

SMALLGROUP TRAVEL TOUR OF CUBA 2013

Day 1 Thursday,18th April

Arrival Transfer: - Upon your arrival to Havana's international airport, you will be greeted and transferred to your hotel.

Overnight in a Superior Room at Parque Central Hotel including breakfast (Superior Category Accommodation).

Day 2: Friday 19th April Havana - Havana Walking Tour:

Get ready to enjoy an action packed day in Cuba's capital city. First, your local guide will take you on a tour of a Cigar Factory and to the Havana Club Rum Museum. Following this, you will embark on a guided walking tour of Old Havana's Historic Centre, taking in sites such as the Plaza de Armas, Plaza San Francisco de Asis, Plaza Viejay and Plaza de la Catedral. Here, you'll also visit some of Ernest Hemingway's hangouts, such as the Ambos Mundos Hotel, La Bodeguita del Medio and El Floridita bar.

Afterwards return to hotel, any free time is yours to spend at your own leisure.

Overnight at Parque Central Hotel, breakfast included.

Day 3: Saturday 20th April - Havana Vintage Car Tour

This morning you will be met by your private car and taken on a panoramic tour of the city, first visiting La Cabaña Fortress for a view of old & modern Havana across the bay, then touring modern Havana, stopping at Revolution Square and the Capitol Building.

The afternoon and evening are yours to relax or enjoy a night of Cuban music. Why not visit the Casa de La Música in Miramar?

Overnight in a Superior Room at Parque Central Hotel including breakfast (Superior Category Accommodation).





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Day 4: Sunday 21st April – free time Havana:

Day at leisure in Havana.

Overnight in a Superior Room at Parque Central Hotel including breakfast (Superior Category Accommodation).

Day 5: Monday 22nd April - Havana – Vinales

Today, your local guide will take you on a tour of the Viñales Valley in Pinar del Rio - where the world's best tobacco is grown. After an en-route visit to a Cigar Factory, your guide will take you to visit the valley's famous Mogotes, including the Pre-Historic Mural, which reflects the geological history of the Sierra de la Órganos, and the Indian Cave, where you can take a boat along the underground river.



After lunch, you will have free time to explore Viñales.

Overnight at the Hotel La Moka, breakfast and dinner included.

Day 6: Tuesday 23rd April - Vinales – Cienfuegos

After breakfast and check out, you will meet your local guide, who will travel with you to Cienfuegos. On the way, you will stop at the 'Fiesta Campesina' in Matanzas and the Bay of Pigs, where you can learn more about the 1961 invasion. From here, you will continue on to Cienfuegos

After a nice lunch, your guide will take you on a guided tour of the Historic Centre and city boulevard. You will then go on a drive to the Punta Gorda Peninsular to have lunch. The rest of the day is yours to relax in the hotel or explore the city some more

Overnight in a Standard Room at La Union Hotel including breakfast (Standard Category Accommodation).

Day 7: Wednesday 24th April - Cienfuegos – Trinidad:

Departure Transfer: - At the appropriate time, you will be transferred from Cienfuegos to Trinidad.

Free time for lunch.

This afternoon we meet your guide for a panoramic tour of Trinidad, where you'll walk the cobbled streets of the oldest town in Cuba and visits sites such as La Canchanchara Bar, a former sugar Baron's house and the local church. You'll also stop at a market before having lunch at a local restaurant

Overnight in a Superior Room at Iberostar Grand Trinidad Hotel including breakfast (Superior Category Accommodation)

Day 8: Thursday 25th April - Free Time

Day at leisure, feel free to visit the city and explore at your own pace

Overnight in a Superior Room at Iberostar Grand Trinidad Hotel including breakfast (Superior Category Accommodation)

Day 9: Friday 26th April Trinidad - Free Day

Day at leisure, feel free to visit the city and explore at your own pace or visit one of the beautiful nearby beaches/

Overnight in a Superior Room at Iberostar Grand Trinidad Hotel including breakfast (Superior Category Accommodation)

Day 10: Saturday 27th April – Travel Day –Trinidad-Santa Clara - Varadero

Afternoon Arrival Transfer: - Breakfast at hotel and then depart to Santa Clara, passing by the Valley of the Sugar Mills with old sugar plantations and the Iznaga Tower. This historical valley, like Trinidad, is a World Heritage Site by UNESCO.

Continue to Santa Clara, the final resting place of "Che" Guevara. On arrival visit the mausoleum and museum dedicated to his extraordinary life. Following this there will be a short orientation tour of the city including the armoured train that was attacked in the decisive moments of the Cuban Revolution.

After lunch, continue to Varadero.

Overnight in a Superior Room at Meliá Sol Palmeras .all inclusive *(Superior Category Accommodation).





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Day 11: Sunday 28th April - Varadero: Free Day

Enjoy a free day to relax at the beach in Varadero.

Overnight in a Superior Room at Meliá Sol Palmeras all inclusive
(Superior Category Accommodation).



Day 12: Monday 29th April Varadero: Free Day

Day at leisure.

Overnight in a Superior Room at Meliá Sol Palmeras all inclusive (Superior Category Accommodation).

Day 13: Tuesday 30th April – Travel Day

Departure Transfer: - At the appropriate time, you will be transferred from your beach resort back to Havana where you will be dropped off at your hotel.

Overnight in a Superior Room at Parque Central Hotel including breakfast (Superior Category Accommodation).

Day 14: Wednesday 1st May) - Travel Day

Departure Transfer: - At the appropriate time, you will be transferred from your hotel to the airport for your onward flight.

