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**CULTURE, TRADITION
& NATURE**

CUBA





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DAY 1 | HAVANA

Arrival in Havana, the capital of Cuba, built around a deep natural harbor. Havana is one of the most impressive cities in America, and also one of the most exciting. The modern city is a fascinating mix of the old and the new, with blocks of dilapidated housing and American cars from the 1950s rubbing shoulders with grand colonial buildings.

Assistance of an English-speaking guide and private transfer upon arrival at the International Airport of Havana. After checking in and some time to relax, you will have the opportunity to enjoy a welcome dinner at a private restaurant.

Meals: dinner.



DAY 2 | IN HAVANA: VINTAGE AMERICAN CAR TOUR

Breakfast at El Hostal or Casa Particular. Explore the maze of cobblestone streets of Old Havana on a guided walking tour of the old city. Founded in 1512 and declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, we will visit some of the most important places in Havana, such as the Plaza de San Francisco de Asís, the Plaza de Armas, the Plaza de la Catedral, and the Bar-Restaurant La Bodeguita del Medio, to enjoy a Mojito cocktail. After this tour, lunch will be served at a private restaurant. We will continue to the famous Parque Central where local Cubans discuss their favorite pastime “Baseball.”

This is the beginning of an unforgettable vintage tour of 2 hours aboard one of our American cars from the 1950s, to discover the famous Malecón of Havana, a seawall considered the most characteristic image of the city, connecting the traditional center with the populous neighborhood of El Vedado, from whose heart, La Rampa, other tourist and cultural sites can be easily accessed. At night, go out and enjoy a show of traditional Cuban music with members of the Buena Vista Social Club, accompanied by an exquisite dinner.

Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner.





DAY 3 | TERRACES: COMMUNITY, NATURE AND HISTORY

Breakfast at El Hostal or Casa Particular. Departure to the province of Artemiza, where we will arrive at the Terrazas Community, located in the Sierra del Rosario Biosphere Reserve. This site represents a unique case, not only for its architectural, formal, and landscape values, and the appropriate dialogue between nature and man-made infrastructure but also for the achievement of having maintained its integrity and identity for more than three decades and enriched it throughout its evolution.

Welcome to the Rancho Curujey, where you will be offered a brief explanation of the Las Terrazas project while enjoying a refreshing welcome cocktail. Visit to Buenavista coffee plantation, a 19th-century coffee plantation fostered by French immigrants on a hilltop. Visit to the Moka hotel. Tour of the Terrazas Community and contact with the residents in the Callejón de la Moka, in addition to enjoying a good Creole coffee at Café de María.

Lunch at one of the restaurants in the Complex. Descent to the San Juan River, a natural resort of extraordinary beauty, with natural pools of crystal clear waters. Free time for swimming. Accommodation at Hotel Moka.

Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner.



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DAY 4 | PINAR DEL RÍO: TOBACCO ROUTE AND RURAL LIFE

After breakfast, depart for the town of San Juan and Martínez in the province of Pinar del Río, where you will find Héctor Luis' Quemado de Rubí farm, a simple man who loves the land and tobacco leaves. Many titles could be bestowed upon him, but today he is known and will go down in history as the youngest Habano Man in the world.

Depending on the time of year, you can appreciate some of the different stages the plant goes through: growth, harvest or drying. In addition, you will learn about the different types of leaves and cigars and have lunch on the farm. Continue on to the city of Pinar del Río to visit a cigar factory where dozens of rollers artistically mix multiple layers of leaves to produce Habanos. Visit DECUBA "Art in Woods," a group of experienced artists and artisans based in Pinar del Río, dedicated to the design, manufacture, and marketing of humidors and containers for preserving Habanos.

Next, head to Viñales, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The stunning landscape of the Viñales Valley is characterized by its mogotes, a series of high, rounded hills that rise steeply from the flat plain of the valley. Photo stop at the National Park Visitor Center, which overlooks a panorama of tobacco fields, drying houses, and steep mogotes. Overnight at a Casa Particular.

Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner on own.





DAY 5 | RETURN TO HAVANA

After breakfast, depart for the town of San Juan and Martínez in the province of Pinar del Río, where After breakfast, visit the Mural de la Prehistoria, a colossal mural painting made by the inhabitants of the locality under the direction of Leovigildo González, a disciple of the Mexican muralist Diego Rivera, depicting the geological evolution of the territory.

With 260 m in length and 120 m in height, it is considered one of the largest in the world. Return to Havana. Upon arrival, have lunch at a private restaurant.

Visit El Callejón de Hamel, a temple of Afro-Cuban culture and rumba, inscribed on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. Rumba music and movements in Cuba are mainly associated with African culture, but also present elements of Antillean culture and Spanish flamenco. Continue on to your accommodation, rest of the afternoon free. In the evening, enjoy a farewell dinner at a cozy private restaurant.

Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner.

DAY 6 | PRIVATE TRANSFER TO LA HABANA AIRPORT

Breakfast at El Hostal or Casa Particular, transfer to the José Martí International Airport in Havana to board a flight to the USA.

Meals: breakfast.



NOT INCLUDED SERVICES

- Not included services.
- Tips.
- Any other service no specified in the program

INCLUDED SERVICES

- Transportation throughout the program in comfortable vehicles driven by professional drivers.
- Accompaniment during all program activities by an English-speaking specialized guide
- Visits and activities specified in bold.
- Meals, except those specified as self-pay.
- Accommodation in Hostels or Private Houses (Casa Particular directly translates from Spanish as “private house”. Think of a Casa Particular as a family home, similar to a B&B (Bed and Breakfast). Most of the time, they are privately managed by families who live in them. With recent changes, many of them are now owned by families rather than the government. Casas Particulares began in 1997 when the Cuban government officially allowed families to rent rooms or houses to tourists. It was a way to provide a new option for accommodations and also to provide income to Cuban families.)



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