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# Grand Tour Cuba Deluxe

Private Rount trip  
15 day/14 night

A varied trip for guests who wants to take a little more time to get to know the whole island with all its facets. The tour includes the major natural regions: from the sustainable community Las Terrazas, the Viñales valley with its imposing Mogotes, the wild Sierra Escambray to the mountains of the tropical Baracoa. Moreover, the main cities with their cultural and revolutionary highlights: starting from vibrant Havana, to Ché Guevaras Santa Clara, the colonial towns of Trinidad and Camagüey to Santiago de Cuba, "the rhythm of the Oriente". Possibility for beach extension, for example, in Varadero or Guardalavaca.

#### DAY 1 (Saturday) ANKUNFT IN HAVANA

Welcome at the airport through our representative in Cuba. Transfer to hotel. Dinner at own expense. Overnight at Hotel IBEROSTAR Parque Central (5\*), furnished in neoclassic or moder style, with Panorama terrace and Pool.

#### DAY 2 (Sunday) HAVANA

Visit one of the well-known cigar factories (H. Upmann, La Corona, Romeo y Julieta or Partagas) in classic American cars. Panoramic tour through the Havana of the 19th and early 20th centuries: along the Malecón, past the legendary Hotel Nacional de Cuba and down Avenida de los Presidentes to the Revolution Square with the portrait of Ché Guevara and the monument of José Martí. Continue to the famous cemetery Colón and Capitolio. See more important sights during the drive along the Prado. Lunch in a restaurant in Havanas old town. In the afternoon, enjoy a walking tour through Havanas old town a UNESCO World Heritage Site past the most important sights such as Plaza de Armas, El Templete, Palace of the Spanish Governors General, Cathedral square, and much more. Later in the evening, possibility to attend the world-famous Tropicana show. Enjoy a nostalgic journey through Cuban music and dance from Cha-Cha-Cha to Mambo, from Son to Salsa and Afro-Cuban. More than 200 artists, dancers and musicians, including a big 1950s style live orchestra will entertain you in a beautiful garden ambience with a big open-air stage. Minimum age 18 years, dress code: no shorts, flip flops etc. Overnight at the Hotel **(B) (L)**

#### DAY 3 (Monday) HAVANA – VIÑALES – LAS TERRAZAS (420 km)

Drive along the tobacco route to the Pinar del Río province. Visit a Casa del Veguero (house of a tobacco farmer). Enjoy spectacular views from the Los Jazmines viewpoint over the Mogote valley with its limestone rocks. Lunch at Finca Paraíso within splendid nature. Later, visit the Mural de la Prehistoria, a mural on the side of a cliff where you will enjoy a delicious cocktail. In the late afternoon, drive to Las Terrazas and enjoy a short walking tour through the sustainable community which was built during a reforestation project in 1968. Overnight at the Hotel Moka (3,5\*\*\*) in Las Terrazas or similar **(B) (L)**

#### DAY 4 (Tuesday) HAVANA – BAY OF PIGS – SANTA CLARA (430 km)

Early in the morning, long drive to the center of the island. Head towards the historic Bay of Pigs to the Cueva de los Peces. This place was formed by karst lagunas and a comprehensive system of underwater caves with an expansion of more than 30 km between Playa Larga and Caleta El Toro. Continuation to the historic city of Santa Clara, where Che Guevara obtained his most important victory. Visit to the Che Guevara mausoleum and the monument of the armoured train Tren Blindado, a relic from the revolutionary war, which marked the victory over Batistas regime. The mausoleum of Che Guevara is closed on Mondays and can be closed on other days without prior notice. Caribbean Tours assumes no guarantee for the opening times. However, the monumental memorial itself with an imposing statue of Ché alone is worth a visit. Overnight at the Hotel Los Caneyes (3,5\*\*\*) idyllic located under King palms and surrounded by nature. **(B) (D)**

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from EUR 3.362.-  
from USD 3.870.-

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GROUP TOUR  
SET DEPARTURES 2019  
23 February 09 March  
30 March 13 April  
04 May 25 May  
15 June 06 July  
20 July 10 August  
24 August 07 Sept.  
05 October

#### INCLUDED SERVICES:

- ✚ Round trip on acclimatized vehicles (Taxi/Microbus) from standard country quality with driver:
  - By 01 - 02 Persons in Taxi (Please note that a proper Suitcase per Person fits on the car's trunk)
  - By 03 - 05 Persons in Minivan/Microbus (6 - 8 seats)
  - By 06 - 12 Personen in Minibus (13-20 Seats)
- ✚ Transfer Airport Havana to Casa Particular Havana und Return to the Airport in Havana, if this happens on the first/last day of the round trip (in other case, private transfer on your own)
- ✚ Excursions, Visits and Entrance fees according to Program
- ✚ English speaking guide during Days 1 - 15 of the round trip
- ✚ Domestic flight Santiago (or Holguin) - Havana
- ✚ 14 Overnights on the aforementioned accomodations (acc. availability)
- ✚ 14 breakfasts, 9 lunches and 7 dinners
- ✚ Travel money security certificate

