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Cuba

Fidel's Isla Grande

Cuba was the isle of dreams for Hemingway and Che Guevara. But even today, when talking about the island, who doesn't think of sultry Latin rhythms, Caribbean cocktails, fat cigars, and the legendary Fidel Castro, the "Máximo Líder", who died in 2016? Get ready to experience Cuba's rich colonial heritage as well as its tobacco and sugar cane plantations, tropical landscapes, and palm-fringed beaches. The Cubans are proud to show you what the "isla grande" has to offer.

- Havana – the Pearl of the Caribbean
- Trinidad – the Colonial Jewel
- Tobacco plantations and the rainforest
- Seaside extension upon request

12 days

8 Jan. – 19 Jan. 2024

from € **2999,-**

Cuba: Fidel's Isla Grande

Day 1, Mon, 08.01.2024: ¡Bienvenidos a Cuba!

Individual arrival in Havana (flights not included). Upon arrival, you will be greeted by our representative and transferred to the hotel.

Day 2, Tue, 09.01.2024: Havana

Morning walk through the "city of columns." A cigar maker will give us insight into the art of making Cuban cigars. Afterwards, a **panoramic drive** in genuine American street cruisers through Havana's modern neighbourhoods awaits us. Finally, at the Hotel Nacional, we will enjoy a cocktail at the legendary Bar de la Fama before heading back to our accommodation. In the evening, you will have the opportunity to attend the Havana Queens show (dinner included). B

Day 3, Wed, 10.01.2024: Beach day

We will escape the hustle and bustle of Havana's city life to soak up the sun on the tropical beaches of Playas del Este.



In the evening, we will visit the Fabrica del Arte. Musician X Alfonso says of his project: **"This is a place where you can enjoy the art of the island's cultural avant-garde all under one roof."** We will then continue to the Cabaret Las Vegas. B

Day 4, Thu, 11.01.2024: Home of tobacco

We will drive west on the Tobacco Route until we reach Viñales. On the way, we will stop for a visit with the artist Mario Pelegrín and learn more about the cultivation of the tobacco plant directly from a **tobacco farmer**. After a traditional Cuban lunch, we will make a brief stop at the Mural de la Prehistoria – a monumental rock painting. In the afternoon, we will enjoy the view over the valley while enjoying a cocktail at an organic finca. Afterwards, we will return to Havana. B/L

Day 5, Fri, 12.01.2024: Cienfuegos

Today, we will leave Havana and head into central Cuba. On the way, we will stop at Caleta Buena Beach. Here we will have the opportunity to snorkel in the turquoise waters or simply relax under the sun. Our destination of the day is Cienfuegos, the Pearl of the South, where we will spend the night. B

Day 6, Sat, 13.01.2024: Off to Trinidad

We will take a stroll through the small lively town of Cienfuegos past the Teatro Tomás Terry, where Caruso once sang. From the Palacio del Valle, we can enjoy a beautiful panoramic view over the bay. Afterwards, we will take a boat trip through the harbour and the bay. We will then continue along the scenic coastal highway to Trinidad. In the evening, our guide will treat us to a cocktail on the steps of the Casa de la Música. B/D

Day 7, Sun, 14.01.2024: Cuba's colonial show-piece city

Trinidad thrived primarily on the smuggling trade, and later on sugar production and the accompanying slave trade. Together with our guide, we will stroll through the old town with its pastel-coloured buildings, visit the small municipal museum, and have a drink at the bar La Canchánchara. Those who want to dance the night away can do so in a slightly more unusual location: namely at Disco Alaya, which is located in a cave (additional fee). AI

Day 8, Mon, 15.01.2024: Free time

Today, you have free time at your disposal. Alternatively, you can join your Marco Polo guide on an excursion to the Topes de Collantes National Park (additional fee, lunch included). We will walk along the Río Melodioso through a diverse natural habitat with indigenous flora and fauna (approx. 5 km). On the way, there are opportunities to swim in natural pools and under waterfalls. At Finca Gallega, we will enjoy a hearty lunch in the midst of a beautiful natural backdrop. B

