling sleeves
- Cycling jerseys (Around 4 or 5)
- Cycling shorts (Around 4 or 5)
- Cycling socks (Around 4 or 5 pairs)
- Cycling shoes
- Cell phone (Don't forget the charger!)
- Wallet with ID and money for extra expenses
- Inner tubes and patches
- Bicycle tool and portable air pump
- 2 water bottles
- GPS / Cycle computer

Your luggage to use after the rides:

- Comfortable clothes
- Swimsuit
- Sandals
- Towel
- Cap
- Mosquito repellent
- Vitamin B (also works against mosquitoes)
- Backpack (for short excursions)
- Personal hygiene products
- Camera
- Comfortable sneakers
- Pajamas
- Anti-inflammatory gel and muscle pain relief
- Box or case to transport bicycle
- Extra tires for your bicycle
- Food supplements
- Etc.

November 27th in Cancún – Welcome and Dinner

We will meet at the host hotel (the host hotel will be indicated to participants once registered) from 3:00 pm to assign rooms and receive participants.

Later, we will have a **welcome dinner at 7:00 pm**, to get to know each other, clarify questions, hand over **participant jerseys** and prepare for the Tour.

Places of interest in Cancún:

- *Delfines Beach*
- *Nichupté Lagoon*
- *Market 23*
- *Underwater Museum of Art*
- *El Rey Archaeological Zone*
- *Isla Mujeres*



Stage 1: November 28

Cancún - Valladolid: 160 km

→ **Breakfast in Cancún** at the host hotel.

→ **160 km of road** with temperatures around 26 °C. Aid stations approximately every 40 km. Around 5 hours of riding.

→ Arrival at the **hotel in Valladolid**

Places of interest in Valladolid:

- Zaci Cenote
- House of the Deer
- Dzitnup Cenote



Stage 2: November 29th and 30th

Valladolid - **Mérida**: 170 km and Rest Day

→ Breakfast in Valladolid.

→ **170 km of road** with temperatures around 29 °C.
Aid stations approximately every 40 km. Around 5 hours of riding. ***In this stage the official GTRM 2026 Jersey is used***

→ Arrival at the **hotel in Mérida**

→ November 30th: **Rest day in Mérida**

Places of interest in Mérida:

- *Cantón Palace*
- *Santa Lucía Park*
- *Casa Montejo Museum*
- *Monument to the Flag*
- *Museum of Anthropology and History*



Stage 3: December 1st

Mérida - José Ma. Morelos: 190 km

→ Breakfast in Mérida.

→ **190 km of road** with temperatures around 27°C. Aid stations approximately every 40 km. Around 6 hours of riding.

→ Arrival at the **hotel in José Ma. Morelos**

-Note that this is a 1-star hotel; there are no better hotels in the area due to the size of the town.



Stage 4: December 2nd and 3rd

José Ma. Morelos - **Bacalar**: 160 km & Rest Day

→ **Breakfast in José Ma. Morelos.**

→ **160 km of road** with temperatures around 25°C. Aid stations approximately every 40 km. Around 5 hours of riding.

→ Arrival at the **hotel in Bacalar**

→ December 3rd: **Rest day in Bacalar.**

Places of interest in Bacalar:

- *San Felipe Fort*
- *Pirates Channel*
- *Blue Cenote*
- *Uchben Kah Ecotourism Park*



Stage 5: December 4th

Bacalar - Felipe Carrillo Puerto: 115 km

→ Breakfast in Bacalar.

→ **115 km of road** with temperatures around 22°C. Aid stations approximately every 40 km. Around 4 hours of riding.

→ Arrival at the **hotel in Felipe Carrillo Puerto**

-Note that this is a 1-star hotel; there are no better hotels in the area due to the size of the town.

Places of interest in Felipe Carrillo Puerto:

- *Muyil Archaeological Zone*
- *Museum and the Temple of the Talking Cross*
- *Raxalaj Mayab Arts and Culture Center*



Stage 6: December 5th

Felipe Carrillo Puerto - Playa del Carmen: 160 km

→ Breakfast in Felipe Carrillo Puerto.

→ **160 km of road** with temperatures around 24°C. Aid stations approximately every 40 km. Around 5 hours of riding.

→ Arrival at the **hotel in Playa del Carmen**

Places of interest in Playa del Carmen:

- Xcaret
- Rio Secreto
- Chaak Tun Cenote
- Fifth Avenue
- 3D Museum of Wonders



Stage 7: December 6th and 7th

Playa del Carmen - Cancún: 90 km

→ Breakfast in Playa del Carmen

→ **90 km of road** with temperatures around 27°C. Aid stations approximately every 40 km. Around 3 hours of riding. *In this stage the official GTRM 2026 Jersey is used*

→ Arrival at the **host hotel in Cancún** and celebration meal when all participants arrive to celebrate the achievement!

