

CAE 2124
Guaranteed
departure

LA VIDA CUBANA

Sit-in Round trip 9 days/8 nights

On this rather special round trip you will experience the real Cuba, get to see and meet its inhabitants amidst their everyday life as well as delight in the classics of the country: colourful, lively Havana, the picturesque valley of Viñales, Cienfuegos, the pearl of the south, Trinidad, the UNESCO world heritage site and Santa Clara, famous for its Che Memorial, among others. Throughout the tour, collect unforgettable experiences as you stay at Casas Particulares (privately- owned Cuban family houses) and engage with the locals. After the tour you have the possibility to extend your trip on one of the magnificent beaches of this island and world's finest place: Varadero. Come with us and live your Cuban adventure!.

DAY 1 (Friday) ARRIVAL HAVANA

Reception at the airport in Havana and transfer to the hotel. Dinner at own expense.

DAY 2 (Saturday) HAVANA

Due to regulations issued by the Cuban health authorities to limit the spread of SARS –COV2, you are required to stay today inside your hotel, until the result of the PCR test carried out at the airport is complete. For that reason, there are no scheduled activities. Once your result is confirmed to be NEGATIVE, you will be legally permitted to leave the hotel. This procedure will contribute to a safe departure the following day. **(B)**

DAY 3 (Sunday) HAVANA IN A DAY

Immerse yourself in Cuba's daily life. Start your day in the back seat of a colourful mode of local transport: the bici-taxi. The ride will take you from your Casa to Plaza Vieja (Old Square) in the historic centre. The historical tour through Old Havana's four most beautiful squares begins here. You will observe the bustle of the city through the lens of a Camera Oscura; watch recently washed sheets being blown across balconies and rooftops as children play in the streets below with home-made toys. At noon, we will hop into a bright yellow cocotaxi, a comical coconut-shaped mode of transport. Havana's tuk tuk will take you to workshops where classic cars are restored and repaired. Let yourself be impressed by the ingenuity of local mechanics and discover how Cubans keep these old cars still running as collectible vehicles. End the day with a ride in these time capsules to visit Havana's modern sectors, to become acquainted with emblematic quarters such as El Vedado and Miramar. The tour ends with a panoramic ride along the famous Malecón Habanero, a coastal avenue, as you enjoy a light ocean breeze. **(B)**

DAY 4 (Monday) HAVANNA – VIÑALES (220 km)

In the morning, you will head towards Pinar Del Río, the greenest of all Cuban provinces and the cradle of the best tobacco in the world. En route, we will stop at the Los Jazmines lookout point to enjoy the breath-taking views of Viñales Valley with its limestones mountains known as Mogotes. Then enjoy a brief panoramic tour around the small town of Viñales before getting a seat at Alberto Vitamina's paladar (a local private restaurant for Cubans), where you will have a wonderful traditional lunch with a variety of fresh products. The owner of the place is a funny Cuban farmer with a particular sense of humor. In the afternoon, have a brief walk (approximately 1 hour with a local guide) through the Viñales valley to appreciate up close the Cuban countryside and the Mogotes. After that, enjoy some resting time at your accommodation before your night out begins: you will learn how to prepare a Mojito, the classic Cuban drink, during an exclusive local cocktail lesson, and you will indulge in a delicious dinner. **(B) (L) (D)**

DAY 5 (Tuesday) VIÑALES – ANGERONA - CIENFUEGOS (475 km)

In the morning, you will be heading for Cienfuegos, known to be the only city in Cuba founded by French settlers. En route, you will visit the ruins of Angerona Coffee Plantation, a large estate founded by the German immigrant Cornelio Souchay. The walls of the former main house still

**SIB-Round trip
(from 2 Personen)**

EUR 1060.-

Surplus single room:
EUR 198.-

**Children up to 11 years in double room with
2 adults EUR 830.-**

In case of heavy changes on prices from hotels or transport, price changes are possible.

