

ITINERARY CHOCOLATE CON CAFE FESTIVAL 2024, 8th EDITION

November 27th-December 1st, 2024

5 days / 4 nights

11/11 meals (4/4B, 3/3L, 4/4D)

GENERAL	<p>Clients arriving and departing from Cuba through Havana airport must arrive one day before the start of the program and an overnight stay in the capital of Cuba is included. The departure flight must be booked for 2 days after the end of the program.</p> <p>Upon arrival at Havana International Airport, you will be met by your cab driver and transferred to your accommodation in the city center. Depending on your arrival time, you will enjoy a tour of the city and later have a delicious Cuban dinner at one of the most famous paladares in the area.</p> <p>The next day, after a nice breakfast, you will start your transfer to Guantanamo (<i>estimated transfer time: 13 hours each way</i>). On the way, stop at Ciego de Avila Province for lunch.</p> <p>Clients arriving and departing from Cuba through Santiago de Cuba airport can arrive the same day the program starts and leave the day after the program ends. Upon arrival at Santiago de Cuba International Airport, you will be met by your cab driver. Transfer from Santiago de Cuba to Guantanamo and vice versa is included, unless you choose EVENT ROGRAM only (<i>estimated transfer time: 2 hours each way</i>)</p>
DAY 1	<p>Thursday, November 27th, 2024 GUANTANAMO DINNER</p> <p>After checking in, take some time to freshen up and get to know other members of the group. Enjoy a delicious welcome dinner at a Cuban private paladar and get ready to move your hips to the beat of good music during the Concerts scheduled for the Festival.</p>
DAY 2	<p>Friday, November 28th, 2024 GUANTANAMO BREAKFAST, LUNCH & DINNER</p> <p>After a delicious breakfast, visit the Stone Zoo, created by the famous sculptor Ángel Íñigo Blanco and declared National Cultural Heritage. With more than 400 stone pieces, this exotic place portrays the life of animals through stone modeling, from the elephant to sculptural sets such as lions attacking a buffalo, among other pieces. During the tour you can find various sculptures of animals that are exhibited in areas decorated to recreate their natural habitats according to their origin, as well as enjoy the beautiful endemic vegetation that accompanies this extraordinary exhibition.</p> <p>After lunch at a local private paladar, visit the Popular Art Expo Fair at the Boulevard de Guantánamo. Take your time to buy souvenirs for your loved ones. Return to the hotel in the afternoon, and get ready to continue enjoying good music after dinner, during the Concerts scheduled for the Festival.</p>
DAY 3	<p>Saturday, November 29th, 2024 GUANTANAMO BREAKFAST, LUNCH & DINNER</p>

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After breakfast, put on your walking shoes and cooler clothes since you'll visit **Baracoa**, the oldest colonial city in Cuba, with a rich heritage dating back to the landing of Christopher Columbus in 1492. This city exhibits the only surviving Sacred Cross of Parra, of the 29 planted by the admiral in America. It has charming streets, colonial fortresses and museums. This is a town where history, nature and culture combine in a captivating way.

Following lunch, take a nap on the way back to Guantanamo. Enjoy the rest of the afternoon at leisure and continue enjoying the Concerts scheduled for the Festival.

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Sunday, November 30th, 2024 GUANTANAMO | BREAKFAST, LUNCH & DINNER

After breakfast, visit to the **School of Music "Antonia Luisa Cabal"**. Exchange with teachers and students and learn about the Teaching-learning process of this discipline in Cuba.

Following lunch, visit the headquarters of the **Tumba Francesa** (French Drum), an Afro-Cuban genre of dance, song, and drumming that has been inscribed on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. It was brought to Cuba by Haitian slaves who were resettled in the island's eastern regions following the unrest in Haiti during the 1790s. It embodies one of the oldest and most tangible links to the Afro-Haitian heritage of Cuba's Oriente province.

This afternoon, enjoy the fascinating opportunity of meeting and sharing experiences with **Waldo Mendoza**, a Cuban singer and songwriter better known as the "Voice of the Romantic Song in Cuba", and who is at the same time the **President and Creator of the Festival "Chocolate con Café"**.

During your farewell dinner, share your favorite experiences and continue enjoying the Concerts scheduled for the Festival.

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Monday, December 1st, 2024 END OF THE PROGRAM | BREAKFAST

After breakfast, check-out. Our **SAGUA TEAM** wishes you an excellent flight back home!

