



# THE BEST OF CUBA

NOVEMBER 11-20, 2016

FROM **\$4,099** AIR & LAND

10 DAYS, 9 NIGHTS INCLUDING HOTELS, MEALS,  
DAY TRIPS AND AIRFARE FROM MIAMI

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(1) MIAMI – (3) HAVANA – (3) SANTIAGO DE CUBA – (2) CAMAGUEY



## TOUR FEATURES

- **ROUND TRIP AIR TRANSPORTATION** - Round trip airfare from Miami
- **INTER CITY AIR TRANSPORTATION** - Inter City airfare in Cuba
- **FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS** - 9 nights first class hotels (1 night in Miami, 3 nights in Havana, 3 nights in Santiago de Cuba and 2 nights in Camaguey)
- **CUISINE** - 22 included meals consisting of 8 breakfasts, 8 lunches and 6 dinners
- **TOUR PROGRAM** - People to people discussions, interactions and unusual visits such as: the Museum of the Revolution, the Casa de Africa, the Carnival Museum, a Tobacco Plantation and a Cigar Factory, meetings and visitations with artists, meet a Cuban baseball player, Old Havana and more...
- **TOUR DIRECTOR** - Assistance of a Central Holidays Tour Director
- **PROFESSIONAL CUBAN GUIDE** - Assistance and guiding from a professional specialized bilingual Cuban guide
- **DELUXE MOTORCOACHES** - Touring by private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- **PEOPLE TO PEOPLE INTERACTIONS** - There are daily people to people discussions, and interactions on unique Cuban events and issues
- **BAGGAGE HANDLING AND TRANSFERS** - Baggage handling for one piece of checked luggage outside of the airport upon arrival in Cuba
- **VISA** - Cuban travel visa
- **HEALTH INSURANCE** - Cuban health insurance
- **WATER** - Bottled water on the coach each day
- **GRATUITIES** - Pre-paid gratuities for hotel porters, waiters for included meals, all people to people visits, discussions and interactions
- **LOCAL TAXES AND SERVICE CHARGES** - Hotel & City taxes and service charges
- **DEPARTURE TAXES** - U.S. air departure taxes



**Day 1 Miami** Arrive in Miami and transfer to your airport hotel on your own. This evening in the hotel lobby meet your Central Holidays Representative who will hold a mandatory Cuba orientation meeting where you will receive your final Cuba documentation and meet your traveling companions.

**Day 2 Miami/Havana** This morning, transfer to Miami International Airport – then board your flight for the one-hour trip to Havana. Upon arrival at José Martí International Airport you will be met by your English-speaking Cuban escort and drive through the city where time stands still, stopping at Revolution Square to see the famous Che Guevara image with his well-known slogan of “Hasta la Victoria Siempre” (Until the Everlasting Victory, Always) lives. Following lunch, you head to your hotel, the Melia Cohiba, for check-in and an informational briefing to review your program for the coming week. Classic cars from the 1950s will escort you to a welcome dinner at a “paladar,” a privately-owned small restaurant serving homemade Cuban dishes, followed by a variety of optional local and authentic cultural activities. (L,D)

**Day 3 Havana** After breakfast you will tour the Museum of the Revolution that displays a vast array of documents, weapons, relics and even planes from the revolution. The museum is housed in the former presidential palace that was the home to Cuba’s leaders from the 1920s until 1959. Continuing onwards you will have an educational exchange with a local expert who will speak about Havana’s unique architecture, the challenges of renovating the city’s exquisite historic buildings, and the future of these restorations. You will also visit the Casa de Africa (Africa House) and enjoy a live cultural performance before heading to lunch with Cuban guests at the Community Project and paladar. Then, you will explore the charming cobblestone streets of Old Havana, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, while participating in an open dialogue with the local expert on architectural topics of interest. Before dinner, meet a former Cuban baseball player and join in a dialogue regarding the history and the love of this favorite pastime in Cuba. This evening, enjoy your dinner at a local restaurant. (B,L,D)

