



Sights and Sounds of Cuba

Experience a harmonious balance between conventional cruising and private yachting, along with an exciting voyage of discovery, unraveling the wonders of the Cuba awaiting to be discovered.



8 days/7 nights

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Day 1, Friday: Cienfuegos

Meet at 9 am at the Melia Cohiba Hotel, Havana lobby to join your transfer by bus to Cienfuegos. After an approximately 4 to 4 1/2 hour drive through Cuba's central regions we reach Cienfuegos and embark the M/V Variety Voyager. After checking in you will have the opportunity to take a 3 hour Optional Cienfuegos city tour and discover the only city in Cuba founded by French settlers, also known as the Pearl of the South. In 2005 it was declared a UNESCO World Heritage site. The walking tour will take us to a graphic arts workshop and to Parque Marti in the centre to see some outstanding examples of its architecture representing the new ideas of modernity and urban planning as developed in Latin America from the 19th Century. Return to the ship for a welcome briefing and safety drill. Dinner onboard and overnight sailing to Casilda, Trinidad.

Day 2, Saturday: Casilda - Trinidad

Early morning arriving into the port of Casilda. Disembark for our Trinidad Optional excursion. A meticulously well-preserved Spanish colonial city, with its rich architecture, cobblestone streets, palaces and plazas, it is sometimes referred to as the 'Museum City of Cuba.' This morning we will walk through the town and then meet with a representative of the Office of the City Historian, interacting with residents along the way. We will attend a presentation and visit a scale model of the city. Stop at the Romantic Museum located in the old palace of the Count Brunet, with samples of furniture and decorative arts, or the Palacio Cantero Museum. Visit the studio of Lazaro, a very unique woodcarver and take part in a sightseeing tour of this UNESCO World Heritage site. Lunch at a typical Cuban Restaurant, or similar followed by leisure time before returning to the Voyager for embarkation. Dinner on board. Overnight at sea to Isla de la Juventud.

Day 3, Sunday: Day at sea

Today we will spend the majority of the day at sea, with a late afternoon arrival in Bay of Singuanea, where we will spend the night.

Day 4, Monday: Juventud Island

Until 1977, the island was called the Isle of Pines. In 1978, Fidel Castro turned the island into one grand Communist school for students from around the world and thus the Island of Youth. Your Optional Juventud excursion starts with



disembarkation onto the beach, where you will board the bus for the short drive. Enjoy panoramic sightseeing until you reach the Presidio Modelo, an abandoned panopticon prison where both Fidel and Raul Castro were imprisoned from 1953-1955. Enjoy lunch in an authentic local restaurant before visiting an art school and the maternity ward of a local hospital. There will be some free time for independent exploration and enjoyment around Nueva Gerona's grand boulevard before returning to embark the ship for an overnight sailing to Maria La Gorda.

Day 5, Tuesday: Maria La Gorda

After breakfast, we disembark in Maria La Gorda for our optional excursion where we will visit the local school to meet the Cuban children and their teachers, and discuss the differences and levels of the Cuban and American educational systems, particularly in the rural areas of the country. Visit the headquarters of Guanahacabibes National Park, one of the country's largest nature reserves on the westernmost tip of the island. The peninsula is one of the last refuges of aboriginals fleeing from the Spanish conquistadors and also holds some 140 archaeological sites linked to life of aboriginals known as Guanahatabeyes. Time-permitting, we will venture into the park to meet with the naturalists and locals, followed by free time for swimming and snorkelling before embarking the Voyager. Dinner and overnight onboard as we sail to Havana.

Day 6, Wednesday: Havana

After breakfast, we will start our Optional walking excursion in Old Havana or Havana Vieja and Centro Havana. Founded in 1519 by the Spanish, Havana became one of the most important ship building centers in the Caribbean, around which a sprawling metropolis grew. Now numbering a population of 2 million, it is a mixture of beautiful old baroque and neo-classical monuments, arcades and private balconies. Old Havana is considered one of the most impressive historical city centers in the Caribbean and in the Americas. For an enhanced sightseeing experience, flag down a uniquely decorated local "bicitaxi," or bicycle taxi. We will stop at a local restaurant for lunch, followed by a scenic drive in vintage American cars to Finca Vigia, beloved home of Ernest Hemingway where he lived for 21 years and wrote *For Whom the Bell Tolls* and *The Old Man and the Sea*. Upon our return from Finca Vigia, enjoy some free time before we make our way to Café El Mercurio for dinner, and then to the Café Taberna to experience the wonderful salsa music of the Buena Vista Social Club style performance. Overnight in Sierra Maestra Port- Old Havana.

