



Colours of Havana, Western & Central Cuba, 9 Nights & 10 Days

It is a Travel program designed to allow international Visitors to get a first hand view of the Cuban reality, to learn about the authentic Cuba and meeting the Cuban people, learning about the essence of the Cuban culture, its traditions and nationality.

It is intended to promote legitimate and real interactions with Cubans from all walks of life, promoting understanding and communications with the world. It will help, modestly but consistently, to improve the economic conditions of the local people and the civil society key in the Cuba's future.

The Operator of this Tour, [TopTravelGroup](#), is a private and local Cuban Travel Agency, formed by Cuban professionals in tourism who have joined their energies and resources for providing to our clients a service of excellence in Cuba.

Minimum number of persons: 3 persons

Note: A similar tour at more or less same price will be offered to the clients if there are less than 3 persons inscribe for a particular tour/date, given the chance to do the tour and avoid any cancellation.

Intensity / complexity of this tour:

Medium intensity, adequate for all ages in good health

Frequency of the tour:

Year around tour, once a week, starting every Thursday of the year

Participants:

People from every corner of the globe who wish to have a very unique cultural experience in Cuba today.

Place of starting:

Havana, Cuba

Joining place in Havana from where the tour will start:

Hotel Park View's lobby at old Havana, a sign is going to be at the desk.

Pre and post-accommodation:

As requested by the participants in the tours, at any hotel or casa particular in Havana.



Transfer upon arrival and departure, meet and greeting at Havana airport:

As requested by the clients.

Prices:

AS FOR A QUOTE: info@cubatoptravel.com

Include it:

- All the accommodation as indicated in the Program: Hotels in Havana and Cienfuegos as indicated with Breakfast and accommodation with breakfast include it in Viñales Valley and in Trinidad, total of 9 nights.
- Tour guide service in English during the whole program.
- All the visits and tours with the entrances indicated in the program.
- Comfortable and safe transportation with driver for all the visits and tours. It could be private transportation or public depending on the case, number of persons in the tours.
- 4 luncheon and 2 dinners.

Not include it:

- Airfare.
- Entry Visa to Cuba.
- Medical or travel insurance (medical insurance is mandatory in Cuba).
- Tips.
- Other services not describe in the program.

Itinerary

Day 1 (Thursday) Havana

- 19:00 group will be meeting at the lobby of hotel Parkview in old Havana where the informative meeting with the tour guide will take place. The meeting duration will be from 40 minutes to 1 hour.
- The program will be explained in details, the accommodation, meetings and visits which will be expected to be held during the visit.
- Tour guide will introduce himself as well as will ask the participant to introduce each other, and talk about their expectations.
- Some tips and suggestions for the trip will be given to the participants as well as ideas of things to do during the free time. Session of questions and answers will be followed.



- After the meeting, group will be asked to join the tour leader for a dinner to keep exchanging views about the program and Cuba.
- Restaurant will be a private family restaurant in the area; that will allow the participants to know about this relatively new experience in Cuba, and to help in a concrete way to the locals new entrepreneurs.
- Each person takes care of its expenses at the dinner (moderate price between 8 to 12.00 CUC per person, just meal no drinks include in that estimate) (not include it).

Day 2 (Friday), Havana

- 08:30 Breakfast.
- 09:30 full walking tour of Old Havana, entrances to Capitanes Generales Museum, visit the Capitol building, all the squares, monuments, historical building, statues, all the interest point of Old Havana.
- Knowing about the local housing project in Old Havana, visiting a health care center created to help the people leaving in Old Havana, and one of the private art galleries existing in old Havana.
- Enjoy at the mid-day the Zanco Dance Group, a dancing company made of non-professional dancers and musicians leaving in Old Havana (neighborhood of the old Havana).
- Light luncheon (like sandwiched and juice being produced for private local cafeteria, many of them have recently being established in Havana and in the country), paid by each one (not include it).
- By bus or car, from 3 pm to 7 pm, driving through the modern Havana, particularly the Vedado area, the Revolution Square, the Colon Cemetery , the Presidente and Paseo avenues, the mansions, the University of Havana, the Rampa (where the Cubans meet and talk), 23 street, the Malecon (seaside board); then Miramar.
- Back to the hotel by 19:30.
- 20:00 Welcoming dinner at the Bodeguita del Medio, or Patio Restaurant, most famous bohemian restaurant in Havana (include it).

Day 3 (Saturday), Havana

- Visit the association of Yoruba in Old Havana; get an explanation about the afro religion in Cuba.
- Visit to the town of Guanabacoa and Regla where that afrocuban religious are most practiced, visit the Santeria Museum.
- In Guanabacoa learn about history of the town, one of the oldest of Havana, their participation in the defense of the villa of San Cristobal de la Habana during the days of the British invasion in the XVIII century; after that visit the Cojimar town, a fisherman town, which also played a role in the defense of the villa during that event, and was relevant in the history because of the live of the american writer Ernest Hemingway in Cuba. (the Novel Old Man and the Sea´s story written by Hemingway and the film based on that novel took place in Cojimar town).