**Day 4 Havana/Vinales/Pinar Del Rio/Havana** Today you will venture northwest out of Havana through the Cuban countryside to the UNESCO World Heritage site of the Viñales Valley, located in Cuba’s western most mountainous range. This region, situated in the province of Pinar Del Río, is known for its breathtaking scenery. The area is dotted with spectacular limestone mountains (mogotes) rising to a height of up to 300 meters. Here you will gaze upon spectacular caverns and rivers and discover the region’s vast tobacco fields, still cultivated today using traditional methods that have survived unchanged for centuries. In Pinar Del Río you will tour the Franciso Donatien Cigar Factory to learn about the manufacturing of fine Cuban cigars and enjoy an educational exchange with workers about the history and process of cigar-making in Cuba. As your day continues, you will visit a traditional tobacco plantation and farmhouse where you will get to know an

authentic tobacco farmer. During this enlightening interaction you will learn about tobacco cultivation and the tobacco leaf drying process then experience a cigar rolling demonstration firsthand. Enjoy a visit inside the farmer's home and have a sit-down with his family while sipping on a "cafecito" – a sweetened shot of Cuban-style espresso coffee. This is a superb opportunity to witness up-close how Cuban families live in a rural setting. After this exciting encounter, a stop at Los Jasmines viewpoint offers the ideal photo-op with its awe-inspiring views of Viñales Valley, perfect for panoramic pictures of this splendidly beautiful region. (B,L)

**Day 5 Havana/Santiago De Cuba** Today you depart Havana for Santiago de Cuba, but before you leave, you will meet with the Habana Compas Dance Company for a special interaction with and performance by the dancers as well as time with the director. Next it's off to the airport for a quick flight to Santiago de Cuba, the "Heroic City," where you will be greeted with lunch at a local restaurant before checking into your hotel, the Melia Santiago. A special bus/walking tour is arranged for the group with a local historian and preservationist, Omar Lopez, with whom you will explore the second largest city in Cuba. Santiago de Cuba was founded in 1515 and was the starting point of expeditions to explore the island. As the birthplace to some of Cuba's most famous musicians, the city is also known for its traditional dances and its Carnival celebration in July. A special welcome dinner with local favorites is enjoyed tonight followed by a few special cultural options. (B,L,D)

**Day 6 Santiago De Cuba** Today is a full day of fun in Santiago de Cuba. Following breakfast, you will visit the Society of Tumba Francesa de la Caridad del Oriente and its president. A special performance awaits at this UNESCO World Heritage Site. Lunch is at a local restaurant, followed by a VIP guided tour and performance at the Carnival Museum, which is a showcase in time (the songs and dances brought to Cuba by the African slaves have survived the passage of time and have developed in every corner of the island). The Museum is home to special items from the biggest Carnival party between Rio and New Orleans every July – from floats to effigies. Afterwards, you will visit Casa del Caribe (Caribbean House), a famous local home/museum that is filled with city history and cultural items. Dinner this evening will be enjoyed at a local paladar, then you will have the chance to speak one-on-one with local residents of the community to learn how they live, their history and more. (B,L,D)

**Day 7 Santiago De Cuba** This morning you will visit El Cobre, the sanctuary of the Patron Saint of Cuba, and climb a short distance to see the monument of the Runaway Slave. This sculpture is built of iron and bronze on a hill, and honors one of the earliest and most important slave revolts in the country in 1731. A special guest, a professor at the University of Oriente, will join the group for lunch at a local restaurant to share even more in-depth knowledge of the city and country. In the afternoon you will take a guided tour of the Moncada Barracks, where the first armed action of the Cuban Revolution occurred on July 26, 1953. This evening you are free to enjoy dinner and activities at your leisure – Cuba is yours to explore! (B,L)

**Day 8 Santiago De Cuba/Camaguey** This morning you depart Santiago de Cuba and head to Camaguey, Cuba's largest province located in the center of the island. Camaguey's winding maze of streets was built that way to confuse marauding pirates, and it is filled with cobblestone plazas, historic statues and lavish churches. On the way, you'll stop in Bayamo, founded in 1513 and one of the largest cities in the Oriente region. You'll have a chance to walk around the historic town and enjoy some local sounds from musicians while enjoying a light lunch at a local restaurant. We continue on to



Camaguey and check into the Gran Hotel. This evening dinner is at a local Paladar. Further optional cultural activities are on offer this evening to get you in the true Camaguey spirit! (B,L,D)

**Day 9 Camaguey** As this is your final full day in Cuba, we are going to make the most of it with a busy day of activities! First is a walking tour of Camaguey's city center with a representative from the Office of the City Historian. You will have time to explore the many UNESCO-declared sites here, as well as enjoy a special rehearsal by the dancers of the Folkloric Ballet of Camaguey. Lunch is on your own in the city center before heading to the Casanova Pottery Studio to see up-close how they create their trademark "tinajones," earthenware pots made of clay and other materials that line the streets of Camaguey which were once used to collect rainwater. This evening, you are treated to a farewell dinner followed by live Afro-Cuba jazz at a local nightclub! (B,L,D)

**Day 10 Camaguey to USA** Enjoy a final Cuban breakfast at your hotel this morning before heading to the airport for your return flight home filled with memories of your amazing Cuban adventure. (B)

## TOUR PRICE

Tour price is **\$4,099** per person, double occupancy.  
For single occupancy, add \$599.