Day 7, Thursday: Havana

Disembark in the early morning for an optional excursion to Fusterlandia, the studio of artist Jose Rodriguez Fuster. The brightly coloured mermaids, roofs, walls, benches, and doorways were greatly inspired by Gaudi in Barcelona and Brancusi in Rome, but most of all by Picasso and Dubuffet. Be immersed in the industries of Cuba, either visiting a cigar factory or participating in a rum tasting. Enjoy lunch at La Barraca Restaurant, located in Hotel Nacional de Cuba, which specializes in Cuban cuisine and offers breathtaking views of the Bay of Havana. Remain at the hotel for an engrossing lecture with well-known architect Pedro Vasquez, followed by time at leisure. Return to the Voyager for special Captain's Farewell Dinner and overnight on board in Sierra Maestra Port - Old Havana.

Day 8, Friday: Havana

Disembarkation after breakfast at 9 am.

Details

2018 Departures:

February: 02, 09, 16, 23

March: 02, 09, 16

As availability on travel programs changes frequently, please contact us for the most up to date availability on the trip you are interested in.

2018 Pricing:

Category A - US\$3,589

Category B - US\$4,195

Category C - US\$4,620

Category P - US\$5,715

Owner's Suite - US\$7,175

Port Charges US\$520

Prices are shown in US\$, per person, based on two people sharing a cabin. Please inquire for prices for single or triple



occupancy. CA\$ prices are available on request. All prices are subject to change without notice by the cruise operator.

Trip Code:

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INCLUDED

- Accommodation in double or twin cabins with private washroom & A/C
- Full board: buffet breakfast, served lunch and dinner daily onboard
- Welcome cocktail reception
- Local theme evening
- Captain's dinner
- Coffee, tea, and drinking water
- Use of fishing and snorkeling equipment
- Multilingual Cruise Escort
- Naturalist lectures and guiding

NOT INCLUDED

- Transportation to/from Cuba
- Port taxes
- Beverages (except those mentioned above)
- Shore excursions or other land arrangements
- Gratuities
- Passenger personal expenses
- Travel insurance

TOUR NOTES

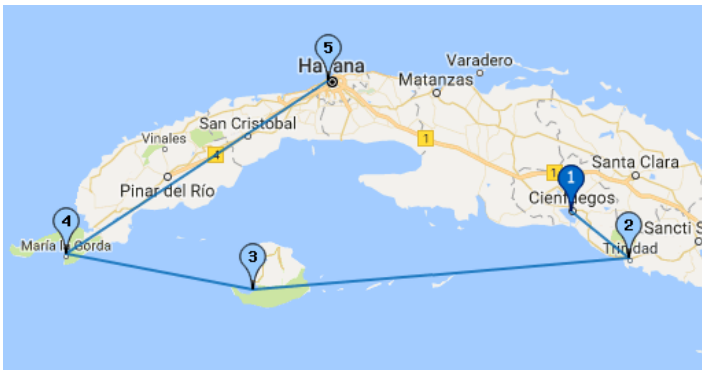
Some departures operate in the reverse and sail from Havana, end in Cienfuegos with a bus transfer back to Havana. We will provide you with the appropriate itinerary for the date you are interested in. Each day you will discover a new port of call, a hidden cove with crystal blue waters to cool you, a glimpse of ancient history to amaze you and rich cultural diversity to intrigue you. The colonial cities of Cienfuegos and Trinidad, the verdant landscapes of Vinales/Pinar del Rio and the crystal clear seas and amazing underwater life in Cabo San Antonio and Cayo Largo.

Important note: All Cuban shore excursions must be pre-booked and pre-paid at least 20 days prior to embarkation, with no possibility for last-minute bookings. We recommend booking your excursions at the same time as your cruise to guarantee participation, as some tours do sell out well in advance.

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