



Exciting Cuba

**First Class Escorted Tour
15 days from \$6999.**



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Cuba, this beautiful Caribbean country still remains something of an enigma to
those who have yet to discover its magic first-hand.

\$6999 per person twin share. \$9999 single room

Dispel the mystery surrounding Cuba and immerse yourself in its history, culture and vivacious spirit on an unforgettable 15-day small-group tour, which will have a maximum capacity of just eight people. Includes nightly accommodation in four and five-star hotels, daily breakfasts and select additional meals, airport transfers, private transport between destinations and more for just \$9999 per person (twin share), valued up to \$10,999.

What We Like

Cuba is primarily renowned for its iconic streets lined with colourful colonial buildings and retro cars, so the beauty of its Caribbean scenery – with lush vegetation, postcard-perfect white sand beaches and crystal-clear aquamarine waters – may take some by pleasant surprise.

Music and dance are a huge part of Cuban culture and you'll have plenty of opportunities to get your groove on with the locals. Rumba fans will delight in the action at Palenque de los Congos Reales, where rumba drums and fire-eaters make for an electrifying evening show.

Experience a bygone era and enjoy stepping back in time as you enter the town of Trinidad. Locked in the 1850s, you'll never grow tired of wandering through this perfectly preserved town.

2017 Tour departure dates:

25 June 2017, 24 July 2017, 28 Aug 2017, 02 Oct 2017, 09 Oct 2017,
23 Oct 2017, 13 Nov 2017, 26 Nov 2017.



15 DAY CUBA TOUR ITINERARY.

DAY 1

Arrive at your leisure on Day 1 as no activities are planned, although you are invited to meet with your guide and accompany them for an evening meal (at your own expense).

Overnight: Havana.

DAY 2

Meet your local guide at 9am for a walking tour of the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Old Havana, and discover the Catedral de San Cristóbal de la Habana (Havana Cathedral), the Palacio de los Marqueses (now a restaurant), the 16th century Plaza de Armas square, the Malecón, Revolution Square, Central Park, the Opera House, the National Capitol Building, the art-deco Bacardi Building, the Museum of Revolution (housed in the former Presidential Palace), museums, parks and more. Should you wish, you can also visit Saint Francis of Assisi Square, Arms Square, the Old Square and Cathedral Square. Cuba is world-renowned for its iconic classic cars, and a chauffeured cruise around Havana's most famous spots is an experience you won't forget in a hurry. After your tour, stop at Hotel Nacional in Havana Vedado for a sunset drink overlooking the Malecón. In the evening, your guide can take you for a cocktail at the La Terraza bar and for dinner at a favourite local Paladar (family-run restaurant), Café Laurent in Havana Vedado (not included). To finish the evening, you might choose to visit Havana's most famous jazz club: The Vixen and the Crow.

Overnight: Havana

Meals included: Breakfast and lunch at a fantastic Cuban Paladar, and one complimentary drink at Hotel Nacional

Also included: Old Havana walking tour, tour of Havana by classic car

DAY 3

Today, discover two more Cuban icons: cigars and rum. Visit Havana-Club Rum Museum, where you'll learn all about how this famous export is produced and have the chance to taste and purchase should you wish. Follow in the footsteps of writer Ernest Hemingway as you visit his home and past haunts, including his favourite bar, el Floridita, where you can taste an authentic Cuban daquiri. Visit Partagas Cigar Factory, where you can find out why Cuban cigars are so sought-after. Finally, stop at Callejón de Hamel, a street in Centro Habana daubed with colourful murals and sculptures. In the evening, you may choose to join an optional Tropicana Cabaret open-air performance (for an additional fee), set over lush tropical gardens in Havana's Marianao neighbourhood.

Overnight: Havana

Meals included: Breakfast and a complimentary Cuban Daquiri at El Floridita Bar, one of Hemingway's favourite haunts

Also included: Visit to Havana Rum Museum, Partagas Cigar Factory and Callejón de Hamel

DAY 4

Today, explore Havana at your leisure, or with your guide should you wish.

