

CUBA TOUR + BEACH

14-night Tour & Varadero Holiday

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HIGHLIGHTS OF CUBA - ESCORTED TOUR

This is a great tour for ticking off Cuba's biggest attractions. You'll have days and nights in the cosmopolitan capital, views of dramatic landscape in the Vinales Valley and a trip to the colonial past in Trinidad's cobbled streets. Add to that lagoons, crocodiles and caves and finish it all off with a week by the beach.

DAY 1 HAVANA

After you land at Varadero Airport we'll take you to the Tryp Habana Libre Hotel, in Havana, where you'll stay for the first of four nights in the Cuban capital. When it comes to dinnertime you can grab a bite to eat at the hotel, or head into town and find your own favourite place.



DAY 2 HAVANA

You've got all day in the Caribbean's trendiest city and you'll need it. This capital of pastel-coloured buildings, little squares and parks is packed with sights and places to visit. For a start, you've got the castle-like Havana Cathedral, partly built from sea coral, and the super cool Malecon. This seven kilometre stretch of sea wall is where Havana folk come to work, play and chill-out and it's great for a peek of what the city is all about. After lunch you'll be taken to a rum making demonstration at the Havana Club Museum and then it's off to Revolution Square where Che Guevara rallied the masses during the Cuban revolution. In the evening you've got time to check out the nightlife, have a drink at Ernest Hemingway's favourite spot, La Bodeguita del Medio, or go for a dance at one of the many jazz bars.

DAY 3 VINALES VALLEY

Leaving the city behind for the day you'll head to the hills. The Vinales Valley is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and you'll soon see why. Your first stop is at the Los Jazmines Hotel where you'll have time to enjoy amazing views over the green countryside and spot the small, occasional, farmer's cottage down below. After that, there's a boat trip through the Caves of the Indian - a dark grotto of stalactites and stalagmites. And you can check out Cuban artist Leovigildo Gonzalez's huge and colourful mural painting on the side of a cliff. You'll have lunch in a restaurant before heading back to Havana for the evening.

DAY 4 TRAIN MUSEUM

This one's not just for train spotters. It's a fascinating dip into Cuba's past through the story of its railroad - the first in Latin America when it opened in 1837. The museum has old trains, such as Braithwaite steam engines designed and brought over from the British Isles, signalling equipment, photos and loads of other bits and bobs about trains. You'll have lunch in a nearby restaurant before going back to your hotel. The afternoon is yours to spend bartering for bargains in the local street market.



DAY 5 MONTEMAR NATIONAL PARK

You'll wave goodbye to Havana as you move through rural Cuba on to Montemar National Park. It's home to one of the biggest swamps in the Caribbean and a place of forests, lagoons, canals and flooded caverns. It also has more than 900 species of plants and over 160 different types of birds. After lunch visit the park's crocodile farm to meet the big reptiles and get up close to some of their babies. Then it's time for the Treasure Lagoon - a fresh water reservoir with its own replica Taino village showing the life of Cuba's first inhabitants. Later you'll be taken to Rancho Hatuey Hotel for dinner and an overnight stay.

DAY 6 TRINIDAD

In Trinidad, time seems to have stood still since the colonial era. It's another UNESCO World Heritage site, and horse-drawn carriages take visitors around the 500-year-old town. Places you won't want to miss include the Santisima Cathedral and the history museum. At lunchtime, head to the Plaza Mayor, Trinidad's centre, where slaves were brought in the 18th-century to work at the nearby Valle de los Ingenios. After lunch, visit to the pottery workshops before going to the Brisas Trinidad del Mar Hotel for the night.



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DAY 7 CIENFUEGOS

It's another busy day as your Cuban adventure draws to a close. First up, visit the botanical gardens, where there are more than 2,000 plants. After lunch you've got time to explore the town to take in the seafront promenade, the gothic-style Palacio de Valle and Castillo de Jagua. This huge fortress was built in the 18th century to protect the island from pirates. After sightseeing you'll head to the Jagua Hotel for dinner.

DAY8-15 BEACH

After breakfast we'll take you back to Varadero. And from there it's time to chill on the beach and relax at the All Inclusive hotel of your choice.

BLAU VARADERO

The all inclusive Blau Varadero is built in a distinctive pyramid-style design incorporating the most up to date facilities including a very good range of spa treatments. The hotel offers a very calm atmosphere, making it an ideal choice for those looking for a relaxing holiday.

Leisure: Huge swimming pool, fitness centre, tennis courts, basketball, mini football, bowls, archery, table tennis, windsurfing, sailing, canoeing and jet skiing.

Facilities: Gift shop, money exchange, beauty salon, spa including 4 massage rooms, 2 mud therapy room, jacuzzi and steam bath, daily and nightly entertainment, babysitting, miniclub 4-12 years.

Rooms: All 395 rooms offer air conditioning, full bathroom, hairdryer, telephone, safety deposit box, minibar, satellite TV and balcony or terrace. Suites offer additional living area, 2 terraces, dressing gown and slippers, and turndown service.



PARADISUS VARADERO

This sumptuous five star all inclusive hotel is located on Punta Frances beach, one of the best sections of the Varadero peninsula where the lush vegetation gives a wonderful feeling of privacy. All standard rooms are classed as junior suites and enjoy glorious views either of the sea or the beautiful tropical gardens.

Leisure: Pool and separate children's pool, jacuzzi, gym with aerobics, massage & physiotherapy, tennis courts, sauna, basketball, badminton, volleyball bowls, jogging track, soccer, archery, shooting, windsurfing, sailing, kayaks, pedaloes, water bicycles and scuba diving initiation lesson.

Facilities: Shops, conference facilities, money exchange, beauty salon, daily and nightly entertainment, babyclub 0-4 years, miniclub 4-12 years.

Rooms: All 428 rooms offer airconditioning, bathroom, minibar, iron and board, hairdryer, telephone, safety deposit box, satellite TV and balcony or terrace. 5 of these are suitable for the disabled. Suites offer extra living area and guaranteed sea view. There is also a garden villa on site with private pool, kitchenette, sauna and jacuzzi and private butler service.



OFFER DETAILS - HIGHLIGHTS OF CUBA + VARADERO

05 October - Manchester to Varadero

7 night 'Highlights of Cuba tour (Half Board)

7 nights Blau Varadero (All Inclusive) in a Standard room

£1369 per person

Or

7 night 'Highlights of Cuba tour (Half Board)

7 nights Paradisus Varadero (All Inclusive) in a Junior Suite

£1629 per person

All special offers are subject to availability, which is very limited at these prices. Special offers may be withdrawn at any time, and prices are subject to change without prior notice. Selected offers are subject to special terms & conditions, which may include full payment at the time of booking - ask for details at the time of booking. Last update 21/04/2011.



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