There is a Cuban departure tax of \$32 per person that is not included. This will be charged at final payment. Fuel surcharges, air taxes and departure taxes are valid at the time of printing but are subject to change.

This itinerary provides a full time schedule of activities that result in meaningful exchanges through people-to-people contact. U.S law requires all travelers joining this program adhere to the full time schedule and imposes on Central Holidays the responsibility to ensure such observance. The hotels, itinerary, inclusions and people to people visits are subject to change.

## HOTELS (OR SIMILAR)

Hotels	City
Hilton Miami International Airport Hotel	Miami
Melia Cohiba	Havana
Melia Santiago de Cuba	Santiago de Cuba
Gran Hotel	Camaguey



Old Havana

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PLEASE PRINT— NAMES MUST BE LISTED AS THEY APPEAR ON YOUR PASSPORT

To register for this trip, please complete the form below and e-mail it with a clear copy of your passport information page to Mike McMullin at [mmcmullin@carrollcountychamber.org](mailto:mmcmullin@carrollcountychamber.org) or fax to (410) 876-1023. Reservations can also be made on our online booking engine [www.centralholidayswest.com/booking](http://www.centralholidayswest.com/booking). The group booking code is: B002054

Passenger 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ M / F  
                    First Name                      Middle Name                      Last Name

Passport#: \_\_\_\_\_ Country of Issue: \_\_\_\_\_ Date issued: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_

Passenger 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ M / F  
                    First Name                      Middle Name                      Last Name

Passport#: \_\_\_\_\_ Country of Issue: \_\_\_\_\_ Date issued: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Ph#: \_\_\_\_\_ Business/Cell Ph#: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes Please reserve me in a single room (limited availability)

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

**TRAVEL PROTECTION (HIGHLY RECOMMENDED):**

I want Trip Cancellation & Interruption Insurance:  Yes  No.

The policy price is based on the total cost of the tour, including taxes. Insurance premium for trips \$4,001 to \$4,500 per person is: \$357, for trips \$4,501 to \$5,000 per person is: \$407 (The premium is calculated on base program and any optional tours).

Central Holidays strongly recommends protecting your investment with our optional travel insurance. The premium must be paid with your initial deposit or within 15 days of your initial deposit/payment for your trip to qualify for the preexisting conditions policy. The policy (without preexisting conditions) can be purchased all the way to final payment but not afterwards.

For a disclosure of coverage, terms and conditions of our travel protection plan please visit: <http://www.centralholidays.com/files/Travel-Protection.pdf>

**PAYMENT METHOD & REQUIREMENTS:**

Deposit: \$500 per person at the time of registration, plus optional travel insurance. I am including payment for \_\_\_\_\_ people.

Reservations are on a first come first served basis. Please sign up early to secure your place.

Final payment is due: 90 days before departure

Checks: Make checks payable to Central Holidays and send to: Carroll County Chamber of Commerce - 9 East Main Street, Suite 105, Westminster, MD 21157

Credit Card:  Discover  Visa  MasterCard  Amex

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Name that appears on the card: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

I authorize \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to be charged to my card (including optional insurance premium if applicable).

**CANCELLATION POLICY:**

Cancellations more than 75 days prior to departure 10% of total price per person price is retained. (or a minimum of \$325 per person)

Cancellations between 74-45 days prior to the departure - 25% of total per person price is retained.

Cancellations between 44-31 days prior to the departure - 50% of total per person price is retained.

Cancellations 30 days or less prior to the departure/no shows - No refunds.

Note: A person becoming a single as a result in the roommate's cancellation must pay the single supplement.

I have read the schedule of activities for the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce - The Best of Cuba program - November 11-20, 2016 and accept the terms and conditions outlined on our website [www.centralholidayswest.com/terms](http://www.centralholidayswest.com/terms)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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