

ITINERARY Hi, Cuba! Tour

10 days / 9 nights
26/26 meals (9/9B, 8/8L, 9/9D)

DAY 1	Saturday HAVANA DINNER <p>Welcome to Cuba! Your tour begins as you are met at the airport by our local tour guide and transferred to your accommodation in the city center. Once you check-in and settle in, take your time to meet other members of the group and/or enjoy the surroundings. Be ready to enjoy a delicious welcome dinner at a private Cuban paladar and if not tired, go to dance with locals. Bus transfer back to your casa will be available at midnight (12AM). Your tour guide and driver will be ready to take you to your accommodation. In case you want to stay to continue enjoying your time, please, bear in mind you'll have to take a taxi on your own for the way back.</p>
DAY 2	Sunday HAVANA BREAKFAST, LUNCH & DINNER <p>This morning, put on your walking shoes and your coolest clothes, and get ready to discover the history behind the magnificent buildings of Old Havana, a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1982. You will get lost in the charm of the Plaza de la Catedral; the Plaza de Armas, where the village of San Cristobal de La Habana was founded in 1519; the Plaza Vieja, where the famous Cámara Oscura is located; and the Plaza de San Francisco de Asis, known as the Plaza de las Palomas.</p> <p>Time flies and it's lunch time!!! Enjoy local food and live music at a private paladar in the area. Take into account that paladar means a small, family-run restaurant. This means you are contributing to the economic well-being of some Cuban families. One national drink is included. We recommend a refreshing Mojito or Daiquiri.</p> <p>After lunch, take some minutes to visit the handicraft market "Almacenes de San Jose" and buy the most special souvenirs for your loved ones. You'll feel the real essence of Cubans while interacting with the vendors. They always welcome you with the great smile and warmth that characterize most Cubans. If you bought hats, caps and/or sunglasses, take the opportunity to show them off, as you will take a little sunbath during a panoramic tour of modern Havana in Old American convertible cars. During this tour, a stop at the Revolution Square and the viewpoint of the Morro Castle are included to admire the outstanding view of almost the whole area.</p> <p>Time to go back to the casa and get ready for dinner. Delight your paladar at another delicious Cuban paladar. After dinner, enjoy the unforgettable show "Habana de Fiesta" at the famous Parisien Cabaret, with lots of music, dance and colors; a very interesting way to learn more about Cuba's history, culture and its people.</p> <p>Your driver will be ready at midnight at the entrance of the hotel to take you back to your casa. In case you want to stay to continue enjoying the recorded music, please, bear in mind you'll have to take a taxi on your own for the way back.</p>
DAY 3	Monday VIÑALES BREAKFAST, LUNCH & DINNER

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Today, it will be a different day. You will leave the comfort of the city in Havana to go to a unique area in Cuba characterized by its mogotes and extensive areas of tobacco plantations. Discover the **Valley of Viñales**, located in Pinar del Rio, the westernmost province of the island.

During this almost 3-hour ride you will be able to recover your energy in the bus, while listening to the explanations of our expert guide. Enjoy a panoramic view of the area at the first stop, the well-known **Mirador de los Jazmines**. Then, visit the famous **Cueva del Indio** (Indian's Cave). Get ready to walk inside the cave for approximately 250 meters and take a 10-minute boat ride through the subterranean river San Vicente.

Afterwards, you will continue to a Vega, a **tobacco plantation** where you will meet some local farmers, and they will explain you first hand everything related to the plantation and harvesting process of this precious crop.

It's time for lunch! Enjoy a **traditional Cuban lunch** at an agro-ecological farm and take time for pictures at the well known **Prehistoric Mural**.

On the way back to Havana, you will stop at a "paladar habanera" for a delicious dinner. In case it is still early for you, you can choose to take your dinner home.

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Tuesday

HAVANA | BREAKFAST, LUNCH & DINNER

Wake up! Wake up! Time to continue enjoying the enchants of the city. After breakfast, you will visit one of the largest, most prestigious and well-known community art projects in Cuba and the world, **Fusterlandia**. This is a neighborhood adorned with mosaic artwork as artist, Jose Fuster, has converted his home and much of the surrounding neighborhood into literal works of art.

Continue your tour to the **Cigar Factory Romeo & Juliet** and afterwards, visit the **Rum Museum** in Old Havana. As it is **lunch** time, delight your paladar at restaurant "Comedor de Aguiar", winner of the World Luxury Restaurant Awards 2023. After lunch, enjoy the gardens of Hotel Nacional and the Hall of Fame while overlooking the 8 km-long Malecón.

Go back to the casa, take a nap and get ready for dinner. Enjoy the night while listening to good music and dancing with locals. Your tour guide and driver will be ready at midnight to take you back to your accommodation place. In case you want to stay to continue enjoying the recorded music, please, bear in mind you'll have to take a taxi on your own for the way back.