GENERAL

Clients departing from Cuba through Santiago de Cuba airport, your taxi driver will pick you up 5 hours before your departure flight time. Please, take into account you must be at the airport 3 hours before your departure time. (estimated transfer time from Guantanamo to Santiago de Cuba Airport: *2 hours*)

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Clients departing from Cuba through Havana airport, you'll be picked up for your transfer to Havana early in the morning. (estimated transfer time from Guantanamo to Havana province: *13 hours*) On the way to Havana, stop at Camaguey Province for lunch. Once in Havana, after checking in, enjoy your evening at leisure. The next day, after a nice breakfast, you'll be picked up 3 hours before your departure flight time to go to the airport.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

★ **Itinerary subject to change based on weather and/or supplies.**

In case there is any activity of the program that for reasons beyond our control is not available on the scheduled date, our company will offer a second alternative to replace it.

★ Clients choosing **EVENT PROGRAM only** do not have transfers to/from Guantanamo included.

★ **Average guided tour group size:** 4 to 43 people.

What's included:

- ★ Accommodation & Daily Breakfast
- ★ Airport transfers (depending on the program of your choice)
- ★ Ground transportation to all scheduled activities
- ★ Entrance fee to all the activities described in the program
- ★ English-speaking tour guide
- ★ Meals as described in the program
- ★ Full Access to Chocolate con Cafe 2024, 8th EDITION
- ★ Unique and immersive experience with excellent Cuban artists
- ★ 24h Sagua Team support
- ★ 2 bottles (500ml) of water daily for the hot Cuban weather
- ★ Flight concierge (flight tickets, travel insurance and travel visas are not included, but we help you with the booking process if needed)

What's not included:

- ☑ Gratuities (at your discretion)
- ☑ Flight tickets / Travel Insurance / Travel Visa
- ☑ Activities not described in the program

REMARKS:

As specified above, Flight tickets, Travel Insurance and the Travel Visa are not included, but SST team may assist you with the booking process if needed. **Take into account that an extra fee of \$50.00 USD will be charged for operating expenses.**

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Cuba requires all visitors to have a travel visa and travel insurance at the time of entry to the island to cover their entire stay. Please note that SST will book your flight ticket and travel insurance directly through the airline depending on their availability for the scheduled date. Most of these airline tickets are NON-REFUNDABLE. If you cancel your trip, the amount paid for the airline ticket and the travel insurance will not be refunded.

SST assists its clients in the choice and purchase of the travel insurance plans, limiting itself only to the assistance during the purchase and not to the implementation of said plans. Therefore, in case of unforeseen circumstances, you should contact your insurance company directly.

To acquire your Travel Visa you can purchase it directly at the airport during your check-in process. In case you want it to be included in your package, please contact our team. An extra fee per visa will be added and you will receive your visa at the address you request. We only ship within the United States. Note it will arrive blank for you to fill out with your passport information. This tourist card is valid for 30 days. Make sure you do not misplace it while in Cuba since you cannot leave the country without it, and please, do not detach the two separate sides. Customs in Cuba is responsible for this.

BOOK NOW, PAY LATER...

Sagua Services & Travel offers a simple and flexible **travel payment plan** to make it easy for you.

- ★ Reserve your spot for as little as \$100 per person (Enrollment deposit | Non-Refundable).
- ★ Subsequently, you can decide how often you want to make payments and how much you want to pay (minimum \$100 per person).
- ★ Your package must be paid in full 45 days prior to departure.

Payment processing fees will apply.

How to book? Directly via the Sagua Services & Travel website www.saguaservices.com; via WhatsApp Business and/or email info@saguaservicestravel.com

CANCELLATION POLICY:

Cancellations made

- ☑ Up to 45 days prior to program start date, cancellation fee: \$100.00 (Enrollment deposit | Non-Refundable).
- ☑ 44 to 21 days prior to program start date, cancellation fee: 30% of trip total.
- ☑ 20 to 8 days prior to program start date, cancellation fee: 50% of trip total.
- ☑ Less than 7 days prior to program start date, cancellation fee: 100% of trip total.

Photography and Video

Sagua Services & Travel (SST) reserves the right to take photographs and/or videos during the operation of any program and to use them for promotional purposes. By enrolling in a **Sagua Services & Travel (SST)** program, participants agree to allow their images to be used for such purposes. Participants who do not want their images to be used as asked, should identify themselves to program staff at the commencement of their program.

Thank you for choosing us! 🌹

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