Breakfast included

End of services



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Parque Central Hotel

Superior Category Accommodation

Located in heart of the Old Town, within walking distance of some of Havana's most famous sites including the Plaza de la Catedral, Capitol building and Havana Harbour, the Parque Central Hotel offers guests luxurious facilities within a prime location.

All of the classically decorated en-suite rooms are equipped with air-conditioning, in-room safe, satellite TV and mini-bar. The hotel's Greek style swimming pool and terrace bar and restaurant, located on the top floor, offer impressive sweeping views of the Parque Central and Paseo del Prado. A perfect place to relax after a full-day exploring the city.



Hotel La Moka

Located just forty-nine miles west of Havana in the Sierra del Rosario Biosphere Reserve, Hotel Moka is one of the most unique hotels of Cuba. Set amid the forested hills of Las Terrazas, it's difficult to say where the 4-star hotel stops and the forest starts. In short, the Moka is romantic, intimate, and fully deserving of your time

La Union Hotel

Standard Category Accommodation

Known as one of Cuba's provincial gems, the La Union Hotel stands in the heart of Cienfuegos' downtown, just one block from the main Plaza. The recently restored 19th century mansion oozes elegance and charm.

All of the en-suite rooms surround a pretty atrium courtyard and have been decorated to reflect the history of the building. Each is equipped with modern facilities including air-conditioning, in-room safe, mini-bar and satellite TV. The hotel also has a fitness area, small spa and inviting swimming pool. However, the highlights are the Venus Negra roof top terrace, which offers amazing views of the city and bay below, and the on-site restaurant, which is known to be among the city's finest.





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Iberostar Grand Trinidad Hotel

Superior Category Accommodation

The Grand Hotel Trinidad de Cuba is a 5-star hotel in the heart of Trinidad, a gorgeous town characterised by its elegant colonial architecture.

The town was founded in the 16th Century and was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1988. The Iberostar Grand Hotel is perfect for couples and adults. A lower age limit of 15 has been set to ensure total rest and relaxation for our guests.

The Grand Hotel guarantees visitors a truly extraordinary holiday, at any time of the year, getting to know the culture, the cuisine and the people.



Meliá Sol Palmeras

Superior Category Accommodation

Standing next to one of Cuba's finest white-sand beaches, Varadero, the Meliá Las Antillas All Inclusive Resort offers guests the perfect place to sit back, relax and immerse themselves in the Caribbean vibes.

All of the comfortable en-suite rooms have a balcony or terrace, with beautiful views of the pool or the hotel's exotic garden, and are close to the beach. Each has been tastefully decorated and is equipped with air-conditioning, in-room safe, mini-bar and satellite TV. After a day enjoying the resort's activities, such as windsurfing or badminton, lying on the beach or relaxing with a gentle massage, guests can enjoy a tasty meal in one of the five restaurants before an evening of live entertainment.



Prices :

Based on twin share accommodation with a minimum of 8 passengers travelling together
AUD 2660.00 per person
Single supplement additional \$740

Included: Accommodation, daily breakfast, other meals where stated, tours with professional English speaking guide, airport transfers where stated, most entrance fees and local taxes (some exclusions apply).

** Breakfast, lunch, dinner and drinks are part of the all-inclusive package while in Varadero.

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Excluded: Any meals not mentioned in the above itinerary. Travel Insurance (see note) and tips. Any services not mentioned in this itinerary. Visas or any airport charged departure or arrival tax. Flights.(see note)

Travel Insurance:

It is a condition of travel that all travellers are adequately insured and that insurance details are advised at time of deposit. As part of SmallGroup Travel I can offer a group insurance with 25% discount off the premium. Please contact Sue suek@travelmangers.com.au, 0414598157 . Your insurance MUST cover emergency evacuation in remote areas. If you purchase your own insurance, please check that the policy includes emergency evacuation.

Please Note: This itinerary and/or hotels quoted within this itinerary may change due to local operating conditions or availability at the time of booking. Please see our terms and conditions for more details. Please note that all flights are non refundable and non changeable unless advised otherwise. We accept no responsibility for flight delays and subsequent delays on tours. Please be aware that many of our products are operated in US Dollars and therefore subject to currency fluctuations. We will do its utmost to avoid passing on any additional charges however if there is a significant change in exchange rates then we will be required to add a currency surcharge without warning. If you would like to remove this currency risk you do have the option of paying in full at the time of booking. Final payment on bookings is generally due 100 days prior to departure. Please note comprehensive pre tour departure information will be provided shortly after confirming your booking. This pack is an invaluable source with information on visas, tipping, what to pack and much more.

Booking Conditions:

- Deposits are non refundable.
- If it is necessary for you to cancel your holidays the following fees will apply per person for the tour.
- Less than 100 days before departure – 100% cancellation fee.
- Cancellation fees from some service providers including but not limited to airlines, cruise operators, hoteliers, coach companies, etc may apply in addition

No Show

- If you fail to check-in at your designated hotel as confirmed, 100% No Show fee will be charged.



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Holiday Variation

If unforeseen circumstances beyond our control require us to make necessary changes to your holiday we reserve the right to cancel or reschedule departures and itineraries. When it is necessary to change a hotel the company reserves the right to substitute accommodation of at least a similar standard.

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- I will then send you our official booking form and booking conditions for the tour. Please complete this form and return it with your deposit of 25% of the tour cost per person. Your airfare should be booked as soon as possible. I would be happy to discuss your personal needs.
- On receipt of your deposit and booking form, I will then forward additional pre-departure information regarding visas, medical requirements, weather and much more.
- Payment of your tour balance is then required 100 days before your departure.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions or would like any further amendments to your proposed itinerary.

I look forward to welcoming you on a trip of a lifetime!

Thank you for choosing Smallgroup Travel and Chimu Adventures and happy travelling!

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