

CUBA & THE CARIBBEAN ISLANDS - CLASSIC CARS & CIGARS



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DURATION
10 Days
LOCATIONS
Cuba


INTRODUCTION

Experience the best of Cuba! Stroll through Havana with its faded colonial grandeur, explore the picturesque tobacco region of Vinales and visit Santa Clara, a city full of revolutionary history. Discover Trinidad, one of the best preserved cities in the world, as well as the nearby Tope de Collantes mountains. Visit Cienfuegos and then finish your adventure soaking up the musical rhythms of the Caribbean beaches. Once you discover the allure of Cuba, there is no turning back.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Arrival

Upon arrival into Havana you will be met at the airport and will be transferred to your hotel.

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DAY 1: Havana

Cuba's capital Havana is a vibrant city teeming with beautiful if sometimes shabby colonial buildings, once the most heavily fortified city in the Americas. The city was founded by the Spanish in the 16th century and it is now a diverse and fascinating mix of castles, fortresses and Spanish colonial buildings intermingled with modern high rises. The Old City (Habana Vieja), with its narrow streets and overhanging balconies is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the centre of the original city. Soak up the atmosphere as you sip on a Mojito, a refreshing blend of rum, lime, sugar, mint leaves, soda water and ice or maybe sample a Cuba Libre, made with rum, coke and lime.



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DAY 2: La Havana

Old Havana became a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1982 and has an array of colonial and baroque architecture towering above cobblestoned streets. The history and legends of this magical place is captivating. Enjoy a walking tour of historical old Havana. Your guide will take you to Plaza de Armas, Plaza de San Francisco Asís, Plaza Vieja and Plaza de la Catedral. There's the opportunity to wander through the colourful markets of this wonderful city including lunch at an old Havana restaurant (set menu with one drink included). In the evening enjoy an excellent night out at the Buena Vista Social Club at Café Taberna Beny Moré in the heart of the old town, listening to the music of a great band reminiscent of the 1950's music. Excellent dancers accompany the band to let you have a glimpse into Cubans great dancing skills. A set menu meal is included with two drinks.



DAY 3: La Havana Panoramic City tour in Vintage Car

Enjoy a panoramic city tour through modern Havana, riding in a vintage car. Havana's eclectic architecture offers visitors some unforgettable sights. During the tour, you'll travel through neighbourhoods such as Central Havana, Vedado and Miramar, as well as visit the Capital Building, Revolution Square, Hotel Nacional and the University of Havana among others. After a visit to a local museum, enjoy refreshments at a typical house in the suburbs. Afternoon at leisure to explore Havana.



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DAY 4: Vinales - Las Terrazas

Travel by road to Pinar del Río Province. Travel through the spectacular Sierra del Rosario and stop for a short while at Cafetería Las Barrigonas to visit a small tobacco plantation. After arriving in the city of Pinar del Río, visit a cigar factory and learn about the manufacturing process. Later, continue on to beautiful Viñales and take in the spectacular views from the lookout Los Jazmines. Spend some time touring the town of Viñales. In Dos Hermanas valley, visit a prehistoric mural and then tour Cueva del Indio. In the caves you will board a boat and travel along the underground river. At the end of the journey, enjoy a typical Cuban lunch at a local restaurant before returning to your hotel in Las Terrazas.



DAY 5: Las Terrazas

Travel to Rancho Curujey and learn about the area's sustainable development project. Visit the ruins of Cafetal Buena Vista, a coffee plantation founded by French immigrants in the 19th Century. Learn about the history of coffee in Cuba, including the various processes. Visit the community of Las Terrazas, including the workshops of local artists, and then a stop for lunch at a local restaurant. Later, travel to the Río San Juan baths for a refreshing dip in the clear, natural pools. Afternoon at leisure.



