



## ***Cuba Tour and Cruise***

***Holiday 16 days from \$4999***

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***Book by 15 Aug 2017.***



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Seemingly on the cusp of dramatic change, there has never been a better time to visit Cuba, the place that Christopher Columbus once described as "the most beautiful country human eyes have ever seen." Cuba is a Caribbean island nation under communist rule. It has sugar-white beaches and is dotted with tobacco fields, which play a part in the production of the country's legendary cigars. The capital, Havana, is lined with pastel houses, 1950s-era cars and Spanish-colonial architecture in the 16th-century core, Old Havana. Salsa music

plays in the dance clubs and cabaret shows are performed at the famed Tropicana.

This tour includes a 7 nights cruise of Cuba and neighbouring islands, and a 9 day Escorted coach tour of one of the most exciting Caribbean Islands in central America. Now is the time to explore the island nation of Cuba before it changes forever.

**Includes**

Return airfares from all Australian Capital Cities to Havana Cuba.

7 nights MSC Opera Cruise of Caribbean Jamaica, Caymen Islands and Mexico including all meals and entertainment on board

1 night Havana Pre tour

8 Day Explore Cuba Escorted Tour visit Havana, Cienfuegos, Trinada, Vinales

BI Monthly Departure 01 Aug to 30 Nov 2017 and again from 01 Feb to 31 May 2018.

Inside cabin on cruise tour: \$4999 per person.

Ocean view cabin on cruise tour: \$5799 per person.

Balcony cabin on cruise tour: \$6399 per person.

Day 1: Arrive Havana Cuba and transfer to cruise port to check in for MSC Opera Cuba & Caribbean cruise.

<b>DAY</b>	<b>PORT</b>	<b>ARRIVE</b>	<b>DEPART</b>
1	Havana, Cuba  Overnight. Embarkment		
2	Havana, Cuba  Overnight.		
3	Havana, Cuba		6 PM
4	Cruising		
5	Montego Bay, Jamaica	8 AM	7 PM
6	George Town, Cayman Islands	8 AM	5 PM
7	Isla de la Juventud, Cuba	9 AM	5 PM

<b>DAY</b>	<b>PORT</b>	<b>ARRIVE</b>	<b>DEPART</b>
8	Havana, Cuba Disembarkment	12 PM	



Day 8: Cruise arrives back in Havana and Overnight at Casa Havana.

#### ITINERARY



#### DAY 9: HAVANA

There's so much life in Havana, and yet this bustling city never feels overwhelming. The only difficult thing about the city is knowing where to start exploring. The best way for those on our 8 day Cuba group tour to get started is with a pair of comfortable walking shoes. The entire city is fascinating, but fortunately many of the main points of interest are within a fairly compact area. Take a leisurely stroll through Havana's Old Town, with pauses for coffee (and Cuban coffee is amongst the best in the world), or for a magical mojito. The architecture of this part of the city is an attraction in itself. The first day of our 8 day Cuba group tours is the perfect way to ease yourself into Cuban life. You can

even join your guide and fellow tour group members for dinner if you arrive in time.

Please note that the first day of the tour is a **joining day** with no formal activities planned. We do organise your accommodation for this evening and a optional dinner with your guide and group.

This tour does not spend a lot of time in Havana, so we do recommend booking an extra night or two here if you have the time (or book our 10 Day Vivacious Cuba Group Tour). Our team would be more than happy to provide any recommendations or advice as to the best sights, excursions and activities to focus on. We can also arrange half and full days tours in Havana and its surrounding regions.



#### DAY 10: CIENFUEGOS

We'll show you Playa Girón, which is otherwise known as the Bay of Pigs. This was the site of the infamous failed invasion of Cuba. Its brutal history is nowhere to be seen, and it's now an area of profound natural beauty. You'll want to dive straight into that beautiful ocean, and don't worry – there will be time.

While most of Cuba was settled by the Spanish, it was actually the French who made Cienfuegos into the city it is today. French migrants flocked to the area in the 1800's and their architectural influence on the city is obvious. On some streets you might think you're walking through Paris (although with infinitely better weather). At the entrance to the harbour you'll see the Castillo de Jagua, an ancient fort that allowed the city to withstand the pirate attacks that were once common in Cuba. Many buildings in the town have been given UNESCO world heritage status, and you might think you've never seen such a beautiful town... until we show you some other places.

A harbour city by location, the 'Pearl of the Caribbean' has seduced Cuban travellers for years due to its elegance and beauty. Explore the wide streets and promenades or enjoy a walk by the Malecon, the longest promenade on the

island. "Cienfuegos is the city I like the best", wrote Beni More, one of Cuba's most important musicians in the first half of the 20th century.



