

## Mexico 2007

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We hate the Cleveland winter weather, so we decided to head back to Mexico again for the winter of '07. We invited Thury O'Connor to follow along with us in the RV he purchased last fall.



### On our way

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We did what I call our taste of Mexican beaches. We started down the East coast of Mexico and just East of Vera Cruz at the beautiful mountain lake of Catemaco we headed due south and ended up on the West coast close to the Guatemala border. We then very slowly worked our way up the West coast exploring many beautiful beach towns. We finally ran out of time when we got just North of Puerto Vallarta and then headed back East through Guadalajara and back to Texas.

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**Zipolite Beach, Oaxaca**

Early on, after we reached the West coast we had some difficulty in finding campsites since several campgrounds had closed. In general we felt that more RV'rs are heading to Mexico, but about 90% of them are from Canada. The US press does not depict Mexico as a safe place to travel. While in fact the opposite is true. The people are warm and friendly and if you ever had mechanical problems of any sort it is much easier to have things repaired in Mexico rather than in the States. They know how to fix, not just replace, things.

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### Crocodile waiting to eat the birds

It's a bird watcher's paradise, of course in some places the crocs ate several birds each night right behind our campsite.



### Maruata - Our new Favorite place

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Sometimes our accommodations were first class like this beautiful hotel, restaurant and campground on Melaque's beach near Barra de Navidad.



### Laguna de Tule

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While other times we roughed it camping next to a Mexican family's little one room hut.



### Chacala

Of course they all were right on some of the most beautiful beaches that you have ever seen.

We did a lot of beach walking early in the day while the temperature was still in the low 70's. However, not only did we have no rain on the entire trip but there was a cool spell which kept the highs in the mid 80's, with low 60's at night which was great for sleeping. There was no need for A/C ever due to the ocean breeze and our RV roof top solar arrays ensured that we had plenty of power even when we were just boondocking with no hookups of any kind.

I took my kayak along and when the shore break was not too large, I got a chance to get a little exercise by paddling around the bays and doing some surfing.



### Into the waves

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It was a great trip, but I'm glad that there are not that many people heading to Mexico every winter. There really are not enough campgrounds to go around and some nice sites are being bought up by hotel companies building small hotels on every beautiful beach.

We drove 3600 mi. in the US, averaging 600 mi/day while in Mexico we drove 3000 mi. and averaged only about 175 mi/day between camps. Other than their turnpikes the roads are not built for speed. We drove about 5 hours/day in Mexico. Gasoline was about \$2.45/gal, about the same price as in the states.

We only use bottled water which we buy in 5 gal jugs. They are available everywhere for about \$1 each. I don't believe that we spent over \$40 for the entire two month trip and we use this water for everything except showers, We used their campground showers or our sun showers when boondocking.

This year we never got stopped by one military road block which searches for drugs or by one Mexican policeman looking to cite us for a minor traffic infraction.

If you are interested in doing a trip like this, let us know, we can give you some pointers. Here is a link to some of our older Mexican trip reports.

[More reports on my Mexican trips.](#)