Day 9, Tue, 16.01.2024: Santa Clara

In the valley of the sugar cane mills, we will visit the former hacienda of the sugar barons as well as the legendary slave tower. We will continue to the university town of Santa Clara at the foot of the Sierra Escambray. Arguably Latin America's most famous revolutionary – Ernesto "Che" Guevara – lies here in a mausoleum, alongside other fallen revolutionaries. In the adjoining museum, we will learn interesting facts about the turbulent events of that era. In the evening, we will visit El Mejunje. This cultural centre was founded by Ramón Silverio, a pioneer of the LGBT movement in Cuba, and has existed for over 30 years. B

Day 10, Wed, 17.01.2024: To the beach resort

We will depart for Memories, the resort hotel on the white sandy beach of Jibacoa. B/D

Day 11, Thu, 18.01.2024: Beach life

Memories Jibacoa beach resort invites you to relax in its expansive gardens and large swimming pool. The spacious rooms are spread out over several two-storey buildings. A restaurant and bar are on site to satisfy your culinary and refreshment desires. Water sports activities are offered at the beach (partially for a fee). In the evening, a farewell dinner in a "paladar" awaits us. AI

Day 12, Fri, 19.01.2024: Fly home or stay?

You will be transferred to the Havana airport to board your flight home (flights not included). B

EXTENSION

Day 12-14, Fri-Son, 19.01.-21.01.2024: Beach life

Still have some time? Then stay a few more days on the white sandy beach of Jibacoa. AI

Day 15, Mon, 22.01.2024: Return flight

You will be transferred to the Havana airport to board your flight home (flights not included). B

B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner, AI = All-inclusive

A candid statement

In recent times, the ever-increasing political liberalisation between Cuba and the USA has triggered a downright "Cuba boom." Even though demand has stabilised at a high level, the infrastructure on the island is overloaded, especially during the high season, and as a result, hotel and itinerary changes at very short notice cannot be entirely avoided. The combination of high demand and a lower level of comfort can at times create the impression of mismatched value for your money. In such cases, we recommend you take it Caribbean style and let yourself be inspired by the unique flair of the island!

Flights

International flights not included.

Hotels

Place	Nights	Hotel	Subject to change	
			Category	
Havana	4	Aston Habana	****(*)	
Cienfuegos	1	Melia San Carlos	***	
Trinidad	3	Memories	***	
Santa Clara	1	E Central Villa Clara	****	
Jibacoa	2	Memories	***(*)	
Jibacoa	3	Memories	***(*)	

Travel documents and vaccinations

EU citizens and Swiss nationals require a passport that is valid for at least six months past the end of their stay. For a fee, we would be happy to apply for the mandatory tourist card for you, which is required when travelling to Cuba (only possible for EU citizens and Swiss nationals). Citizens of other countries, please check with the appropriate consulate. Vaccinations are not required.

Included in the tour price

- Transfers, excursions, and round trip in a standard local air-conditioned coach
- 11 nights in a single room
- Breakfast, 1x lunch
- All-inclusive stays at the hotels in Trinidad and Jibacoa
- Entrance fees according to itinerary
- Cigar tasting
- 1x canchánchara tasting
- Panoramic ride through Havana in a cruiser
- Boat trip in Cienfuegos
- English-speaking Marco Polo tour guide in Cuba

Included in the tour price/extension

- 3 nights in a single room
- All Inclusive
- Transfer hotel to airport

Extras (booked separately)

- Havana Queens, show incl. dinner €60
- Excursion Topes de Collantes National Park €55
- Cuba tourist card €25

Price per person from €

12 days	Main tour		Extension	
	SGL	DBL- discount	SGL	DBL- discount
08.01.-19.01.24	2999	400	400	100

Minimum number of participants: Minimum 6, maximum 16 participants. Extension: minimum 1 participant. If the minimum number of participants is not reached, the Tour Operator may cancel the travel contract no later than 21 days before the start of the tour. **Tour Operator:** Marco Polo Reisen GmbH, Riesstrasse 25, 80992 Munich, Germany.

General travel conditions and suitability of the tour for people with reduced mobility: www.agb-mp.com. **Payment/secured payment certificate:**

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