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Voyage to the Yucatan - Part II

We left the border town of Matamoros with all of our permits in hand and headed south for the city of Tampico . The drive was just like driving through Texas , with its flat lands and then hills. The drive to Tampico was about 6 hours on a mostly wide 2 lane highway. Most of the roads were new and bypassed the small towns, which was good, if not you would hit all of the "Topes" (Speed bumps) which would just slow you down. One town in particular San Fernando de Presas really stood out, because of all the boiled shrimp that was being sold on the side of the road. The question we had was: "Where did all the shrimp come from?" Since the town is about 2 hours inland from the coast.

The first day of driving was filled with farm land and hills to the west. Tampico is very much an oil city. So as we drove into downtown, it was like driving into Odessa , Texas, because everywhere you looked there was oil equipment and the smell of Texas Tea (Oil) in the air. We stayed at the Fiesta Inn which is owned by the Fiesta Americana hotel chain. Fiesta Inns would be an equivalent to the Hampton Inns in the States.

The next day we were off to the city of Veracruz , we left around 10 a.m. that morning and headed south along the Gulf Coast . As we approached the State of Veracruz the landscape changed from rolling hills to a high mountain range all around us. We followed the road which hugged the curves of the mountains for about 4 hours and then we hit the coast. A big sign said "Bienvenidos a la Costa Esmeralda" (Welcome to the Emerald Coast). With water to our left and mountain ranges to our right, this beautiful scenery lasted only about 2 hours. This was the best and the worst part of the entire trip. The best because of its beauty, and the worst because the road was narrow and not in too good of shape. But believe me the views were well worth the bad road.

The city of Veracruz is a large city located on the Gulf of Mexico. As we drove into the downtown area we hit the beautiful "Malecón" (Boardwalk) which was being prepared for the upcoming Mardi Gras celebration. There was water to our left and a beautiful city to our right. There we stayed at the Fiesta Americana Hotel and Resort on the beach.

Once again we had a late start since Yury (my wife) likes to sleep in. So around 10 a.m. we began our trip from Veracruz to Cancun . I have to say that this stretch of asphalt had the best roads of the entire trip. This drive was full of sugar cane fields which were all being harvested for their sweet pulp. Villahermosa was only a 5 hour drive, so we decided to have lunch there at Kentucky Fried Chicken and then at Dairy Queen for a blizzard to go.

After this quick lunch and dessert on the go we were off to Ciudad del Carmen, another oil town on the Gulf of Mexico. This was only an additional 4 hour drive. Since this area is also a big oil town for Petroleos Mexicanos (Pemex gas stations in Mexico), helicopters were buzzing over our heads, all flying to the oil rigs out in the waters of the Gulf. We arrived at the Fiesta Inn around 8 p.m. that night, checked in and then decided to see a movie at the cinema in the mall across the street.

The final leg of the trip was along the State of Campeche's coastline. Once again the water was on our left and although it is a great scenic drive, we decided to make this our last day of driving. We arrived to the city of Campeche in about 3 hours. We then headed towards Merida, which for us was a familiar way home.

We have driven the Merida - Cancun toll highway numerous times over the past 9 years, so this stretch was a walk in the park. Before we knew it we had arrived at our home in Cancun with all of our pets greeting us at the front door with their tails wagging in happiness to see us.

If you have time to drive to the Yucatan Peninsula, Mexico Yury and I would highly recommend this trip. If you have any questions about our trip or the properties we represent here in Mexican Caribbean, please feel free to email me.

Guy Rutland





New Property Listing - Caribbean Oceanfront Lot

This beautiful oceanfront lot is located in the much requested El Placer area on the Costa Maya in the Mexican Caribbean. This lot has 100 feet of beach frontage by 721 feet of depth, almost 2 acres of land. The area has a very high density so you can easily build multiple homes, cabanas, or a small hotel with a home. This lot is listed at 395,000 USD.

Please email me for more information.



Say it in Spanish!

Every issue of our newsletter will include basic Spanish phrases for our readers to learn.

This issue's Spanish phrases are:

At the Pemex gas station:

Spanish: Lleno de Magna por favor. (Hint: The double L "LL" in Spanish is pronounced like a "Y" in English, such as in the word "Yellow").

English: *Fill it up with Magna gas please.*

At a hotel:

Spanish: Necesito una habitación por una noche. ¿Cuánto cuesta? (Hint: the "H" in Spanish is silent).

English: *I need a room for one night. How much is it?*

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