#### NOT INCLUDED

- International flights to and from Cuba (with pleasure we will help you to find the right flight connections)
- All Meals not mentioned on the program.
- Optional tours: Tropicana Show with return transfer
- Additional nights i.e. in Varadero or Guardalavaca
- Transfer to the Airport in Havana after the prolongation in Varadero or Guardalavaca
- Personal Expenses
- Tips for guides, drivers and porters



**DAY 5 (Wednesday) SANTA CLARA – CIENFUEGOS – TRINIDAD (170 km)**

In the morning, visit the attractive harbour city of Cienfuegos, inspired by French colonial architecture. Cocktail on the rooftop terrace of the Moorish Palacio de Valle on the peninsula Punta Gorda. Later, stroll over the main square José Martí with the nostalgic Terry theatre where Caruso and Sarah Bernhardt once performed. Lunch at a private restaurant. In the afternoon drive to Trinidad a UNESCO World Heritage Site with unique colonial architecture, still detained in time maintaining its soul and essence! Guided tour through the municipal museum. Walk across the main square surrounded by the magnificent mansions of the sugar barons and visit the quaint "Canchánchara bar to taste their honey cocktail. Overnight at the Iberostar Grand Hotel (4,5\*) with Panorama location over the city. Leading House in Town – a Boutique-Hotel with colonial Touch near the main square. **(B) (L)**

**DAY 6 (Thursday) TRINIDAD UND SIERRA ESCAMBRAY**

Early departure up the scenic winding road to Topes de Collantes, past coffee plantations and through the wild landscape of the Sierra Escambray. Continue with local guide by jeep to the starting point of the trail. Hike amongst vibrant local flora and fauna. Depending on the trail, possibility to take a refreshing dip in a natural pool under a waterfall. Rustic lunch at a Finca amidst lush nature. In the late afternoon, drive back to Trinidad, rest of the day at leisure. Dinner at own expense. Enjoy the romantic nightlife by listening to traditional music and dancing e.g. at Casa de la Música near the main square. Overnight at the Iberostar Grand Hotel (4,5\*\*\*\*) Important: Hike 2 - 3 hours with local guide. Due to the limited number of English-speaking local guides, groups might be merged. A private tour cannot be guaranteed. **(B) (L)**

**DAY 7 (Friday) TRINIDAD – SANCTI SPIRITUS - CAMAGÜEY (280 km)**

Drive through the Sugar Mill Valley, Valle de los Ingenios, with the remains of small 19th century sugar mills, including warehouses, milling machinery, slave quarters and manor houses. Visit the hacienda Iznaga, home of the former sugar barons Iznaga with its legendary slave tower. Continue to Sancti Spiritus, hardly touched by tourism, with its romantic Yayabo bridge, built by the Spaniards. Lunch in a local restaurant e.g. Taberna Yayabo. Later, drive through green, flat sugar cane fields to Camagüey, known for its tinajones (clay pots that provided a supply of cool water during droughts). Birthplace of the famous Cuban poet Nicolás Guillén. Afternoon at leisure. Overnight at the Hotel Santa Maria (\*\*\*) or similar. **(B) (L)**

**DAY 8 (Saturday) CAMAGÜEY – GIBARA (255 km)**

Camagüey was founded as Santa Maria del Puerto del Príncipe. As a result of many pirate attacks, the inhabitants built up the city with narrow streets and maze-like alleys. In the morning, walk through these streets and over the Plaza Agramonte, with a visit to the house where the freedom fighter of the same name was born. Transfer to the small fisherman town, Gibara. The coastal town has been barely touched by tourism and famous for its "Festival de Cine Pobre. In the afternoon, time at leisure. Overnight at Hotel Plaza Colón or similar **(B) (D)**

**DAY 9 (Sunday) GIBARA – BIRAN – BARACOA (300 km)**

Early departure in direction Cueto, short excursion to Finca Manacas near Birán. The birthplace of Fidel Castro was opened to the public only in recent years and offers an interesting insight into his life and the living conditions before the revolution. Later, head to Moa (nickel mining site) and continue to Baracoa where Columbus first landed along the adventurous coastal road. Arrival in the afternoon and dinner in a Paladar in the evening. Overnight in Hotel Castillo or similar **(B) (D)**

**DAY 10 (Monday) BARACOA**

Baracoa is located in front of the picturesque Mountain El Yunque, nestled in lush tropical nature landscape with coffee, cocoa and banana plantations - pure Caribbean! In the morning, stroll through the colonial heart with the church of Nuestra Señora de Asunción. Afterwards, trip to the beautiful surroundings of Baracoa. Drive to Finca Duaba where you will receive explanations relating to cocoa. Enjoy a boat trip along the Río Toa. Lunch on a rustic eco Finca. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight in Baracoa **(B) (L)**

