

Clouds to Coast Veracruz Adventure

7 Days of Exciting Outdoor Action

This 7 day multi-sport trip is for **active adventure travelers, ages 12 years and up**. From high above the clouds at over 14,000' elevation all the way to the warm tropical sandy beach coastline of the Gulf of México . . . on this vacation trip, you will see and experience the huge geographic diversity that the Mexican state of Veracruz has to offer. You will enjoy many of its outdoor natural resources . . . churning whitewater rapids, dense green tropical jungle, magnificent vistas, ocean beaches, a snowcapped mountain, and much more. Some of the activities you will participate in include whitewater river rafting, ziplining, riding an ATV over tall sand dunes, high altitude hiking, downhill mountain biking, and snorkeling over coral reefs.

On this trip, there is a very good chance that you will not encounter any other foreign travelers. Now is the time to discover the unspoiled beauty of Veracruz, México - before all the others find out.



Trip Itinerary

- Day 1:** Arrive in the city of Veracruz
- Day 2:** Snorkel over Coral Reefs
Veracruz Historical City Tour
Travel to the Mountainous area of western Veracruz
- Day 3:** Hike in a Mountain Canyon
8 Platform Canyon Zipline Ride
Explore a Huge Outdoor Mexican Market
- Day 4:** 4x4 travel to the Base Camp of Pico de Orizaba
High Altitude Hiking at 14,500 Feet
Mountain Bike down 10,000 Vertical Feet
- Day 5:** Whitewater River Rafting
High Speed Zipline Ride over the River
- Day 6:** ATV Sand Dunes & Beach Ride
Beach time to relax & swim on the Gulf of México
Travel back to the city of Veracruz
- Day 7:** Travel day home

Trip Fee: \$1495 USD/person
Single Supplement: add \$165 USD

Earn a Free Trip

Book a trip with 10 or more people and get one trip FREE

Rates based on double occupancy at 3 star hotels

All fees are listed in US dollars / Trip prices and itinerary subject to change

Group Size: 2 - 8

Minimum Age: 12 years old

Includes: Airport pickup in Veracruz, all ground transportation, all entrance fees, local bilingual guide, tours per itinerary, hotel lodgings, bottled water each day, 5 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 5 dinners

Not included: Airfare, meals not listed above, drinks with meals, travel insurance, and gratuities.

Upcoming Trip Dates

2010

Contact us to
schedule a trip

2011

February 13 - 19
March 13 - 19
April 3 - 9
May 22 - 28
June 19 - 25

If you like this trip but have other dates in mind,
then please contact us to explore the possibilities

*"I went from a fleece jacket with a
windbreaker up in the mountains
to shorts in the topics, all in the
same trip!"*
Dr. Cary Adams, Chicago IL



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Make plans to reserve your trip TODAY!



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This trip always starts on a Saturday

Day 1: Arrive in city of Veracruz

Your bilingual trip guide will be waiting for you upon your arrival at the Veracruz Airport. Depending on the time of your arrival, you may be able to explore some of the city or just rest up from your travels and get ready for the following days of adventures. Overnight in a hotel in the city.

Day 2: Snorkel over Coral Reefs/Veracruz City Tour/Mountain Region

After breakfast, you will motor out on a dive boat to **snorkel over the beautiful coral reefs** which are found just minutes from the shoreline. A large variety of underwater wildlife live among the 23 coral reefs and 350 ship wrecks found in the government protected *Veracruz Coral Reef System National Park*. In the afternoon, your guide will lead you on a **historical city tour**. You will then travel a couple hours west to the foot of the Sierra Madre Oriental mountains in Veracruz where you will check in at the *Grand View Hotel* near the town of Coscomatepec. Peace and tranquility rein as you relax on your own private balcony while marveling at the green rolling hills surrounding this hilltop retreat. From the front of this hacienda-style hotel, a view of the entire town of Coscomatepec is visible in the valley below and on the backside, the 18,500 foot snow-capped Pico de Orizaba pierces the sky. (B,L,D)



Day 3: Canyon Hike/Tree Platform Zipline Rides/Outdoor Market

After breakfast, you will **hike down into a deep forested canyon** to an ancient bridge built hundreds of years ago by the Spaniards. On the canyon's floor, there is a series of platforms created high in the trees for **zipline rides**. Who's first? Later, it's back to the cobbled-streets of Coscomatepec where every Monday the whole town transforms into an **outdoor market place**. Everything from shoes to live animals are bought and bartered there. Be prepared! Most likely your small group of travelers will be the only foreigners at the market so the locals will probably be studying you as much as you will be observing them. You will overnight again at the *Grand View Hotel*. (B,D)

Day 4: Travel to the base camp of Pico de Orizaba /High Altitude Hike/Bike down 7000–10,000 feet

Today, you will experience a rugged **4-wheel drive adventure trip** up an unpaved rocky/sandy trail road to the base camp of the 3rd tallest mountain in North America. This camp for climbers is located at 14,500 feet. Your mountain guide will lead you on a **short high altitude hike** up the trail that starts toward the peak. After a "field lunch," you will have the option (extra fee) to bike down the mountain road. A **dual suspension mountain bike, helmet, and gloves** will be provided. We return to the *Grand View Hotel* for a hearty meal. (B,L,D)

Day 5: Whitewater River Rafting / Zipline Ride over the River

This morning you will check out of the hotel and venture to the river rafting capital of Veracruz found in the town of Jalcomulco. After lunch, everyone will embark on an exciting **whitewater river rafting trip** (class 2-3 rapids). We work with a local family who runs a very professional rafting company. One of the brothers happens to be the national kayaking champion for all of México. You will also have the thrill of flying over the river on a **high speed zipline ride**. Next, you will travel less than 2 hours to the tropical seaside town of Chachalacas and check in at a family-run hotel where you are only a short walk to long stretches of sandy beach. (B,L,D)

Day 6: ATV Sand Dunes Ride / Farewell Dinner

It's time to **hit the beach and sand dunes on ATVs**. The trip starts right from the hotel. You will be riding alongside the ocean waves as you zoom full-throttle down the beach before heading up into a maze of tall sand dunes. No prior experience is necessary as you will quickly learn how to operate your 4-wheel ATV. Lunch will be served near a meandering stream at a local family's house. There will be time to jump in the stream, **swim**, and wash the sand and sweat off your body. On a hot day, this really feels good. Next, there is more ATVing before we finally head back to the hotel. This evening, there will be a **farewell dinner** to celebrate the fun experiences you had in Veracruz. (B,L,D)

Day 7: Travel Day Home

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