GROUP TOUR SET DEPARTURES 2021

02.04	09.04	16.04
23.04	30.04	25.06
09.07	16.07	23.07
30.07	06.08	13.08
03.09	17.09	01.10
15.10	22.10	29.10

INCLUDED SERVICES:

- ✚ Round trip on acclimatized vehicles (Taxi/Microbus/bus) from standard country quality with driver:
 - By 01 – 02 pax in Taxi (Please note that a Suitcase per Person fits on the car's trunk)
 - By 03 - 07 pax in Minivan/Microbus (6 - 10 seats)
 - By 08 - 10 pax in Minibus (15-16 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 trip (in other case, private transfer on your own)
- ✚ For prolongation in Cayo Santa Maria/Cayo Ensenados at the end of the round trip on Day 9 transfer from Santa Clara to the Beach Hotel
- ✚ Excursions, visits and entrance fees according to Program
- ✚ English speaking guide during the round trip
- ✚ 8 Overnights on the aforementioned accommodations (acc. availability)
- ✚ 8 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 3 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: Havana Queens Show with return transfer
- Additional nights i.e. in Varadero or Cayo Santa Maria
- Transfer to the Airport in Havana after the prolongation in Varadero or Cayo Santa Maria
- Personal Expenses
- Tips for guides, drivers and porters





stand as well as the water collection system to irrigate the coffee plantations and the slave confinement walls. Here the ambience is far more mystic; legends and tales of love and slavery linger in the air. Lunch will be had on the road. After a 300 km drive, the charming seaside city of Cienfuegos will appear.

Cienfuegos has been nicknamed the Pearl from the South, after its beautiful city structure. This villa was the hometown of numerous legendary icons, but probably the most significant is Benny Moré, Cuba's greatest sonero. During your stay, visit the bronze statue of the local idol located on the Prado promenade and have your photograph taken. **(B)(L) (D)**

DAY 6 (Wednesday) CIENFUEGOS

In the morning drive with jeeps or trucks to El Nicho. This small national park east of Cienfuegos is home to the most beautiful waterfall in Cuba. Guided hike amongst lush, untouched nature to the waterfall which cascades down into a small lake. Possibility to swim. Lunch at the restaurant El Nicho. Back in Cienfuegos stroll through the city center, see the main square Parque Martí with the nostalgic theatre Tomás Terry. Visit to the Casa de la Cultura Benjamin Duarte. This cultural center in a palatial building organises out-of-school activities such as dancing and making music, for local pupils. After this interesting visit, have a cocktail on the roof terrace of the moorish Palacio de Valle on the peninsula Punta Gorda. Dinner at own expense. **(B) (L)**

DAY 7 (Thursday) CIENFUEGOS – TRINIDAD (110 km)

In the morning, immerse yourself in the landscape as we take the coastal road towards Trinidad, one of the richest Cuban cities during the 19th century, and a telling example of a unique colonial architecture. The city tour will lead you through cobbled streets of yesteryear to demonstrate why Trinidad was named a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Walk through the Plaza Mayor, surrounded by ancient and magnificent mansions and visit the Museo Histórico de la Ciudad where you can climb the tower in the backyard to enjoy the wonderful view over the city. At Casa Del Alfarero, enjoy a brief explanation about the rich pottery-making culture, passed on through many generations in Trinidad. At night, after dinner at a privately-owned restaurant, you are welcome to enjoy Cuban music at the Casa de la Trova. **(B) (D)**

DAY 8 (Friday) TRINIDAD – CAYO IGUANA

The Caribbean Sea is the highlight of today. From the small fishing town of Casilda, sail out across the Caribbean Sea to Cayo Iguana, while enjoying a different perspective of Trinidad's southern coast. At the first stop, you will be able to dive into crystal-clear waters and take the opportunity to snorkel and embrace the underwater world. Both on the boat and at Cayo Iguana, you will have plenty of time to sunbathe and relax while enjoying Cuban rhythms. Enjoy a traditional Cuban lunch on the island before you sail back to Trinidad and feel yourself a real Robinson Crusoe. **(B) (L)**

DAY 9 (Saturday) TRINIDAD – SANTA CLARA – VARADERO – HAVANNA (305/395 km)

Today you will depart from Trinidad and head to the university city of Santa Clara, where guerrilla fighter Ernesto Che Guevara achieved his most important victory and found his resting place. You will visit the monument in honour of the derailment of Batista's armoured train, a decisive action that triggered the triumph of the Cuban Revolution. Later, enjoy a drink at Café Revolución, surrounded by historical memoirs. You will also pass by the Che Guevara Mausoleum before you continue to Havana, stopping in Varadero to drop off clients that booked a beach extension. **(B)**

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