

CUBA

Go beyond Cuba's cigars, vintage cars and time-warp cities to discover astounding nature reserves, exceptional marine life and miles of gloriously white sandy beaches.

With so much to see, Cuba deserves a few weeks of exploration. If you can't spend a full fortnight here, we've featured a few short itineraries ideal as add-ons to an exploration of the Americas to pique your curiosity about this socialist island nation.

While infrastructure is not as developed in Cuba as it is in other destinations in Central America such as Costa Rica, the warm, welcoming locals more than make up for any shortcomings.

Accommodation in Cuba is in hotels or homestays. Both however, are in short supply and we cannot stress enough how important it is to book at least 12 months in advance.



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HIGHLIGHTS OF CUBA

8 days/7 nights

From \$2882 per person twin share

Departs daily ex Havana

Price per person from:*	Twin
B+ Gran Hotel Manzana Kempinski La Habana/ Hotel La Union/Iberostar Grand Trinidad	\$5264
B Iberostar Parque Central/Hotel La Union/ Hotel Vivian	\$3901
C^ Hostal El Madero/Hostal Tania y Adrian/ Hostal Vivian	\$2882

*Based on two people sharing, singles on request.

^Please note Category C is traditional Homestay quality.

INCLUSIONS

Private return airport transfers Havana, hotel accommodation with breakfast daily, lunches and dinners as specified, services of a driver/guide outside Havana, all tours specified in the itinerary.

This comprehensive tour gives you plenty of time to enjoy eclectic Havana with its rich architectural heritage, lively social scene and mid-century ambience. You'll also uncover hidden gems including Cienfuegos, Trinidad and the resting place of the legendary Che Guevara.

Day 1 Havana

Arrive Havana and transfer to your hotel. Rest of the day at leisure.

Day 2 Havana

After breakfast, take a walking tour of Old Havana to admire its well-preserved colonial streetscapes. Visit the 16th century Plaza de Armas and Plaza Vieja. Lunch at a restaurant in Old Havana. Afternoon at leisure to explore on your own and enjoy the atmosphere. BL

Day 3 Havana

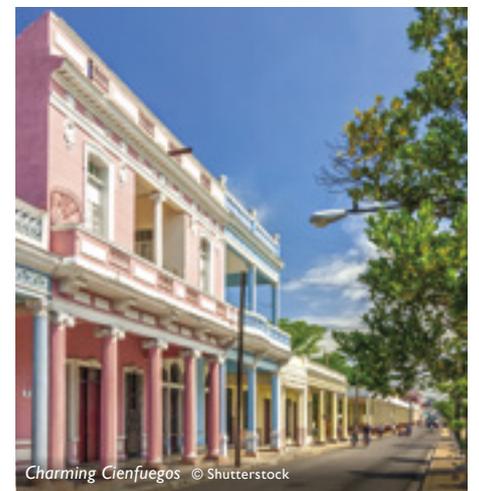
Tour Havana in a vintage car. Travel through neighbourhoods such as Central Havana, Vedado and Miramar, visiting landmarks such as the Capitol Building, Revolution Square, Hotel Nacional and the University of Havana. B

Day 4 Cienfuegos

With your private driver/guide, leave Havana after breakfast and drive to Cienfuegos, a major port known for its neoclassical buildings. Half day tour of Cienfuegos. Lunch is included at a local restaurant. BL

Day 5 Trinidad

Drive to Trinidad, a World Heritage town founded in 1514 renowned for its colourful colonial architecture. Afternoon at leisure before a traditional dinner with a Cuban family. Evening music and dance tour with a local guide. BD



Charming Cienfuegos © Shutterstock

Day 6 Trinidad

Start the day exploring the historical centre of Trinidad. Tour around Plaza Mayor and shop at the craft markets before lunch, then travel to Topes de Collantes, a nature park in the Escambray Mountains. Visit an art gallery and stop at La Casa del Café to taste some of Cuba's finest coffee. BL

Day 7 Havana

Depart for Santa Clara, a town with a rich revolutionary legacy. Pay respects at the memorial of revolutionary Ernesto "Che" Guevara. Lunch is included at a local restaurant. Continue to Havana where the rest of the day is at leisure. BL

