

TRAVEL THROUGH CUBA

EXPLORE CUBA'S HISTORICAL AND NATURAL HERITAGE



DAY ONE HONG KONG - PARIS

→ Depart Hong Kong by AF 185 22:10 hrs.

DAY TWO PARIS - HAVANA

→ Arrives Paris 05:50 hrs. 9 hrs. waiting time. Connect AF 950 1520 hrs, arrives in Havana 19:20 hrs. Meet & assist then transfer to hotel for check in.



→ Suggested accommodation – **PASEO DEL PRADO LE HABANA** A newly luxury property that opened before the pandemic in March 2020. It is a romantic jewel nestle among the tree-lined streets, art galleries, art deco building and modern skyscrapers of Vedado, the economic and cultural heart of La Havana.

→ Suggested accommodation – **GARDENS HAVANA** A four room boutique hotel spread over two levels, feeling more like a private home than a boutique hotel. Painted in shades of white and cream and furnished with locally made furniture (four poster-beds, wishbone chairs) from wood sourced around the island. Spacious bathrooms bedecked in Cuban tiles come with huge walk-in showers and perfect water pressure (not always a given in these older buildings), and on-theme chrome fixtures finishing the look.



DAY THREE HAVANA



- **MUSEO NACIONAL DE BELLAS ARTES** see a historic Cuban Art not found anywhere else in the world.
- **CATEDRAL SAN CRISTOBEL DE LA HABANA** One of the most important and impressive architectural monuments in Cuba, done in the baroque style.
- **PALACIO DE LOST MARQUESES DE AGUAS CLARAS** The Palace of the Marquises of Aguas Claras, completed in 1760, is notable for the great beauty of its sombre Andalusian patio.
- **PLAZA DE ARMAS** The oldest square in Old Havana, where colonial Havana was born in the 16th century.
- **MESEO DE LA REVOLUCION** Housed in the former Presidential Palace, built and used by several Cuban presidents. The famous Tiffany's of New York decorated its interior.
- **SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI SQUARE** Founded in the 16th century. This square overlooks the port, which originally welcomed Spanish galleons.
- Lunch at El del Frente, with handcrafted cocktails.
- **MALECON** a gorgeous seaside esplanade as well as **REVOLUTION SQUARE, CENTRAL PARK,** and **THE OPERA HOUSE.**



DAY FOUR HAVANA

- **VINTAGE CAR TOUR** Thousands of these cars are a necessity as well as a novelty. After the US put a stop to imports, the cars that were already in the country had to stay maintained and road ready. Sit back, relax and be chauffeured around in one through some of the most famous areas of Havana including **NEW HAVANA** and **OLD HAVANA.**
- Enjoy a lunch in the spirit of Hemingway at **EL AJACO** in the fishing village of **COJIMAR.** Experience a culturally immersive activities like making traditional Cuban soup and mojitos. Afterwards visit the Hemingway House, where famed novelist Ernest Hemingway lived from 1940 – 1960.
- Take a Salsa lesson, without which your Cuba journey never be completed. You will return to Havana, and enjoy dinner at La Guarida, winner of Cuba's Best Restaurant 2023.
- Finish your fantastic night at the Tropicana Cabaret, Cuba's oldest and most prestigious cabaret, set over lush tropical gardens in Havana's Marianao neighbourhood.



DAY FIVE HAVANA - VINALES

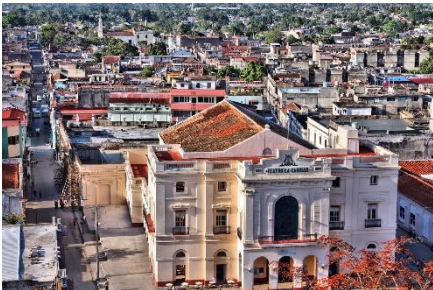


- **VINALES** One of most of the most breathtaking locations in Cuba, where its famous cigars begin their journey, courtesy of the sweeping tobacco fields that surround the town. You will be guided on a walking tour of the Viñales township and surrounding farmlands.
- Take lunch at an authentic Cuban Paladar. You will see how tobacco is and the rich sweet scent of the drying house.
- **INDIAN CAVES (CUEVAS DEL INDIO)** A network of underground caves and waterways. The visit to the caves includes a boat tour along an underground river.
- **LA TERRAZA BAR** Return to Havana. Enjoy a cocktail in the La Terraza Bar and visit Havana's most famous jazz clubs – the delightfully named Vixen and the Crow. This club is located on La Rampa, and is open nightly. Enter through a red English phone box and descend into a cramped, smoky basement. The freestyle jazz here is second to none, and in the past the club has hosted such big names as Chucho Valdés and George Benson.



