

FOURTH YUCATAN BIRD FESTIVAL - TOH
DECEMBER 1 - 4, 2005,
“UNITED FOR BIRDS”
MÉRIDA and CHICHÉN ITZÁ

PROGRAM

Thursday, December 1

4:00 – 5:00 P.M. Conference in Spanish on the “Use of E-Bird” by Biol. Humberto Berlanga – Teatro Mérida.

5:00 – 6:30 P.M. Conference in Spanish “The impact of the illegal capture and commercialization of birds on their populations” Biol. Manuel Grosselet – Teatro Mérida. **7:00 – 8:00 P.M.** Registration for Festival – lobby of Hotel Casa del Balam, Mérida.

7:30 P.M. Inaugural Cocktail and Presentation “Yucatan Wildlife Viewing Trail”; restricted to registered participants and special guests. Hotel Casa del Balam. Overnight in hotel of choice in Mérida.

Friday, December 2

6:00 A.M. - 2:30 P.M. Field trip with lunch to bird watch at haciendas and/or at local eco-tourism project near Izamal, en route to Chichén Itzá.

3:00 - 4:00 P.M. Late registration for Festival - lobby Hotel Hacienda Chichén.

4:00 – 6:00 P.M. Bird watch in area of Chichén Itzá.

4:30 P.M. Conference in English by Paul Wood on the birds of the region. CULTUR auditorium at main entrance to the archeological zone, Chichén Itzá.

6:30 P.M. Inauguration of the “Merle Greene Gallery” – Hotel Hacienda Chichén.

7:30 P.M. Welcome Dinner – Hotel Hacienda Chichén.

Overnight in hotel of choice Chichén Itzá and Piste.

Saturday, December 3

5:00 A.M. Start of bird marathon - *xoc ch'ich'* ; box breakfasts.

Three Routes:

1. Chichén Itzá, Izamal, Yaxuná; overnight, dinner and box breakfast in hotel at Chichén Itzá or Piste.
2. Xcambo archeological zone – Telchac Puerto on the north coast; overnight, lunch, dinner and breakfast in Hotel Reef, Telchac.
3. Ría Lagartos Biosphere Reserve, overnight, dinner and breakfast at Hotel San Felipe.

Sunday, December 4

10:00 A.M. The *xoc ch'ich'* ends.

11:30 A.M. Hand in bird lists in lobby of Hotel Hacienda Chichén.

12:30 Noon Awards Luncheon at Hotel Hacienda Chichén.

2:00 P.M. Awards Ceremony.

4:00 P.M. Return to Mérida or start post-festival trip.

FOURTH YUCATAN BIRD FESTIVAL - TOH COSTS AND PACKAGES

Note: You are welcome to create your own packages from the costs provided below or we offer you “pre-packed” options to reduce the decision making process! Ecoturismo Yucatán can accommodate your special requests. Just tell them what you want to do and they will construct an itinerary made to fit! **All prices are in U.S. dollars.**

Separate costs:

- Registration: \$5.00
- Welcome Dinner, Hacienda Chichén, Friday, December 2 : \$25.00
- Awards Luncheon: \$25.00
- Birding tour to Izamal en route to Chichén Itzá with box breakfast, lunch, bird guide and transportation. Minimum 6 persons, December 2: \$117.00
- Transportation between Mérida and Chichén Itá or the reverse non-tour (1 hrs): \$32.00.*
- Hotels Mérida, double rooms with taxes and tips:
 - Casa del Balam: \$96.00 (single or double).
 - Hotel Caribe: \$68.00 (\$61.00 single).
- Hotels in area of Chichén Itzá, double rooms with American or box breakfast, taxes and tips:
 - Hacienda Chichén, a 5 minute walk from the archeological zone and Festival Headquarters: \$134.00. (Single \$113.00)
 - Hotel Chichén, Piste, an 8 minute car ride from Hacienda Chichén: standard - \$70.00 (Single \$55.00); superior - \$100.00. (Single \$85.00).

Package “El Toh” \$319.00 per/person, double occupancy; all taxes and tips. Single supplement \$92.00.

Includes:

- Registration.
- Inaugural Cocktail and Exhibit.
- Overnight Casa del Balam December 1.
- Bird tour to Izamal haciendas and Chichén Itzá, with box breakfast and lunch.
- Conference on the local birds by Paul Wood.
- Welcome dinner.
- Overnight Hacienda Chichén December 2 with breakfast.
- Awards luncheon.
- Transportation Chichén Itzá to Mérida.

Add to the above the cost of the xoc ch'ich' route selected.

Package “El Cutz” \$273.00 per/person, double occupancy, all taxes and tips. Single supplement: \$49.00.

Includes:

- Registration.
- Inaugural cocktail and exhibit.
- Overnight Hotel Caribe, December 1.
- Bird tour to Izamal haciendas and Chichén Itzá, with box breakfast and lunch.
- Conference on the local birds by Paul Wood.
- Welcome dinner.
- Overnight Hotel Chichén, standard room with breakfast.
- Awards luncheon.
- Transportation Chichén Itzá to Mérida.

Add to the above the cost of the xoc ch'ich' route selected.

XOC CH'ICH' ROUTES & COSTS December 3, 2005

6:00 A.M. Leave Chichén Itzá in air conditioned van with driver and bird guide; minimum 6 participants, maximum 8. All tips and taxes included as well as snacks, lunch and dinner December 3 and American or box breakfast December 4.

Route 1a: Chichén Itzá to area of Izamal and Yaxuná, overnight Hacienda Chichén: \$343.00; single supplement \$46.00.

Route 1b: Chichén Itzá to area of Izamal and Yaxuná, overnight Hotel Chichén, standard room: \$311.00; single supplement \$17.00; or superior room: \$328.00; single supplement \$35.00.

Route 2: Chichén Itzá to Telchac Puerto on north coast via Xcambo archeological zone; overnight Hotel Reef Yucatán on beach. Return to Chichén December 4: \$334.00; single supplement \$102.00 (all inclusive hotel).

Route 3: Chichén Itzá to Ría Lagartos Biosphere Reserve; overnight San Felipe; return to Chichén Itzá December 4: \$297.00; single supplement \$29.00.

*Merida - Chichen Itza at 09:00 a.m. Shared transport.

Chichen Itza - Merida at 15:00 hrs. Shared transport. (Subject to space)

Note: Transportation requested in different schedule will have to collect a minimum of 6 passengers in order to apply the rate of \$32.00 US.