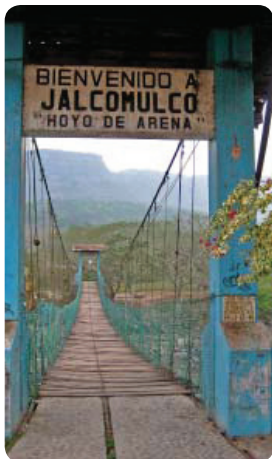


# Mexico Week of Rivers Daily Itinerary



## DAY 1: Arrival in Mexico

You will be met on arrival at the Veracruz International Airport. You will need to arrive by 5:00 pm for our 2 hour transfer to our base in Jalcomulco.



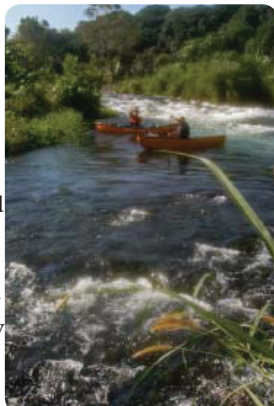
In the event you cannot arrive by 5:00pm, you can arrive a day early or alternate shuttle arrangements can be made, (please review our special arrival instructions). It is a pleasant journey into the mountains of the Sierra Madre rising

dramatically in elevation to our home in the sleepy rural village of Jalcomulco. The 2 hour drive will take us through the coffee plantations of Coatepec, across the plateaus of the Sierra Madre and down through the Mango plantations of the Antigua River Valley, a spectacular visual introduction to the region!

Arriving in town, we'll settle ourselves into the pace of village life where generations of families have lived harvesting sugar cane, mangos and trapping langostinos (the giant crawfish the village is justly famous for!). Our home for the week will be at the Rodriguez Family hacienda. The comfortable bed and breakfast style accommodation is a very traditional style sprawling 1 story hacienda surrounding an inner tropical courtyard with access to hammocks, pool and hot showers. Upon arrival, enjoy a traditional Mexican dinner prepared by the ladies of Jalcomulco welcoming you to their village!

## DAY 2: Village & Antigua River

After a delicious breakfast served along with locally roasted coffee we set off on foot to explore the town and meet the friendly people of Jalcomulco. The village has 3000 residents (including dogs, and donkeys!) and is situated on the banks of the Rio Antigua. Its a great opportunity to get a sense of the village, meet some of our local friends and co-workers as well as stretch our legs before getting into our boats for the next 6 days.



In the afternoon, we will paddle the lower Antigua River, walking to the put-

in right in town! This stretch of river offers a low intensity class II-III paddle which winds its way through mango and sugar cane fields. We'll shake off the winter dust and get you warmed up for the week of paddling ahead. Dinner and overnight in Jalcomulco.

## DAY 3: Paddling the Actopan

After breakfast, we travel to the next valley over to the Actopan River. The spring-fed, class II-III Actopan bursts from the mossy limestone cliffs and winds its way alongside fields of Chayote vines, Mango plantations and sugar cane. Our run starts with a spectacular 5m, runnable waterfall which drops into a crystal clear sapphire coloured pool. The next 15 minutes whiz by as the river quickly descends through the "wild mile" of continuous class III whitewater.

Narrow, quick and clear - the Actopan River is a fun, fast paced river that will have you laughing, smiling and loving Mexico. Our run ends in the village of Actopan where we stop for a late lunch at a riverside restaurant under the Mango trees. Returning back to town, the rest of the afternoon is free to explore and check out the local terracotta clay pottery, woven-straw baskets, handicrafts made from gourds... or even try your hand at roasting your own coffee. Dinner and overnight in Jalcomulco.



## DAY 4: Barranca Grande to Amititla

This morning, we travel upstream from town to the upper reaches of the Antigua River. The scenic drive will take us up into the highlands surrounding the village of Xico. Dropping down a spectacular put in road clinging to the edge of the mountain, we reach the put in of the Barranca Grande section of river.

This is the beginning of our 3 day expedition featuring continuous class III-IV whitewater through a spectacular canyon oozing with rainforest greenery. Day one is narrow and fast with over 20 km of continuous whitewater. Take breaks often to enjoy the spectacular scenery of the canyon! As the whitewater begins to offer more eddies between rapids, we end our day beneath a swinging footbridge that leads to the remote coffee station of Amititla. We spend the night here as guests of one of the local families camping on the coffee platforms overlooking the river.

## DAY 5: Barranca Grande to Monte Blanco

After a leisurely breakfast, we begin our second day of paddling the Barranca Grande. This stretch of whitewater features too

numerous rapids to name. Most are class III pool drop rapids with very little flatwater in between... virtually one long rapid! The gorge gradually gives way to Mango plantations and other signs of civilization as we make our way downstream, covering close to 28 km of water before reaching our campsite - just upstream of the infamous "four IV's." Tonight, you'll be treated to a riverside dinner prepared by your guides. Overnight camping in Monte Blanco.

## DAY 6: Barranca Grande

### The "Four IV's" & Pescados Section

Our third day of paddling the Barranca Grande begins with the infamous "Four IV's". Extra volume of water is added by the Texcolo River giving these four technical class IV rapids good reputations! Crashing through steep narrow drops, these four rapids will have you wide awake quickly and make the perfect start to an awesome final day of paddling. Afterwards we begin our descent of the famous Pescados section of the river. The Pescados is known for its sharp corners, steep drops and the "White Witch". Our three day paddling expedition ends as we paddle back into Jalcomulco. Hot showers, a local masseuse and a "temascal" (local sweat/sauna ceremony) await to soothe as we kick back in town. Dinner and overnight in Jalcomulco.



## DAY 7: Tomata River or Ziplines

Open-boaters and kayakers have the option to explore this steep creek "waterfall wonderland." Only a short hour and a half drive from Jalcomulco, we head inland past the snow capped peak of Pico Orizaba to the put in of the Tomata River. Less than 5 km in length, this short action packed river offers the best creaking in Mexico with awesome photo opportunities as we huck a series of spectacular waterfalls!

For rafters and those who would like some dryland adventure we take to the air and soar while ziplining on a "Tyrolesa" high above the Antigua River. The afternoon is free to stroll through Jalcomulco and relax. A late afternoon transfer back to Veracruz is capped off with dinner overnight and fiesta in festive Veracruz.

## Day 8: Departure from Veracruz

As we enjoy our final group breakfast we laugh and remember the highlights of our trip. Then it's back to the airport where we will say our goodbyes and make plans for our next adventure!

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