DAY SIX HAVANA - TRINIDAD

- **SANTA CLARA** Be assisted to Santa Clara, it's remarkable to take in the serenity of contemporary Santa Clara and consider that it was the site of the vicious last battle of the Cuban Revolution. Your guide will be able to tell you just why Ernesto Che Guevara has become such an iconic figure.
- **TRINIDAD** After your induction walk around the town, spend your first afternoon simply strolling the cobbled streets and admiring the colonial architecture. Make sure you remember the way to the Plaza Mayor (central square), since you'll want to come back here when the sun goes down.
- Suggested accommodation– **HOTEL MYSTIQUE TRINIDAD LA POPA** A superb luxury hotel with a colonial theme and architecture located at the top of Cerro de La Popa, guarding the Villa de la Santísima Trinidad that rests at its feet



DAY SEVEN TRINIDAD



- **VALLE DE LOS INGENIOUS**, A UNESCO World Heritage site, where some of Cuba's most thriving sugar cane mills ran in the 18th century, Explore the sugarcane estate, historic quarters and old community centres, which give the country its distinctive Afro-Caribbean culture.
- **LA BOTIJA** Have lunch at La Botija, a local tavern style eatery displaying colonial-era artifacts on its walls, Specializing in Cuban food with a contemporary twist.
- Stop at a coffee farm and learn how the local's plant, grow, harvest and roast coffee beans. Taste Cuba's freshest farm to table coffee.
- **SIERRA DEL ESCAMBRAY** This area is popular with hikers, and you can explore at your leisure. We will take you to Playa Ancon, a ribbon of white beach on Sancti Spíritus's iridescent Caribbean shoreline. It is usually touted with good reason as being the finest arc of sand on Cuba's south coast. If the day is hot, remember to bring your swimsuit. in Trinidad your guide will be able to recommend the very best restaurants and music venues to visit for an evening of fantastic Cuban entertainment.
- **MUSEO 1514** To enjoy dinner served on antique porcelain in a space adorned by restored antique furniture and art. Experience a salsa dance in a cave and enjoy your night.



DAY EIGHT TRINIDAD – CIENFUEGOS - HAVANA

- **CIENFUEGOS** It wasn't only the Spanish who settled Cuba; many French migrants came to the island to seek their fortune. Cienfuegos was their city, and the French influence is apparent in the architecture. Cienfuegos is more well-preserved than other Cuban cities since it was generally bypassed by pirates in favour of larger targets.
- **PALACIO DE VALLE** Your guide will lead you on an exploration of the wide streets and promenades, ending at the ocean where you'll enjoy a cocktail.
- **BAY OF PIGS** After lunch, it's time to leave Cienfuegos behind and take a short drive to the. The Bay of Pigs or Playa Girón, where the US attempted an ultimately unsuccessful takeover of Cuba with an army of Cuban exiles. The area's brutal history is a stark contrast to its current tranquillity and beauty, and you will have a look at just what happened here in the fascinating local museum dedicated to the events.



DAY NINE HAVANA - PARIS



- **RUM MUSEUM** Housed in a grand former palace. In case you were curious, there are plenty of tastings and products available for purchase.
- **HOTEL CONDE DE VILLANUEVA** The next stop on the tour will be the Hotel Conde de Villanueva, an attractively restored 18th century mansion in the historic centre of the city. The hotel has one of the most popular cigar shops in town, and a lucky few even have personal humidors here to store their precious cigars. Watch a “torcedor” or cigar roller at work and enjoy some delicious Cuban coffee. If you’re a cigar fan, you can buy the cigars that have just been rolled in front of you.



- **EL FLORIDITA** Say hello to Hemingway with a visit to El Floridita – his favourite bar which is now graced with a life size statue of the man himself. Enjoy a refreshing daiquiri before moving on the Partagas Cigar Factory.
- **CALLEJON DE HAMMEL** Explore Havana’s art scene with a visit to Callejon de Hammel. It’s a brightly coloured alleyway in central Havana and is where many of Havana’s established and emerging artists work. Our private tours allow you to visit various studios and watch the artists at work and hear them talk about how their country’s history has influenced their art. Your itinerary will also include any artistic events that are being staged in the city during your visit.

- **SAN CRISTOBAL** Have a hearty meal at the same venue where President Obama had his dinner on his first day visit to Cuba. Located in one of the narrow streets of Centro Habana and set in a restored 20th century house.

- On time transfer to airport for flight to Paris by AF 173 22:00 hrs. Arrives 16:40 hrs, connect AF 188 at 23:29 hrs, arriving in Hong Kong at 17:20 on Day 11.



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