- 14:30 Optional luncheon at Las Terrazas de Cojimar restaurant (not include it)
- At evening optional visit to a baseball game (depending of the time of the year if the national championship is taking place at that time) or visit the Casa de la Cultura de Centro Habana.

Day 4 (Sunday), Havana - Viñales Valley

- 07:30 Breakfast Box
- 08:00 Tour to Viñales Valley and the surrounding.
- Visiting the school in Viñales town and the Cultural House. Walking through the valley (Palmarito trail) meeting campesinos growers of Habano tobacco leaf.
- Luncheon at a private family restaurant in the Valley (include it).
- Accommodation at a casa particular.
- Creole dinner at a campesino house, lechon asado with viandas (include it).

Day 5 (Monday) Viñales - Las Terrazas - Soroa - Havana

- Breakfast at the private house.
- 09:00 leaving for Las Terrazas to get in touch with the community project existing there (probably up to now the best example and may be the unique example of a sustainable agricultural and community project in the island.
- Visiting "Casa de la Guajira" for a Cuban coffee campesino style.
- Luncheon at the local restaurant (include it).
- Continuation on the trip to Soroa, entrance to one of the most interesting botanical garden in Cuba, also visiting a local painter.
- 17:00 Leaving for Havana.
- Accommodation at Las Terrazas de Paseo, located in the Vedado area, accommodation in B & B.
- Optional night activities are available (not include it).

Day 6 (Tuesday) Havana - Bay of Pigs (Península de Zapata) - Cienfuegos

- Early breakfast 07:30 am.
- 08:00 leaving for Bay of Pig region (Península de Zapata), getting an explanation of the region at the interpretation center where scientific people from the area will explain the flora and fauna.
- Visiting La Salina reservoir to appreciate the flora and fauna of the region. Knowing about the invasion which took place in April 1961 to overthrow the Fidel Castro regime, visiting Bay of Pig, also the town of Palpites.
- 14:30 Luncheon at the Cueva de los Peces Cenote, free time to swim (include it). Visiting some areas the peninsula where still coal is produced the old fashioned as hundreds years ago.
- 18:30 Continuation of the trip to Cienfuegos city, declared by Unesco Cultural Heritage of Humankind.
- 20:00 Accommodation at Hotel Boutique Palacio Azul.



- 21:00 Dinner at Palacio del Valle restaurant (on everyone expenses) (not include it).

Day 7 (Wednesday) Cienfuegos - Trinidad

- 07:30 Breakfast.
- 08:30 Panoramic Tour of Cienfuegos.
- Visiting the Mansions French Style, the Alameda, the Malecon, the Nautical Club.
- 14:00 Light Luncheon in a new Cafeteria in Cienfuegos (on everyone expenses, not include it).
- 14:30 Leaving for Trinidad.
- 15:30 Tour of City of Trinidad, also declared by Unesco Cultural Heritage of Humankind. Entrance to Romantic Museum, Visiting the Church, the Canchanchara Bar.
- Accommodation in Trinidad in Casas Particulares with Breakfast Include It.
- Dinner at a Private Restaurant In Trinidad (At Everyone Expenses , Not Include It).

Day 8 (Thursday) Trinidad

- Tour to Sierra del Escambray (highest hill chain in the center of Cuba) visiting the hospital in the area, also a trail with a Cuban luncheon organized by the campesinos (include it).
- 15:00 Back to Trinidad, free time to keep exploring the city and talking to the residents.
- Accommodation at casas particulares, people in each house will ask their host to prepare a family dinner for them, to be paid on spot to the owner of the houses (not include it).
- After dinner, visiting the Casa de la Cultura y de la Trova in Trinidad where the Cuban music and the Cuban people goes for dance and listening to music (not include it in the price).

Day 9 (Friday) Trinidad - Santa Clara - Havana

- Free in the Morning.
- Different visit options are available, just ask.
- 14:00 Leaving for Santa Clara, panoramic tour of Santa Clara; continuation of the trip to Havana.
- Farewell dinner at a Paladar (Everyone will paid for its expenses, not include it in the price).
- Optional: Visit to the Meson de La Flota Bar Restaurant for a Cuban - Flamenco Show (Dancers are from independent and private dancing groups in Cuba). (Not Include It).



Day 10 (Saturday) Departure day

- Free in the morning.
- Transfer out (on request).

TopTravelGroup also offer the following Travel Services:

As requested by the participants other services in Cuba could be offered like:

- Domestic flights.
- Rental cars, micro and buses.
- Guided tours.
- Guide assistants and drivers.
- Conferences.
- Halls and saloons rental.
- Telecommunications rental.
- Seminars.
- Meeting with difference sectors of the society.
- Special visits.
- Hotel accommodation.
- Casas particulares accommodation.
- Reservations in paladares or restaurants.
- Special events.
- Flowers service.
- Banquet / dinner services.
- Theaters.
- Shows.
- Private musical groups.