

Monday 23 December to Friday 27 December 2019

Old Havana and the sea

Day 1 • Monday • Hello Havana, fine dining, old cars

- Arrival at Havana's José Martí International (HAV) airport.
- Transfer to, and check-in at your boutique accommodations is prearranged.
- Enjoy a welcome cocktail, freshen up, and settle in.
- Get to know the innovative mechanics and chauffeurs who lovingly restore 1950s classic American cars during a drive along the Malecón seawall.
- Group welcome dinner with your guide and tourmates at the private five-star restaurant Mediterráneo Havana.
- Evening exploration with tourmates and time to interact with Cubans.

Day 2 • Tuesday • Matanzas, Narvaez Art street, Varadero

- Greet the day with tasty breakfast at your boutique accommodations.
 - Morning departure across Cuba's northern coast to Matanzas and Varadero. We'll tour the city with Cubans and have a chance to meet and talk with locals.
 - Meet the artisans of Ediciones Vigía, a publishing collective that creates stunning handmade books.
 - Meet the artisans of Narvaez art street, who have transformed this location into one of the principal public spaces of Matanzas.
 - Lunch served at your beachside accommodations.
 - Check-in to your Varadero accommodations with assistance from your guide.
 - Dinner served at your beachside accommodations.
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- Evening exploration with tourmates and time to interact with Cubans.

Day 3 • Wednesday • Countryside, organic farm, dance lessons

- Greet the day with tasty breakfast at your seaside accommodations.
- This morning we visit Finca la Coincidencia, a model organic farm in a hamlet called Guasimal del Toro. Meet and talk with members of this private collective about agriculture in Cuba.
- Lunch is served by members of Finca la Coincidencia.
- Cuban dance lessons by local performers – a fun way to learn about culture and customs from Cubans.
- Return to your beachside accommodations to freshen up.
- Dinner served at your beachside accommodations.
- Evening exploration with tourmates and time to interact with Cubans.

Day 4 • Thursday • Old Havana, architecture, history

- Greet the day with tasty breakfast at your boutique accommodations.
 - Early departure to the capital city of Cuba, La Habana!
 - Walking tour of the four historic plazas in Old Havana with a local guide. Meet residents and shopkeepers along the way, many of whom are beneficiaries of our humanitarian travel project.
 - Welcome lunch at the private restaurant, Iván Chef Justo.
 - Visit Cuba's National Capitol Building, a Latin American architectural treasure. Meet Cubans who maintain the facilities and learn about its recent restoration.
 - Return to your boutique accommodations and freshen up.
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- Farewell dinner at Havana's most famous private restaurant La Guarida, where the 1997 Cuban blockbuster "Strawberry and Chocolate" was filmed.
- Evening exploration with tourmates and time to interact with Cubans.

Day 5 • Friday • Missing Cuba so much already

- Greet the day with tasty breakfast at your boutique accommodations.
 - Transfer to Havana's José Martí International airport (HAV) for flights home.
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