DAY 6: Santa Clara - Trinidad

Travel by road to Santa Clara. Situated in Central Cuba, Santa Clara is steeped in history as a result of the battles that took place during the Cuban revolution. The journey takes you to the memorial of Ernesto "Che" Guevara, Monument to Tren Blindado (armoured train), Plaza Leoncio Vidal and Boulevard de la Ciudad. After lunch continue to Trinidad a charming city that is renowned for magnificent open spaces and classically designed squares, along with a large array of neo-classical and baroque architecture.



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DAY 7: Trinidad

Wander through the historical centre of Trinidad, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a city full of spectacular colonial architecture. Tour Plaza Mayor, Museo Romántico, stop at La Canchánchara bar to sample a Cuban cocktail made with rum, lemon and honey. There'll be time to shop at the craft markets before lunch. Afterwards, travel to Tope de Collantes, a nature park in the Escambray Mountains where the endemic flora and fauna is beautiful. Stop at La Casa del Café to taste some of Cuba's finest coffee.



DAY 8: Cienfuegos - Jibacoa

Your next stop is Cienfuegos. The city of Cienfuegos is an architectural jewel located in the central southern region of Cuba. Known as "The Pearl of the South" and "Beautiful City by the Sea", Cienfuegos has carefully laid out streets framed by French buildings. Founded in 1819 and now a UNESCO listed city, this tour of Cienfuegos will delight any visitor. Enjoy a panoramic tour through the National Monument (La Punta), El Palacio de Valle, El Paseo del Prado and after a stroll along the boulevard, visit the monument to one of Cuba's most treasured musicians, Beny Moré. After, visit the Province Museum and Tomás Terry Theatre. After lunch continue to the Jibacoa, a tropical beach resort on the tropical Cuban coastline and surrounded by beautiful mountains.



DAY 9: Jibacoa

Located on the country's north coast, it is surrounded by beautiful mountains. The wonderful setting on Arroyo Bermejo Beach is matched by an abundance of facilities and excellent service. Facilities include swimming pool, jacuzzis, bars, restaurants, nightclub, basketball & volleyball, tennis, golf, gym & games room, watersports including scuba diving, windsurfing, snorkelling & kayaking and much more. Take a day to relax and reflect on your wonderful Cuban adventure.



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DAY 10: Departure day

Today you will be collected from your hotel and will be transferred to the airport in time for your onward flight.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation

Standard

Inclusions

9 nights first class accommodation
 3 nights in Havana - Hotel Iberostar
 2 night in Las Terrazas - Hotel Moka
 2 nights in Trinidad - Hotel Iberostar Grande
 2 nights in Jibacoa - Hotel Breezes Jibacoa
 Meals as stated on the itinerary (B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner)
 Days 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7: Breakfast and Lunch
 Day 3 and 10: Breakfast only
 Days 8 & 9: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
 Transfers and excursions using private services with local English speaking guides
 Entrance fees

Difficulty Rating

1 (easy)

Single Surcharge

Available upon request

Notes

Contact us for more details

Price Dependent upon

Season and availability

SUSTAINABILITY

Chimu Adventures undertakes a number of sustainability measures within its operations including:

1) Only using local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprints. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you're visiting.

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2) Where possible, using locally owned and operated boutique hotels to maximise the return to the local community.

3) Chimu’s “Pass it on” programme has provided funding to hundreds of local community projects in Latin America. Our aim is to empower local communities, helping them to develop their own infrastructure for the future. Since 2006, we have been working with Kiva (a well-known Non-Governmental Organisation), providing hundreds of loans to local businesses all over South America.

4) In our pre tour information we provide a range of tips and advice on how to minimise your impact on both local environments and communities.

5) Chimu Adventures’ offices also take a number of sustainability measures including carbon offsets for company vehicles and most staff travel. Chimu Adventure’s internal processes are also structures to create a paperless office and to reduce waste. There are also internal programmes to help staff minimise their carbon footprint such as our staff bike purchase assistance plan which encourages office staff to commute to work via bicycle. Currently almost half of our office based staff commute to work via bicycle.

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