Overnight Havana

Meals included: Breakfast

DAY 5

En route to Las Terrazas, visit the fishing village of Jaimanitas, the home of Cuban artist Jose Fuster. Fuster adorned his home and more than 80 buildings in the surrounding neighbourhood with ornate mosaic murals and domes, and added a chess park with giant boards, a theatre and swimming pools. Next, visit the Las Terrazas UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, a place of exceptional beauty with its pretty whitewashed village, lake, mountain stream and old coffee-estate ruins. Walk around the town and discover the art, woodwork and pottery studios that are open to the public. Pass lush landscapes and colourful houses en route

to the stunning village of Soroa with its botanical garden filled with thousands of orchids.

Overnight: Castillo de Las Nubes in Soroa

Meals included: Breakfast

Also included: Visit to Soroa waterfall and orchid garden, the Las Terrazas township and Los Jazmines lookout point

DAY 6

Day 6 is dedicated to one of the most breathtaking locations in Cuba, Vinales, set in the lush valley of Pinar del Rio province. Enjoy a walking tour of the township and farmlands and lose yourself in the local music and dance scene before stopping for lunch at an authentic Cuban Paladar (not included). Visit a tobacco plantation and see a fully-operating secadero (drying house). Finally, visit the caves of Cuevas del Indio, where you can enjoy an unforgettable underground boat tour or horse ride. Viñales is a small town and municipality in the north-central Pinar del Río Province of Cuba. The town consists mostly of one-story wooden houses with porches.

Overnight Vinales

Meals included: Breakfast

Also included: Tour of Vinales township, guided farmland walk, visit to Mural de la Prehistoria, boat ride through underground caves, visit to tobacco farm and drying house and visit to Los Jazmines lookout point

DAY 7

Enjoy a day trip to Cayo Jutias, where you can make the most of a serene and unspoilt 3km white-sand beach in Pinar del Rio on the northern coast, and hike through the mangroves should you wish. This beautiful destination is so remote that the only facilities are a thatched ocean-side restaurant serving local seafood and a dive centre supplying kayaks and snorkelling trips.

Overnight: Vinales

Meals included: Breakfast

DAY 8

Today you'll meet your guide early to depart for the Bay of Pigs, famous as the site of the USA's military invasion. The natural beauty of this area is simply stunning, with coral, cave systems, reef fish, barrcudas and The Jaruco shipwreck making it a paradise for snorkelers and divers. Take a swim in the ocean or through the flooded caves. After lunch at local Paladar (not included) you'll embark on a short drive (1.5 hours) to Cienfuegos. Marvel at the French-influenced architecture of this waterside city known as 'Perla del Sur' (the pearl of the south), and the ornate Moroccan-inspired Palacio de Valle. Cienfuegos, capital of Cienfuegos Province, is a city on the southern coast of Cuba. It is located about 250 km from Havana and has a population of 150,000. The city is dubbed La Perla del Sur.

Overnight Cienfuegos

Meals included: Breakfast and one complimentary drink at Palacio de Valle

Also includes: Visit to the Bay of Pigs where you can snorkel or dive and visit the local museum, and walking tour of Cienfuegos

DAY 9

Enjoy a day trip to the beautiful El Nicho waterfalls. Wildlife lovers can spot birds in the protected sanctuary and thrill-seekers can hike through the caves and bathe in the waterfalls.

Overnight Cienfuegos

Meals included: Breakfast and lunch

DAY 10

En route to Trinidad, you'll make a stop in Santa Clara, the scene of the last battle of the Cuban Revolution in 1958. Marvel at the myriad of architectural styles and visit a cigar factory and the trendy La Casa de la Ciudad, where the town's up-and-coming artists can be found. You'll also have the opportunity to visit the Che Guevara mausoleum and memorial, which houses the remains of revolutionary Ernesto 'Che' Guevara, and learn about his role in the demise of the dictator Batista and the rise of Fidel Castro. Upon arrival in Trinidad, you'll have an introductory walk around the city with your guide, who can suggest the best optional activities appropriate to the time of year. Take part in an optional salsa lesson and soak up the atmosphere of live music under the stars on the steps of the Casa de la Musica beside the Cathedral in Plaza Mayor.