December 7th: Breakfast in Cancún, thus concluding the Grand Tour Riviera Maya.



Important Information and Frequently Asked Questions (1/2)

- **Is it necessary to have medical insurance coverage?**

During the event, you have medical insurance included in the price of the GTRM; however, it is recommended to have major medical insurance and/or social security.

The conditions of the event's medical insurance policy will be provided to you before the start of the ride.

- **Do I have lodging guaranteed during the event?**

Yes, lodging service is contracted, from the night before the start to the night of the last day of the ride.

Accommodation is in shared rooms with another participant. The staff will notify you in advance who your roommate will be.

- **Can I bring my own support vehicle?**

It's not necessary; during the event we will have vehicles escorting the pelotons, where cyclists can get on if they wish during a stage or part of the route, and also a sweep vehicle where bicycles can be loaded.

To bring your own sweep vehicle, companions must pay the cost of the event to be able to accompany us.

- **Aid Stations:**

On riding days, aid station services are planned, which will be located on average every 40 km, where there will be solid and liquid refreshments.

- **What happens in case of a breakdown on my bike (flat tire, broken chain, etc.)?**

We ask that you pull over and wait for the mechanic in the sweep vehicle. If you don't carry spare parts, you can purchase them from the mechanic for an additional cost. If the repair cannot be made at that moment, the bicycle will be placed on the sweep vehicle and the participant in one of the support vehicles.

- **If at any time I get on the support vehicle, can I get off and continue riding?**

Yes, you can only rejoin the group at the aid stops.

- **What happens if I fall behind the sweep vehicle?**

No one rides behind the sweep vehicle. For safety reasons and to keep the group compact, if a participant's speed is excessively slow, they will be asked to get on the sweep vehicle or one of the support vehicles and continue the route with the group at the next aid stop or when the participant decides to continue.

- **What is the estimated average speed during the event?**

The entire event takes place with minimal elevation; the most we climb is 40 meters above sea level. The speed is very consistent during all stages, but generally two riding groups are formed: one averaging 35 km/h and another averaging 30 km/h. Each group has a support or escort vehicle.

Important Information and Frequently Asked Questions (2/2)

- **What happens if I don't complete the distance?**

We hope you enjoy the event, so you are not obliged to finish the entire distance. At any time you can get on a support vehicle and restart your ride at the next aid point or the next city.

- **How can the event be paid for?**

The event can be paid in a single payment or in interest-free monthly installments; the amount of the monthly payment will depend on the registration date, since 100% of the cost of the event must be covered by October 1, 2026.

- **What is the payment method?**

Payment is made by bank transfer or cash deposit to the company's account that will be provided to you, with your personal reference number.

If you pay by bank transfer, in the concept and/or reference of the deposit you must indicate only your personal reference number. For cash payments at the bank or convenience store, you must send your deposit receipt via WhatsApp or email indicating your personal reference number.

- **Can I bring luggage?**

Yes, one of the event's vehicles is designated to transport participants' suitcases from one city to another. You are asked to also bring a backpack to keep personal items you may need during the ride, to avoid moving the luggage suitcases.

- **Is it a mixed event?**

Yes, the event is designed to be done by adult women and men with adequate training to complete the 1,000 km.

- **Is the event held despite the COVID-19 contingency?**

Yes, we have a hygiene protocol that establishes the measures to be applied during the event; additionally, it is not a mass event, so we can maintain safety measures more easily.

- **What time do I have to arrive in Cancún and when can I return?**

Arrival must be before 6:00 pm on Friday, November 27 at the host hotel, as the welcome dinner is scheduled for 7:00 pm that day.

On Monday, December 7th, you must leave the hotel before 11:00 am, when check-out is scheduled; breakfast is included.

- **In which cities can I wash my clothes?**

In Mérida (on the rest day) and Bacalar (on the rest day), the contacts and companies that provide this service will be notified in advance during the event.

- **Can I bring companions to the event?**

Yes, we have a limited number of guests at a preferential cost, which includes the same benefits as the participant.

A group of cyclists, wearing blue and white jerseys with 'WWBTO' and '2025' on them, are riding on a paved road. They are wearing helmets and sunglasses. In the background, there are several cars, including a white truck, a black SUV, and a blue sedan. The scene is outdoors on a sunny day.

Thank you and congratulations for
being part of this great adventure!

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