

4° “GRAN TOUR”

HAVANA / PINAR DEL RIO / VINALES / GRAN PARQUE NATURAL MONTEMAR
CIENFUEGOS / TRINIDAD / SANTA CLARA / VARADERO / HAVANA

The historic center of Havana (UNESCO World Heritage Site), the wonders of the untouched nature of Pinar del Rio and the Vinales valley. The Los Ingenios valley, the epic places of the Cuban Revolution of Santa Clara and Cienfuegos, the historical Trinidad, with white and golden beaches, the crystalline and turquoise sea of Varadero.



14 days tour (13 nights)

+ sea stay option in Varadero or Havana more or less long with an English-Cuban guide, English speaking taxi driver with American vintage cars

Price from 1319 euros

Price from for each additional day in Havana or Varadero

with the possibility of driving and a qualified taxi driver with American vintage cars



DAY 1: WELCOME TO HAVANA

Welcome to the Unesco World Heritage city. Departure from one of the main English airports. Arrival at the José Martí airport in Havana and transfer by taxi and accommodation in a private house - standard or luxury category on your choice. Dinner in the house and free time in the evening.

DAY 2: HAVANA

Continental breakfast included.

Visit the city with a qualified English speaking guide from the Habana Vieja to the most significant and characteristic places: Capitolio, Plaza Vieja, Palacio de los Capitanes Generales, Castillo de la Real Fuerza, Plaza de la Catedral. The tour continues with a visit to the renowned Bodeguita del Medio (historic venue frequented by Hemingway), the Museo de la Revolucion, the Cuban Museum of Artes, Parque Central. Dinner included at Don Pepe, a traditional and characteristic Cuban restaurant. Free evening.

DAY 3: HAVANA / LAS TERRAZAS SOROA / PINAR DEL RIO / VINALES

Continental breakfast included. Departure with car and driver-guide with destination Vinales. Visit to Las Terrazas, a small village in the middle of a tropical forest, in the Sierra del Rosario biosphere reserve. The project belongs to the arch. Cienfuegos, brother of the famous Camillo Cienfuegos (one of the most influential figures in the Cuban Revolution), where he still resides with his family. This ecological mini-city is home to the country's first coffee plantation and offers the only circuit in Cuba of continuous canopy, an impressive interweaving created by tropical foliage. Continue to Soroa and its beautiful waterfalls, the castillo en Las Nubes and the spectacular Orchidarium, where you can find more than 600 types of orchids including indigenous and exotic varieties. Arrival in Pinar del Rio with a visit to a tobacco plantation with the possibility of attending the production process of the famous Cuban cigars. Visit to the Rum de Pinar distillery. We then proceed towards the valley of Viñales, a World Heritage Site, famous for its incomparable beauties of unspoiled nature, with characteristic plateaus, the "mogotes", which rise like islands from the bottom of the valley, and famous for its tobacco plantations. Visit to the Cueva del Indio, a beautiful cave crossed by an underground river, with the possibility of a short boat ride to admire the rock artefacts dating back to the pre-Columbian period. Visit to the Mural of Prehistory, to the Mirador de los Jazmines and to an agro-ecological Finca (estate) with an adjoining restaurant where you can eat very well. Possibility of visiting the Viñales National Park on horseback or on foot. Transfer to private home. Dinner included in paladar, one of the characteristic Cuban trattorias. Free evening.





DAY 4: VINALES / HAVANA

Continental breakfast included.

Departure destination Havana: "The day is free" to learn more about the life, culture, music and art of the city. To visit: Castillo del Morro, Casa della Musica, Real Fabrica de Tabacos Partagas, Plaza de la Revolucion, "La Guarida", where the film "strawberries and chocolate" was filmed, until walking on the Malecon, the famous promenade. Dinner included (at your choice in casa particular or in paladar) and free evening.



DAY 5: HAVANA

Continental breakfast included.

The day is free to learn more about the life, culture, music and art of the city. To visit: the Vedado residential district, with its elegant villas and the Acuario Nacional de Cuba, in the Miramar district, established in Cuba in 1960 to concentrate on research and environmental education. The exhibits include coral and tropical species, sea turtles in a reproduction of a coastal area, the Sendero del Manglar with three species of natural mangroves and a biodiversity exhibition, a dolphinarium show and sea lions. Dinner and free evening.

DAY 6: HAVANA / PARQUE NATURAL CIENAGA DE ZAPATA / BAY OF PIGS / CIENFUEGOS

Continental breakfast included.