Overnight Trinidad

Meals included: Breakfast

Also included: Visit to the Che Guevara memorial in Santa Clara, walking tour of Trinidad and an evening of Cuban dance and music at Casa la Musica

DAY 11

Today you will explore Trinidad and the surrounding region. Visit the Valle de los Ingenios – or 'Valley of the Sugar Mills' – which is dotted with the ruins of dozens of 19th century sugar mills, slave quarters and manor houses, including the notorious Manaca Iznaga estate. From 1795, this sugar mill was owned by the wealthy Pedro Iznaga, who made his fortune by trafficking slaves. Trinidad is a town in the province of Sancti Spiritus, central Cuba. Together with the nearby Valle de los Ingenios, it has been a UNESCO World Heritage site since 1988

Overnight Trinidad

Meals included: Breakfast

Also included: Visit to Valley of the Sugar Mills and Playa Ancon

DAY 12

Today you'll depart for a heavenly three-day visit to Varadero, which boasts spectacular white-sand Caribbean beaches lined with lush tropical vegetation and sparkling turquoise waters. Finish your trip in absolute luxury with an all-inclusive stay at the Royalton in Varadero.

Overnight in Varadero (all-inclusive)

Meals included: Breakfast, lunch and dinner

Varadero, covering Cuba's narrow Hicacos Peninsula, is a popular beach resort town. Along its 20km of Atlantic Ocean coastline is a string of all-inclusive hotel and spa complexes, and a golf course. Near the peninsula's eastern tip is Reserva Ecológica Varahicacos, a preserve with trails and an ancient burial cave. Parque Josone is a park with a pond and gardens.

DAY 13

Overnight in Varadero (all-inclusive)

Meals included: Breakfast, lunch and dinner

DAY 14

Overnight: Varadero (all-inclusive)

Meals included: Breakfast, lunch and dinner

DAY 15

As your Cuban adventure draws to a close, you will be transferred back to the airport in Havana ready to catch your chosen flight.

Meals included: Breakfast

15-Day Small-Group Cuba Tour

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Bonus: enjoy a **luxurious wind-down** at the end of your trip at the **all-inclusive five-star** Royalton Hicacos Varadero Resort & Spa with unlimited food and drinks (including alcohol).

Itinerary Highlights

Day one provides your first glimpse of colourful **Havana** with its famous **colonial buildings** and **vintage cars**; the perfect starting point for your Cuban adventure.

The next day is an opportunity to discover Cuba's fascinating capital in greater depth. Enjoy a **walking tour** of UNESCO World Heritage-listed **Old Havana**, incorporating famous landmarks such as the Baroque-style **Catedral de San Cristóbal de la Habana** (Havana Cathedral), the 16th-century **Plaza de Armas** square, museums, parks and more.

Cuba is world-renowned for its iconic **classic cars**, and a **chauffeured drive** around Havana's most famous spots is an experience you won't forget in a hurry. In the evening, you might choose to visit **Havana's most famous jazz club**: The Vixen and the Crow.

Discover two more Cuban icons: **cigars** and **rum**. Visit the **Havana-Club Rum Museum**, where you'll learn all about how this famous export is produced and have the chance to taste and purchase should you wish, and **Partagas Cigar Factory**.

Follow in the footsteps of **Ernest Hemingway** as you visit his home and past haunts, before visiting **Callejón de Hamel**, a street in Centro Habana daubed with **vibrant murals** and sculptures.

Visit the **Las Terrazas UNESCO Biosphere Reserve**, a place of exceptional beauty with its pretty **whitewashed village, lake, mountain stream** and **old coffee-estate ruins**. Pass lush landscapes and quaint houses en route to the stunning village of **Soroa** with its **botanical garden** filled with orchids. See some of Cuba's most breathtaking scenery in the tobacco-growing region of **Vinales** and visit the **caves of Cuevas del Indio**, where you can enjoy an unforgettable **underground boat tour** or **horse ride**.