### DAY 11 AND 12: TRINIDAD

While Che Guevara is synonymous with Cuba, his final days were actually spent in Bolivia. Cuba felt he needed a hero's burial and memorial, and this is located in Santa Clara, to where his body was returned. Our 8 day Cuba group tours will take you to this remarkable spot near Trinidad. It was in Santa Clara that Guevara and his rebels successfully derailed a military train carrying weapons and ammunition to be used against Fidel Castro. This act was credited with winning the revolution.

After Santa Clara we'll take you to remarkable Trinidad. Founded in 1514, the central parts of the city have been lovingly maintained, and you might wonder if you've been transported back in time. Many buildings are painted in sensational shades of colour, making Trinidad a true treat for the eyes. Trinidad was once the heart of Cuba's sugar industry (and a lot of sugar cane is still processed here). You simply have to take a visit to the sugar district, where many of the old mills can be found. For a fairly small city, there's an amazing amount of nightlife as well.

Take the opportunity to visit a local waterfall, historic sugar mill or one of Cuba's best beaches – Playa Ancon. An evening at one of Trinidad's effervescent music venues is a must!



### DAY 13 AND 14: VINALES

Viñales is reasonably close to Havana, and has been popular with visitors for generations. In the heart of the Pinar del Rio valley, most of Cuba's tobacco production takes place in and around Viñales. This is the place to see where those world famous cigars come from, and to get some for yourself.

The geography in the area is stunning, and the town is ringed by stark mogotes – small hills with sheer rock faces. All of our Cuba group tours offer you the chance to take salsa lessons, and Viñales is the best place to do this.

The nightlife is lively, but not as crowded as larger cities – just in case you don't want to have an audience!



### DAY 15 AND 16: HAVANA

We'll welcome you back to heavenly Havana for the last days of your tour. Your guides will be able to tell you about some amazing places to see that you might not have considered. A tour of the city by classic car is included in your 8 Day Cuba Group Tour, so you'll get to see Havana as a local would. Then it will be time to say goodbye, but we are sure you'll come back to see us as soon as you can...

Please note that Day 15 is the tours **departure day**, meaning you are free to depart at any time.

Day 17: Arrive Home:

## MSC Opera Ship Details

### Overview

Since its christening by Godmother Sophia Loren, the MSC Opera has lived up to the connotations of its name: timeless, opulent, and grand. A sweeping marble reception area welcomes guests onboard with panoramic windows overlooking the sea. Many of the 878 spacious staterooms include private balconies. After an invigorating fitness workout on state-of-the-art equipment, don a plush robe and get pampered in a private room of the luxurious spa. Dining is a delight, with a pair of restaurants, a pizzeria, and a grill offering sumptuous traditional Italian cuisine. And by the time the curtain falls in Teatro Dell 'Opera, you will know the warmth of true Italian hospitality.

### Ship Statistics

Name : MSC Opera

Registry : Panama

Builder : Chantiers de l'Atlantique

Country Built In : France

Ship Completed Date : 1/1/2004

Christened By : Sophia Loren

Call Letters : H3FV

Capacity : 2055

Number of Crew, Nationality : 700, Italian/International

Gross Tonnage : 59000

Stabilized : Yes

Average Speed : 21 knots

Length : 824 feet

Beam : 94 feet

Number of Passenger Decks : 8

Number of Inside Rooms : 359

Number of Outside Rooms : 497

Number of Restaurants : 2

Number of Pools : 2

Number of Elevators : 9

Voltage : 110/220

Non-Smoking Dining : Yes

Non-Smoking Ship : No



A 50% deposit is required to commence your reservations.  
The balance payment is due 90 days prior to departure.

ATAS Accreditation Number: A10718

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The Australian GST does not apply to international travel. Any service fees, courier, cancellation and amendment fees are subject to GST. You will be charged GST where applicable.

#### **DEPOSIT**

A deposit is required to confirm your booking (varies depending on package booked). Receipt of deposit will be taken as an understanding by Destination International Holidays that the customer has checked their confirmed travel arrangements and has read and agreed to the terms and conditions.

#### **FINAL PAYMENT**

Payment in full must be made no less than 90 days before travel.

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**CANCELLATIONS**

Cancellation fees will be levied relative to the amount of notice given as follows:

Days Notice	90 or more	75-90	65-75	65-1
	Loss of Deposit and 50% loss of fare	75%	85%	100%

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