**DAY 11 (Tuesday) BARACOA – GUANTANAMO - SANTIAGO (240 km)**

After breakfast, continue through the tropical mountains via the stunning mountain pass La Farola and along the coast through an arid, desert-like landscape towards Guantánamo - a stronghold of Afro-Cuban Santería and Haitian voodoo cult. Arrival in Santiago de Cuba in the afternoon - city of the revolution and the birthplace of Cuban son, a melting pot of colours and cultures. City tour with the main attractions: Parque Cespedes, Casa Velázquez, Calle Heredia and Plaza Dolores. Dinner in a Paladar. Overnight at the Hotel Meliá Santiago (4\*), leading House in the city with a big Pool and lovely panorama view. **(B) (D)**



#### **DAY 12 (Wednesday) SANTIAGO – EL COBRE - SANTIAGO**

In the morning drive to the city of pilgrimage El Cobre, located outside of Santiago de Cuba. Visit to the Basilica of the patroness of Cuba. Afterwards, drive to the bay of Santiago to take the ferry over to the island of Cayo Granma for lunch and visit the fortress El Morro. In the afternoon, panoramic tour past the Moncada barracks, attacked by Fidel and his men in 1953, pass through the former residential area Vista Alegre, San Juan Hill and the Revolution Square. Visit the Santa Ifigenia cemetery with the graves of national heroes José Martí and Fidel Castro. Visit to the legendary Casa de la Trova, where many famous musicians (among others Compay Segundo of Buena Vista Social Club) started their career. Overnight at the Hpteo Meliá Santiago (4\*\*\*\*) **(B) (L)**

#### **DAY 13 (Thursday) SANTIAGO - HAVANA**

In the morning, transfer to the airport in connection with your flight to Havana (or transfer to Guardalavaca and end of the tour for the guests who extend their stay at a beach hotel in the region of Holguín / Guardalavaca.). In the afternoon arrival in Havana and time at leisure. Optional daytrip opportunities available. Overnight at the Hotel Iberostar Parque Central (5\*\*\*\*). **(B)**

#### **DAY 14 (Friday) HAVANA - Excursion „ Havana Traces of Hemingway “ – HAVANA**

In the morning, drive in a classic American car to San Francisco de Paula where the famous US- writer Ernest Hemingway lived while in Cuba. Stop at the Finca Vigia, now a museum that impresses with a great library and other belongings of the novelist. Drive to the suburb Cojimar and visit the restaurant La Terraza where Hemingway invented the cocktail Don Gregorio. Return to Havana visiting the fortress El Morro and the Christ statue on the way. Enjoy a visit to the famous Bodeguita del Medio, and to hotel Ambos Mundos with Hemingway´s workroom 511, where he wrote the novel For whom the bell tolls and lunch on the rooftop of the hotel. End the day with a cocktail at his favourite bar Floridita - here he drank his Daiquirí and is immortalised as a bronze statue. Dinner at own expense. **(B) (L)**

#### **DAY 15 (Saturday) HAVANA – RETURN HOME**

In the morning, time at leisure for last minute shopping. Checkout from the hotel at noon. Transfer to the airport (pick up time depends on the flight schedule). Guests who extend their stay at the beach in Varadero can book (at a surcharge) a private transfer from the hotel in Havana to the hotel in Varadero. **(B)**



**(B)** Breakfast **(L)** Lunch **(D)** Dinner

### HINTS

Please note that attractions, dining options and more, can close at short term and without notice. In such cases, as part of the on-site opportunity, an equivalent replacement offer will be sought.

The situation of accommodation in Cuba is difficult. Overbooking the accommodation may lead to short-term diversions. The accommodations are not comparable with the standards of other countries despite their own information of their categories (stars) and / or the affiliation to international hotel chains. Due to the colonial construction in many townhouses not all rooms have windows or under circumstances. only in the courtyard. We always try to reserve rooms with windows, but this can not be guaranteed.

Road conditions in Cuba. We would like to point out that the road conditions in Cuba do not meet the European standards. The lanes are partly in less good condition (bumpy, with potholes and partially unpaved). It is therefore often necessary to drive slowly. Even animals and carriages are not uncommon on the road. It may come for these reasons, possibly to longer travel times.

General note Domestic flights: There may be short-term and unforeseen changes in schedules by the Cuban airlines. An evening flight may e.g. be transferred to the morning or afternoon or even from another airport. These changes can not be influenced by us. In all these cases program changes are reserved. An attempt is made to arrange a replacement program or to adapt the program accordingly.

Compulsory health insurance: Entry to Cuba is only possible with a foreign health insurance (not US insurance). If you can not provide proof of insurance at the time of entry, you must take out a Cuban health insurance at the airport.