Paradise awaits at **Cayo Jutias**, where you can bury your toes into the powdery white sands of one of the province's most picturesque and tranquil **beaches**.

Visit the **Bay of Pigs** – famous as the site of the USA's military invasion – and spot **coral, reef fish, barracudas** and more as you snorkel in this beautiful area's **aquamarine waters** and explore **cave systems**.

Marvel at the **French-influenced architecture** of the waterside city of **Cienfuegos**, known as 'Perla del Sur' (the pearl of the south), and the ornate Moroccan-inspired **Palacio de Valle**.

Step back in time to one of Cuba's most celebrated destinations, the UNESCO World Heritage-listed town of **Trinidad**, which is regarded as an 'outdoor museum' with its **colonial buildings** and **cobbled streets**. Enjoy a **tour of the city** and a **salsa lesson** should you wish, followed by **live music** under the stars.

Explore the surrounding regions of Trinidad, dotted with **old sugar mills**, slave quarters and manor houses.

Soak up the scenery at what is arguably one of the **Caribbean's best beaches** in the resort town of **Varadero**, whilst staying in **five-star luxury** at the Royalton Hicacos Varadero Resort & Spa.

Your Package Includes

Return economy airfares from All Australian Capital Cities to Havana, 14 nights accommodation in four star hotels on Cub Tour, including three nights in the **all-inclusive, five-star** Royalton Hicacos Varadero Resort & Spa in Varadero, which includes **unlimited food and drinks, including alcohol**.

Daily breakfasts and other **select meals and drinks** as noted in the itinerary.

Convenient return transfers from Havana International Airport.

Guided walking tours in every city by an English-speaking local guide.
A tour of Havana by **classic car**.

Important Information

CUBA INFORMATION

Estimated Travel Times

How long does it take to travel between destinations on this 8 Day Cuba Group Tour? It's not as though we're going to whisk you from town to town as fast as possible. A leisurely pace of life is something the Cuban people pride themselves on, so on a longer journey we will of course stop for lunch, a chance to stretch your legs, and to take a closer look at the beautiful countryside.

