

Shade Grown Coffee Origin Tour

5 Nights in Mexico;
March 4 - 10, 2014

Cafés Sustentables de Mexico
San Cristobal Coffee Importers



Sample Itinerary; details subject to change without notice

Our tour begins in the well known tourist destination of Puerto Vallarta, in the Mexican state Jalisco. Puerto Vallarta is on the coast at the

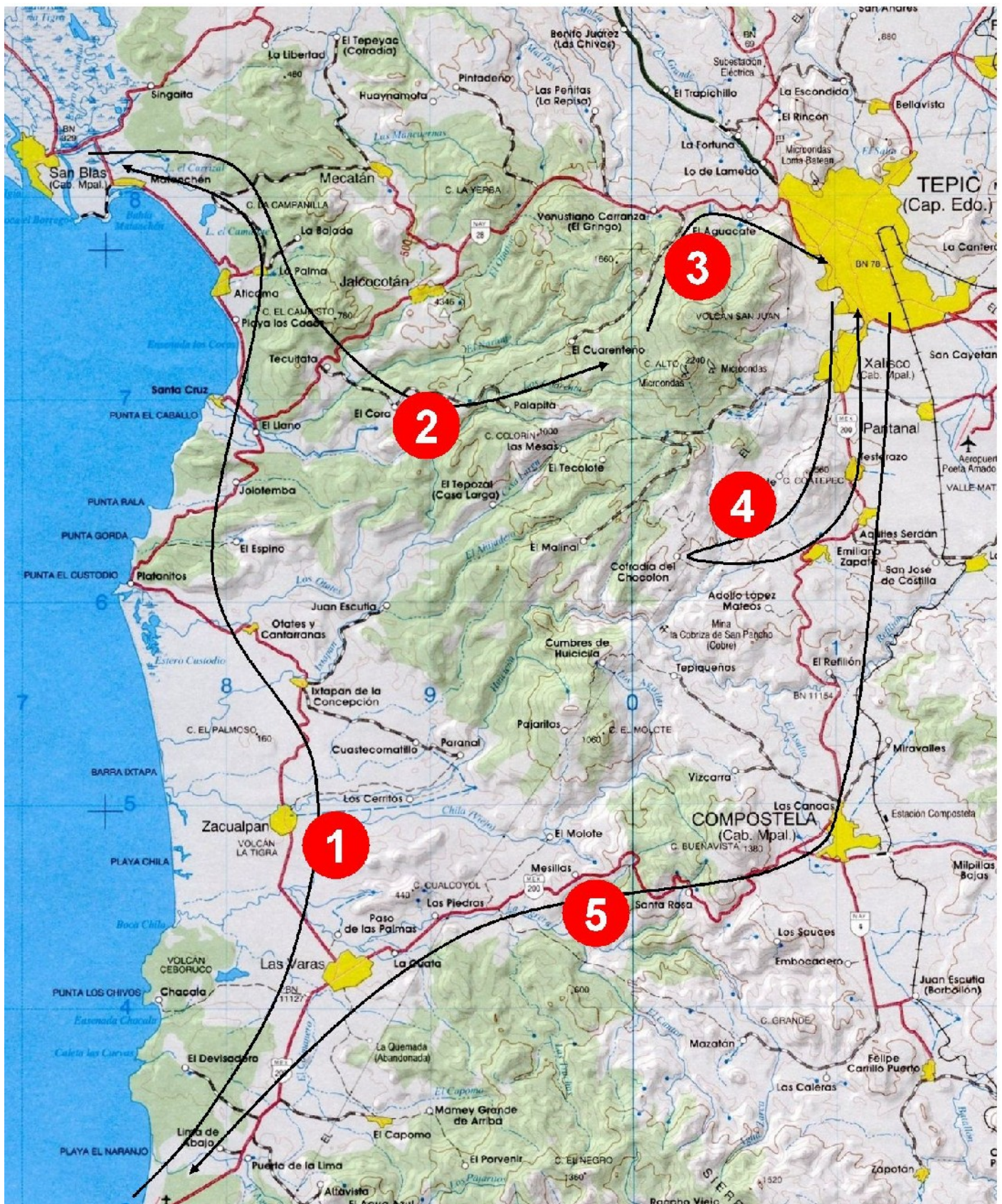
northern edge of Jalisco, the state best known for its “Tequila;” if it’s called Tequila, it is a special Mescal from the state of Jalisco that we are sure to encounter during our stay.

Nayarit is the neighboring state to the north, and Tepic, is its capital. Nayarit is an agricultural state that is developing a tourist industry along it’s coast: “Riviera Nayarit.” We first introduce the group to the Mexican countryside by traveling north up the coast of Nayarit to San Blas, Mexico’s first sea port on the Pacific coast, where we will take a boat tour through the mangrove low-lands that are home to one of Mexico’s most spectacular bird sanctuaries.

The next day we’ll head up into the mountains to meet coffee growers, pick coffee and tour several wet mills in the village of El Cuarenteño before ending up at nearby Rancho La Noria for the night. La Noria is a well known destination for bird watching enthusiasts and those seeking the thrill of a Tyrolean traverse stretching 800 meters across a mountain valley.

The following day we’ll visit the offices of Cafés Sustentables de Mexico (CSM) for a cupping session and then to Cofradia de Chocolon to join producers for an afternoon fiesta before returning to Tepic in the evening.

On the last day we’ll tour CSM’s dry mill in Compostela for a firsthand look at dry processes and quality management techniques, before returning to Vallarta.



Day 1	Arrival Puerto Vallarta, Orientation
Day 2	Puerto Vallarta to San Blas
Day 3	San Blas through Cuarenteño to Rancho La Noria
Day 4	La Noria to Tepic and then to Cofradia de Chocolon; returning to Tepic for the evening.
Day 5	Tepic to Compostela and then to Puerto Vallarta
Day 6	Depart Puerto Vallarta, farewells