Departure with destination Parque Natural Ciénaga de Zapata (Unesco World Heritage Site for its fauna and its flora). Visit to the park and Criadero de Cocodrillos (crocodile breeding *Crocodylus rhombifer*, a protected species present only in Cuba): possibility of boat tour crossing the Lagoon of the Treasure up to the village Aldea Taina. Afternoon free at Playa Larga or Playa Giron in the famous Bay of Pigs, where the disembarkation of supporters of the old regime was blocked. Possibility to swim in the crystal clear waters of the Caribbean Sea and snorkel to see the coral reef and tropical fish in the Cueva de los Peces. Arrival in Cienfuegos in casa particular. Dinner included (at your choice in casa particular or in paladar) and free evening.



DAY 7: CIENFUEGOS / PUNTA GORDA / PLAYA RANCHO LUNA / PASACABALLO / TRINIDAD

Continental breakfast included.

Visit the center of Cienfuegos, the "Pearl of the South": located in one of the most beautiful bays of the Caribbean, with elegant avenues decorated with buildings in French colonial style that are enhanced in the Caribbean environment between the emerald green of the lush vegetation and the turquoise blue of the sea. All the most important buildings are located around the Jose Martí park: the Catedral de la Purísima Concepción, the Tomas Terry Theater, with its horseshoe-shaped platform and its wooden boxes, the Palacio Ferrer which houses the Casa Provincial de la Culture and the Palacio de Gobierno. The tour continues in Punta Gorda and the splendid Palacio de Valle. Continue to Playa Rancho Luna, Pasacaballo with the possibility to reach, by ferry, the Spanish castle of Jagua. Departure for Trinidad and accommodation in casa particular. Dinner included in a typical Cuban restaurant in the port area. Free evening.

DAY 8: TRINIDAD / VALLE DE LOS INGENIOS - PLAYA ANCON / TRINIDAD

Continental breakfast included.

Visit to the "City museum", Unesco Heritage and the most typical example of the Spanish colonial era: Plaza Mayor, Palacio Cantero, Palacio Brunet, Iglesia de Santísima Trinidad. Choice of choice:

- Excursion to the beautiful beach of Ancon, a long strip of clear sand that flows into the turquoise sea of the Caribbean (recommended snorkelling to admire the beautiful coral reef).
- Excursion to the famous Valle de los Ingenios and the Iznaga Tower. Possibility to attend the linen production process and visit the Iznaga estate to drink the guaropo, sugarcane juice.

Dinner included in a typical restaurant on the port. Free evening: recommended the La Canchanchara tavern, famous for its homonymous cocktail and the Casa della Trova.





**DAY 9: TRINIDAD / NATURE PARK
TOPES DE COLLANTES
PARK EL CUBANO -
PARK GUANAYARA / EL NICHU /
REMEDIOS**

Continental breakfast included.

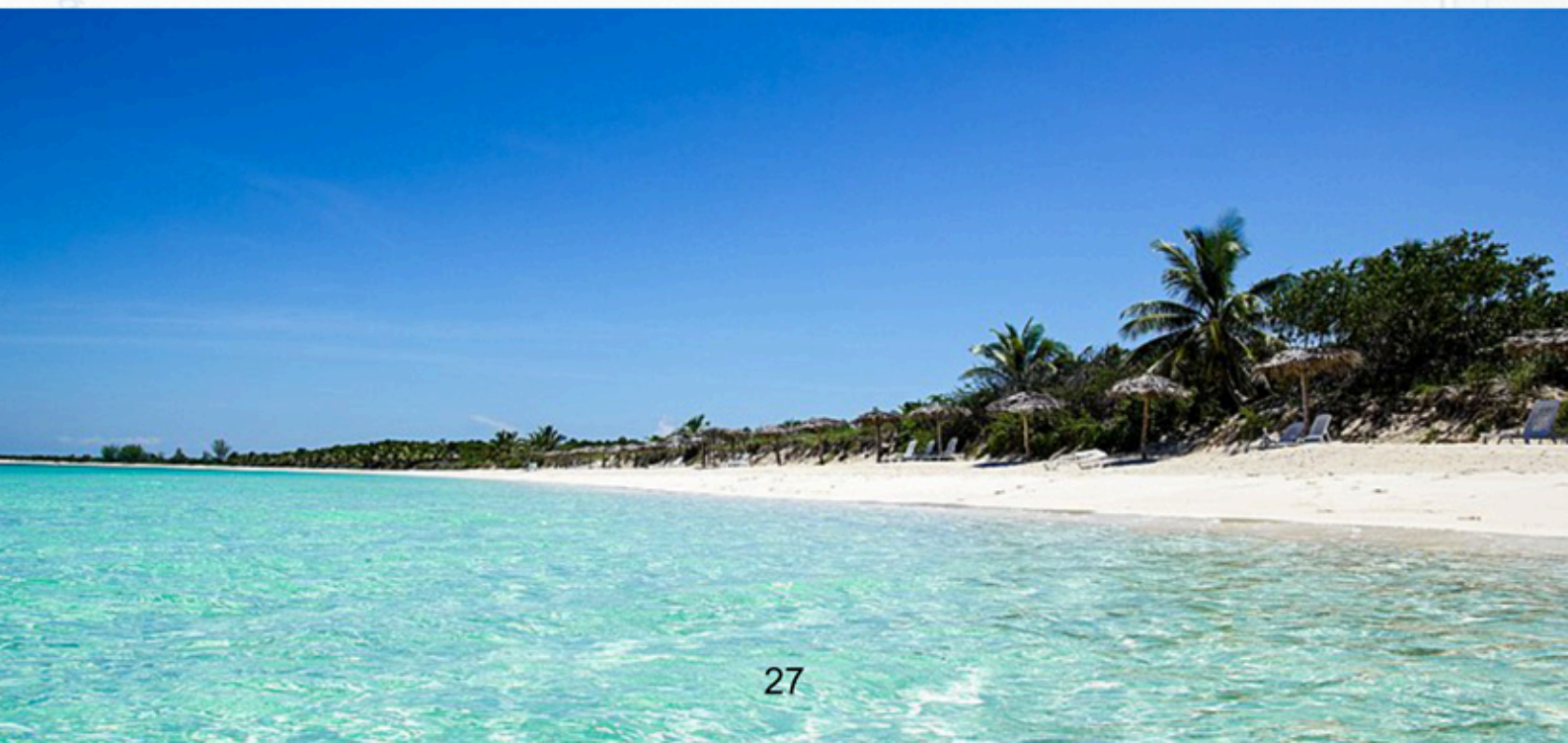
Departure to discover the uncontaminated tropical environment with visit to the Natural Park Topes de Collantes, part of the Sierra del Sierra mountain range Escambray. A choice of excursion:

- El Cubano Park: on foot or on horseback, inside the park, immersed in the Cuban nature among waterfalls, colorful birds and colorful vegetation.
- Guanayara Park: (to be booked) with Russian military trucks and a 3-hour walk through the tropical forest, surrounded by lush vegetation, between streams and waterfalls, with a colorful fauna and flora. Continue with a visit to the El Nicho reserve, to immerse yourself in the tropical landscape of the "Kingdom of the Waters" to bathe in the natural pools of a beautiful waterfall among flowers and colorful birds. Possibility of a visit to the coffee museum. Departure for Remedios, accommodation in casa particular. Dinner and free evening.

**DAY 10: REMEDIOS / CAYO SANTA
MARIA / REMEDIOS**

Continental breakfast included.

Excursion to the island of Cayo Santa Maria, connected thanks to a pedraplén of 48 kilometers on the sea, the Puente de Alcántara. This island is located in the central part of the archipelago of the gardens of the King, Jardines del Rey. An ideal ecosystem with a surprising variety of plant and bird species. This is the ideal place for snorkelling and bird watching. Return to Remedios, dinner and free evening.



DAY 11: REMEDIOS/ SANTA CLARA

Continental breakfast included.

Visit to the historical center: Iglesia Bien Viaje, Museum of Las Parrandas, Iglesia de San Juan Batista. Continue to Santa Clara. Arrival and accommodation in the particular house. Visit to the historic center: Parque Vidal, Museo de Artes Decorativa, Santa Clara Asis, Monument to General Jose Mambi Monteagudo, Mausoleum to Ernesto Che Guevara and Plaza de la Revolucion, Parque of the Armored Train of the Baptist dictator, full of arms and soldiers, assaulted from Che. Dinner and free evening.

DAY 12: SANTA CLARA / VARADERO

Continental breakfast included.

The day is free: a visit to the Varadero beach is recommended, including the famous Playa Azul, one of the most fascinating beaches in the world. A very rich quantity of animal species inhabit the sea floor of Varadero beach. Colorful fish, corals and molluscs are some of the wonders that can be found by snorkelling. Dinner and free evening.

DAY 13: VARADERO

Continental breakfast included.

The day is free to enjoy relaxing on the white or golden beach and for a dip in the azure and transparent waters of the Caribbean sea. Dinner and free evening.

DAY 14: VARADERO

Continental breakfast included.

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DAY 15: VARADERO / HAVANA

Continental breakfast included.

Free morning to still enjoy relaxing on the white or golden beach and for a dip in the blue and transparent waters of the Caribbean sea; departure for Havana and transfer to the Airport José Martí for the flight back.

INCLUDED:

- Airport / home / airport transfers;
- Overnight stays with continental breakfast at casa particular/private home + six dinners;
- Guide and tour in vintage cars with air conditioning;
- English speaking qualified driver-guide;
- Visa entry and insurance (separate fee);



Options:

- extension of the sea stay in Varadero (breakfast included);
- extension of stay in Havana (breakfast included);

NOT INCLUDED:

- Flight to / from the main English airports;
- Tips and extras in general;
- Anything not expressly indicated in the "included" item.