From Havana to Cienfuegos (via Bay of Pigs): 5 hours

From Cienfuegos to Trinidad (via Santa Clara): 4 hours

From Trinidad to Viñales: 7 to 8 hours

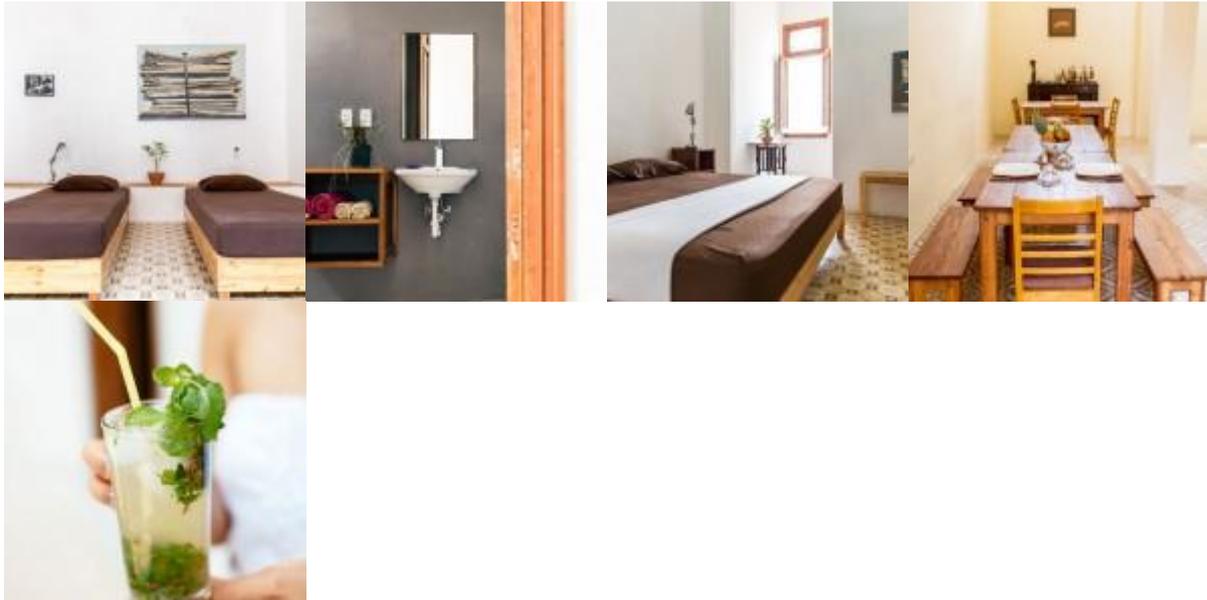
From Viñales to Havana: 3 hours

Transportation

For the greatest efficiency and comfort, all of our Cuba group tours use a mixture of private transportation, local Viazul bus and taxi.

Spending Money on Tour

Everyone is different in the amount of money they will spend on one of our Cuba group tours. Your main expenses on our 8 Day Cuba Group Tour will be food, drinks, airport departure transportation, souvenirs, optional activities, and tips. For our 8 Day Cuba Group tour we estimate that you will need between USD\$400 – USD\$550 for expenses (not including the on location payment).



OUR TOP 10 CUBA TRAVEL TIPS FOR A GREAT TOUR EXPERIENCE IN

CUBA!

1 – MONEY, MONEY MONEY

Familiarise yourself with the dual Cuban currency system early on. Make sure you have access to enough cash for the duration of your trip (Euro, GBP or CAD is best) or a credit or debit card that is likely to work – review our '[Important Info](#)' section for more details.

2 – PAPERWORK

Travel insurance and a Cuban tourist visa are a prerequisite – it is a requirement of the Cuban government and of Locally Tours.

3 – LANGUAGE

Make an effort to learn a little Spanish before you go. Cubans will appreciate you trying to speak Spanish and will be more welcoming as a result (especially if it is done with a smile).

4 – ADAPTERS

Remember your adapter(s), it could be difficult to buy or borrow one in Cuba.

5 – CONNECTIVITY

Don't choose Cuba as a destination if you plan to be online or on the phone the whole time... choose it if you plan not to be.

6 – EMPATHY

Have some empathy with the demands that come with experiencing a country that has a very different way of life. A good sense of humour, plenty of patience and a willingness to learn are all very important qualities.

7 – ADAPT

Never look to impose your own culture, traditions or beliefs on others and instead look to appreciate and understand those of the locals.

8 – JUDGEMENT

Use good judgement and avoid doing anything that does not feel safely controlled.

9 – PREPARE

Pack well. Study the Locally trip notes before your tour and pack all those essential items to ensure a comfortable journey.

10 – HAVE FUN

Bring an open-mind and be ready to have fun... we cannot stress this enough!

If you have any more Cuba Travel Tips, let us know and we will be more than happy to post them on

Alternative styles of accommodation if you are interested in meeting the locals – please let us know if you would like to try this style of hotel.

Accommodation

Our Cuba group tours use only the best Casa Particulares – Cuban B&B's. These Cuban Bed and Breakfast establishments offer a taste of authentic life on the island. You will be staying as a guest of a family in private accommodation. You'll have privacy while still being able to interact with the locals as much as you want. It's a stark difference to most types of accommodation, and you will truly be made to feel welcome – you might forget that you're a paying guest and not a long lost family friend!

A number of accommodation options are in older buildings without an elevator. If you have issues with mobility and will be unable to comfortably climb several flights of stairs, please let us know.

WHAT IS A CASA PARTICULAR?

Casa Particular (or Casa Particulares in the plural form) is Spanish for 'private home'. In 1997 the Cuban government allowed local people to rent out their

properties to visitors for the first time; prior to this all accommodation on the island was owned by the government, and this is why these Cuban-styled B&B's or rental apartments are called Casa Particulares to distinguish them as privately run establishments.