Day 8 Tour ends Havana

Tour ends after breakfast. Depart for the airport or extend your stay with an optional beach break. Check out our 4 day Cayo Santa Maria package on page 103. B



Classic mid 20th century cars in Havana © Shutterstock



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Trinidad © Shutterstock



Plaza de la Revolución, Havana © Shutterstock

CLASSIC CUBA

11 days/10 nights

From \$3697 per person twin share

Departs daily ex Havana

Price per person from:*	Twin
B+ Hotel Saratoga/Hotel Melia Santiago/ Hotel Royalton/Camino de Hierro/ Iberostar Grand Trinidad	\$5801
B Iberostar Parque Central/Hotel Iberostar Casa Granda/Hotel Royalton/Camino de Hierro/ Iberostar Grand Trinidad	\$5342
C^ Hostal El Madero/Hotel Iberostar Casa Granda/El Balcon de Bayamo/ Casa Angelito y Familia/Hotel Vivian	\$3697

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INCLUSIONS

Private return airport transfers Havana, hotel accommodation with breakfast daily, lunches and dinners as specified, flights shown in itinerary, services of a driver/guide outside Havana, all tours specified in the itinerary.

Journey from Havana to the other end of Cuba where you embark on an escorted driving tour through beautiful colonial towns and national parks, winding your way back to the capital. This trip allows you to fully appreciate the incredible history, authenticity, diversity and warmth of this unique island country and its citizens.

Days 1-3 Havana

Meet and greet at Havana Airport, transfer to hotel. On Day 2 enjoy a morning walking tour of Old Havana with lunch at a local restaurant, followed by an afternoon city tour in a vintage car. Day 3 enjoy a full day tour of the wonderful Sierra del Rosario, visiting a tobacco plantation and cigar factory. Explore the lovely Viñales and Dos Hermanas valleys before reaching Cueva del Indio. Board a boat and travel along the underground river. Tour includes a typical Cuban lunch at a local restaurant. BL (Days 2/3 only).

Days 4/5 Santiago de Cuba

Morning at leisure in Havana. Fly from Havana to Santiago de Cuba with the remainder of the day at leisure. Next day enjoy a morning guided walk to discover rich history and warm hospitality. Learn about pirates and naval defences at the world heritage Castle San Pedro de la Roca. B/BL

Day 6 Bayamo

Early breakfast and short drive to Bayamo. Explore the city in a horse-drawn carriage. Travel through the narrow streets and visit its most important squares and sites. Afternoon at leisure. B

Day 7 Camaguey

Drive north-west to Camaguey, a World Heritage Site. Take an afternoon stroll through the town's colonial-style centre with its irregular, warren-like streets, hidden plazas, baroque churches, galleries and restaurants. In the evening, visit Casa de la Trova where you can enjoy traditional Cuban music. B

Days 8/9 Trinidad

Drive to Trinidad, one of the best preserved colonial cities in the Caribbean. Enjoy dinner with a Cuban family before exploring the city at night with your local guide. On Day 9 take a walking tour through the historic centre of Trinidad, admiring its colonial architecture, with an afternoon trip to Topes de Collantes nature park. BD/BL

Day 10 Havana

Depart Trinidad after breakfast and drive to Cienfuegos. Spend half a day unlocking the secrets of the so-called "Pearl of the South". Lunch is included at a local restaurant. BL

Day 11 Tour ends Havana

Tour ends after breakfast. B

CUBA BEACH STAY

4 days/3 nights

Departs daily ex Cayo Santa Maria

Price per person from:	Twin	Single
A Hotel Melia Buena Vista (Jnr Suite)	\$983	\$1718
B Royalton Cayo Santa Maria (Jnr Suite)	\$809	\$1229

INCLUSIONS

Accommodation, all meals and drinks (some premium beverages excluded).

Enjoy the world-class beach lifestyle of Cuba with this perfect add-on to your Cuba stay. Cayo Santa Maria is an idyllic island in the country's north, conveniently connected to the mainland by a 48km-long causeway. It is an ideal choice for visitors looking to enjoy some of the Caribbean's most beautiful beaches. We can arrange flights or land transfers to Cayo Santa Maria from Havana or other destinations in Cuba.



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