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Wednesday

VILLA CLARA-TRINIDAD-CIENFUEGOS | BREAKFAST, LUNCH & DINNER

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Ready to visit Central Cuba? Today is a long day. You'll visit the provinces of **Villa Clara**, **Sancti Spiritus** and **Cienfuegos**. After breakfast, you'll depart to Villa Clara, 3 hours and a half from Havana province. This city is known for its historical significance, vibrant cultural scene, and natural beauty. First stop will be at the **Central Park Vidal** where the historic buildings and facades are a testament to Cuba's rich colonial past. Continue the tour to the **Tren Blindado** or '**Armored Train**' Memorial which commemorates the 1958 Battle of Santa Clara, during which Che Guevara's revolutionary detachment succeeded in derailing an armoured supply train carrying ammunitions to the army of General Fulgencio Batista. Next stop in Villa Clara will be at the **Che Guevara Mausoleum**. This imposing memorial contains the remains of Che Guevara and 29 other guerrilla members who died with him in Bolivia.

Time for **lunch** at a local private paladar. Continue to **Trinidad**, one of the most beautiful and authentic cities of Cuba declared as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1988. Visit the **Valle de los Ingenios** and take your time to walk the streets of the city and taste the delicious **Canchanchara**, a typical cocktail from the region. Continue to **Cienfuegos**, the province known as the pearl of the south. Enjoy a delicious dinner in front of the sea and discover why the famous Cuban musician Benny More said: "Cienfuegos es la ciudad que más me gusta a mí" (in English: Cienfuegos is the city I like the most). After dinner, you will check in at your private casa, take a shower and relax. Tomorrow is another day!

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Thursday

CIENFUEGOS | BREAKFAST, LUNCH & DINNER

Cienfuegos is an elegant small city with an eclectic style mix. It was founded by French settlers in 1819, so you'll notice the French influence once you walk its streets during the tour of its historic center. While walking its boulevard, don't forget to visit the **handicraft markets** and the statue of Benny More located at the longest Prado of Cuba.

Enjoy your **lunch** at a private paladar and continue your tour on a medium sized boat that will take you for a ride on the Bay. You will have the opportunity to visit the **Jagua Fortress** built in 1742 and appreciate the sunset from the bay.

After **dinner**, enjoy your evening at leisure. You can enjoy the breeze of the Cienfueguero Malecon or choose any other optional activity of your preference.

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Friday

CIENFUEGOS-MATANZAS | BREAKFAST, LUNCH & DINNER

This morning you will visit the **Guanaroca Lagoon**. This is the most important protected area in the province of Cienfuegos, with the category of "wildlife refuge". Its name comes from an aboriginal legend that explains its origin. Its waters serve as a shelter for sea birds, among which the pink flamingos stand out.

After the visit to the lagoon, you'll have **lunch** at a private paladar to continue your way to Matanzas province. Check-in and settle in. Take your time to enjoy the area.

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DAY 8	Saturday MATANZAS-HAVANA BREAKFAST, LUNCH & DINNER Enjoy the morning on your own. After lunch , continue your tour back to Havana. On the way back, you'll have a city tour of Matanzas province. Today, you'll have dinner at Doña Carmela, a paladar that was visited by the American singer Rihana during her visit to Cuba.
DAY 9	Sunday HAVANA BREAKFAST, LUNCH & DINNER Day 9 in Cuba! This has been a wonderful trip. Today you'll have the chance to visit a Community Art Project named Muraleando . This area used to be home to a garbage dump. But professional artists of the community have turned the trash into treasures through this amazing Project. Enjoy a salsa lesson while sharing experiences with the local artists and create strong friendship bonds. Continue to El Divino , a private paladar that received the Excellence Award from TripAdvisor in 2014 and obtained the Fourth National Excellence Crown of urban agriculture and the agro- ecological seal. The Paladar is supplied by an integrated farm. The farm has been declared Provincial Botanical Garden of fruit trees. Take the rest of the afternoon on your own and get ready for the farewell dinner in the area of Old Havana. Enjoy live music and give us your feedback about this tour. We suggest you to dress in white and/or red since these colors represent energy, power, passion and optimism. Don't feel sad. This is not a GOODBYE, CUBA!. This is just a HASTA PRONTO!
DAY 10	Monday HAVANA BREAKFAST This morning you can pack your suitcase and all those souvenirs you have bought for your loved ones. The driver will pick you up 3 hours before your scheduled departure flight time to take you to the airport. Remember to have your passport, airline ticket and all your belongings by hand. Our Sagua team wishes you an excellent flight back home! HASTA PRONTO!

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.

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

What's included:

- ✦ Accommodation & Daily Breakfast
- ✦ Airport transfers
- ✦ 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
- ✦ Unique and immersive experience with excellent Cuban dancers
- ✦ 24h Sagua Team support
- ✦ Flight concierge (flight tickets, travel insurance and travel visa are not included, but we can help you with the booking process if needed)

What's not included:

- ☑ Gratuities (at your discretion)
- ☑ Flight tickets / 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.**

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.

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- ✦ Your package must be paid in full 45 days prior to departure.

Payment processing fees will apply.

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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.

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