A Casa Particular is a Cuban Homestay or B&B. Staying in a Casa Particular is a brilliant way of immersing yourself in the life and culture of fascinating Cuba. When you choose a Casa Particular for your accommodation, you will meet the local people on a one-to-one basis and get a rare glimpse into the everyday life of ordinary people in Cuba. In addition, your host or hostess will be able to advise you on all things Cuban – the best restaurants, the best music and Salsa venues and any seasonal attractions that are only known to the locals!

Owners of a Casa Particular have to pay an annual per-room tax to the government and are entitled to "advertise" their establishment by placing a small sign on the door – two blue triangles – "roofs"- against a white background. Most of the owners/operators are fiercely proud of their businesses and really strive to give holiday makers a brilliant and authentic Cuban home-stay experience.

All of our Locally Cuba Tours include transportation – whether it be the group or private tours we run in Cuba. We also include the transportation to any of the activities or excursions we includes as part of our Cuba tours as well.

The transportation we use on our Cuba Tours depends on a number of factors including a) Type of tour b) number of people on tour c) distance travelled and d) road and weather conditions.

For our private Cuba tours we most often use private cars or minivans while on our group tours we use the very comfortable Viazul bus service, taxis, private buses and bicycle taxis. Where possible, we also encourage our tour participants to walk around the cities and towns they visit.

For our tours that go as far as Sanitago de Cuba or Baracoa, we generally also use the domestic flight service operated by either Aerogaviota or Aerocaribbean.

UNDERSTANDING THE CUBA TRANSPORT SYSTEM

Because of Cuba's economic and political background, the transportation system works slightly differently to other places around the world.

Local Transportation laws permit Cuban tourists to travel on government-subsidised transportation which might include buses, trucks and horse-drawn carriages.

The government has however set-up a separate bus service that tourists can use called Viazul. These buses are relatively modern and air-conditioned. They are comfortable to travel on and often stop a number of times between destinations for food and refreshments.

The Viazul bus service is used by Locally Cuba Tours on our small group Cuba tours on many occasions.

You can view the [Viazul Bus Schedule here](#).



PRIVATE CUBA TOUR TRANSPORTATION

For both our small group tours and private tours, we use 'private' transportation between destinations. This might consist of an air-conditioned private car or mini-bus to transport our tour participants between destinations. This type of transportation allows us to make many unscheduled stops at various points of interest on your journey. We are also able to be more flexible with our arrival and departure times.

We leave it with our Local Cuba guides to determine the best mode of transport for each tour they run (unless already finalised as part of a [Private Cuba Tour](#) booking). There might be occasions where taking an authentic bicycle taxi or Classic American Car is the best way to explore the city. Or the Viazul bus service might be the best option due to road and weather conditions.

Of most importance to us is your comfort and well being, so you can rest-assured we have your best interests at heart.



DOMESTIC FLIGHTS IN CUBA

On our [15 Day Cuba Group Tour](#) and some of our [Private Cuba Tours](#), we travel east to destinations such as Baracoa and Santiago de Cuba. Because of the significant drive times involved in getting to these places, we almost always use a domestic flights to get our tour participants back to Havana.

The airline used for these domestic flights is either Aerogaviota or Aerocaribbean. Flight times are generally around the 1.5 hour mark and both airlines have a historically good safety record.

AIRPORT ARRIVAL TRANSFER

For almost all of the Cuba tours we run, we include an airport transfer on arrival – for your peace of mind and comfort.

A Locally Cuba Tours representative will be waiting outside of the Terminal doors, with a sign with your name on it.

It is however very easy to catch your own taxi from the airport. It should cost you 25CUC (remember 1USD = 1CUC) and take around 30-40 minutes dependent on traffic.

Locally Cuba Tours can arrange airport transfers from Varadero to Havana as well if requested.

Cuba is a very safe place in many ways but as safe as this island is, there are still occasional incidents of crime (although violent crime is almost non existent). Cuba safety is our number one priority at Locally Tours.

In Cuba hustlers are called Jineteros/ Jineteras

Although Cuba does not have a concept of crime as it exists in other countries, it is still important for a traveler to use good judgement. There is generally a high concentration of police in most cities and no known terrorist threat.

Here are some helpful safety tips when traveling through Cuba:

Do not flaunt your wealth. Cubans are very poor compared to most tourists so it is advised to show respect in this regard

Look after your belongings in crowded areas to avoid becoming the victim of a bag snatcher or pick pocketer

At night, travel in taxis in groups of 2 or more

If you are doing anything adventurous, you might not know the level of inspection, safety laws and training involved. Use good judgement and avoid doing anything that does not feel safely controlled.

Read the [Jineteros & Scams](#) section [here](#)

Locally Cuba Tours prides itself on the extensive network of ground operations, tour leaders and local contacts in Cuba which keep us informed and up-to-date on Cuba safety and on all local situations in which we operate. Our passengers' safety in Cuba is of the utmost priority and we rely on these networks to allow us to make the operational decisions necessary to keep our trips running safely. We often know of situations on the ground before the media and we are in constant contact with our local offices, tour leaders, local operators, and colleagues in order to closely monitor and inform you of the most current information affecting any regions where we operate.

From a medical perspective, Cuba is very safe providing you are careful with what you eat and drink

Please also read our Safety Guidelines for further information on the operational safety standards you can expect on every Locally Tours trip.

As whole, the island is considered to be free of most dangerous fauna
For further reference, we also recommend that you check your government's travel advisory website(s)

Australian Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade – www.smarttraveller.gov.au

Canadian Foreign Affairs & International Trade – www.voyage.gc.ca

New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs – www.mfat.govt.nz/travel

UK Foreign & Commonwealth Office – www.fco.gov.uk

USA Department of State – www.travel.state.gov

World Health Organisation – www.who.int/en

WOMAN TRAVELLERS

In terms of personal safety and well being, Cuba is a very good destination for woman travellers. In most instances, streets can be walked alone at night and violent crime is almost non-existent. Cuban males have a machismo side to their culture, so can be very chivalrous and protective of females. This however can work both ways and Cubans have also been known to pursue relentlessly. In some cases Cuban males might make incessant whistling and kissing sounds which can make foreigners understandably uncomfortable. The first step to overcoming this annoyance is by simply ignoring these advances. In some cases it might be necessary to be a little more forceful and some simple, clear Spanish phrases should do the trick. As with all travel destinations, it is good to be very clear with local men what you are and are not interested in.

Some phrases you might use are:

“No moleste” (don't annoy me)

“Esta Bueno ya” (that's enough)

"Que falta respeto" (you are being disrespectful)

Spending Money on Tour

Many people traveling to Cuba believe that it will be as affordable as other developing countries they have been to. Unfortunately this isn't really the case, with prices for food, drinks and services being comparable to the more 'Western' countries.

Given Cuba's unique political and economic ideals, the government places heavy taxes on anything considered 'not-essential' or anything related to travel and tourism. Having introduced a tourist currency – CUC's – the government is able to control the prices charged for tourism related services meaning Cuba is a lot more expensive to travel through than one may first think.

The amount you will spend per day differs from person to person and from tour to tour. You might really enjoy a night out, want to stock up on Cuban rum and cigars or simply do as many optional activities as you can on your Cuba tour. Locally Cuba Tours recommends you budget anywhere from 30-50CUC per day, during your time in Cuba (not including the on location payment)

Remember, if you plan to exchange currency you should bring Pounds, Euros or Canadian Dollars.

HERE ARE SOME OF THE EXPENSES YOU CAN EXPECT WHEN YOU ARRIVE IN CUBA:

- Taxi from Havana Airport to your hotel or Casa: 25CUC (unless you have an airport transfer booked)
- On Location Payment
- Drinks
- Souvenirs (rum, cigars, clothing)
- Food (this could be anywhere from 10CUC – 50CUC per day dependent on your budget)
- Tipping
- Optional activities and excursions
- Airport departure tax (25CUC)

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- Local English-speaking guide
- Transportation between destinations
- Breakfasts
- A selection of the 'best of' activities and excursions
- Airport Transfers

To enter Cuba, the Cuban government (and Locally Tours) requires you to have Cuba travel insurance which you may be required to present at immigration when entering the country.



ATAS Accreditation Number: A10718

ATAS vets travel agents against strict criteria to ensure they meet certain standards, are reliable, well trained and professional businesses. ATAS agents need to meet high standards of business discipline, training, compliance with Australian Consumer Law and compliance with a strict code of conduct – ensuring your piece of mind when booking travel.

We have met these strict standards and criteria in order to become nationally accredited. Our accreditation means we are the best in the industry, credible, well trained and a professional business. This means you can book your travel knowing you're in the safe hands of a trusted and reputable travel agent.

Further information can be found at <http://www.atas.com.au/>

Affordable Holidays - HOW DO WE DO IT???

We go directly to our overseas suppliers to source the best possible price and holiday for you. That's why our holidays are so affordable!! There are many overseas wholesalers that currently do not sell their holidays in Australia. We have approached some of these businesses to see if we can represent them here in our country. These travel professionals offer exceptional service and tours at just the right price. If you think you are paying too much for your travel arrangements, please give us a call, we will do our best to find you a holiday that fits within your travel budget.

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Please read this information prior to making your reservation.

BROCHURE VALIDITY

The information presented in our brochure is correct to the best of our knowledge, but is subject to change without notice. Changes can occur with respect to prices, itineraries, duration of holidays, service standards, tour

TRAVEL INSURANCE

You must be insured for the duration of your trip. You need comprehensive travel insurance to cover cancellation, health requirements, luggage and additional expenses. Insurance policies rarely cover for loss of cash.

ACCOMMODATION

There will be variations in the size, standard

content, airfares and schedules. This is out of our control. Please ensure you advise details of your requirements at the time of booking.

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX (GST)

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 of 50% per person of the total price is required to confirm your booking. Receipt of deposit will be taken as an understanding by Destination International & Rail & Cruise Tours 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 65 days before travel.

PRICES

All prices for our tours are advised in Australian Dollars (\$AUD). They are based on airfares, schedules and tariffs at the time of printing. Destination International & Rail & Cruise Tours reserves the right to vary the cost of the tour, taxes and airline prices if necessary by reason of currency fluctuation, cost increase, or airfare increase. All prices are subject to confirmation from local tour operators. Once full payment has been received by Destination International & Rail & Cruise Tours no surcharges in respect to currency fluctuations will be applied. Destination International & Rail & Cruise Tours cannot be held responsible for any service that we are unable to provide due to that particular component being unavailable.

ITINERARY CHANGES

Destination International & Rail & Cruise Tours reserves the right to amend the itinerary for reasons such as service requirements, road or weather conditions or unforeseen circumstances. Where a change is of a significant nature, it will be advised to our customers in writing. Destination International & Rail & Cruise Tours reserves the right to substitute hotels, lodges, inns and camps with properties of similar standard.

AMENDMENT FEES

Should you need to alter your original reservations, there will be an automatic fee charged of \$50 per amendment or

and presentation of rooms and facilities within the one hotel. This is beyond the control of Destination International & Rail & Cruise Tours.

CLAIMS

If you encounter any problems on your holiday, you should to try and solve it directly with the supplier whilst overseas. If it is not possible to do so please do so in writing within 30 days of completing your Destination International & Rail & Cruise Tours arrangements.

PASSPORT, VISA & VACCINATIONS

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CONSULAR ADVICE

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Days Notice	90 or more	75-90	65-75	65-1
% of Fare	Loss of Deposit (50%)	75%	85%	100%

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You can call our office on 1300 813391.

You can email us on mark@ditravel.com.au

You can call our office and make an appointment to come and meet with one of travel consultants.

Payment can be made by:

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You can also pay by cash or cheque by depositing these funds directly into our bank account at any Bendigo bank in Australia. There are no bank fees charged when you direct deposit the funds directly into our bank account.

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