

# **CUBA** Cuba Getaway: Havana, Soroa, and Viñales Valley

**6 DAYS** | Choose your dates

Get to know Cuba on a long weekend with this 6-day exploration of Havana and Western Cuba! You'll experience city life in Havana, with its colonial history and vibrant culture, before heading out west to Soroa and Viñales Valley, where you'll soak up the greener side of island life. You'll also engage with Cuba's distinct ecological initiatives at the intersection of agriculture, economy, and the renowned ingenuity of Cuban problem-solving. Treat yourself to a "getaway" and discover firsthand the indelible culture, nature, and community of Cuba!

# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore Havana on foot to experience the city's majestic architecture and cultural landmarks.
- Learn about urban agricultural initiatives at Alamar Organoponic Gardens.
- Visit the Soroa Waterfall & Orchidarium and Sierra del Rosario, home of Las Terrazas, a self-sustained ecological community.
- Walk through the limestone cave where Ernesto "Che" Guevara headquartered during the Cuban Missile Crisis.
- Tour a working tobacco farm in Viñales Valley, home to the limestone formations known as mogotes.



LAS TERRAZAS BY KATE PEREZ



HAVANA CATHEDRAL BY HAYDN BLACKEY

# ITINERARY

BLD = BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER

#### DAY 1 - OLD HAVANA

Upon arrival at the José Martí International Airport, you will be met by your guide and driver and transferred to your hotel. You will be able to check in and change money. Explore your surroundings during the remainder of your afternoon, before your welcome dinner at a paladar. *Overnight at Ambos Mundos. (LD)* 

## DAY 2 - OLD HAVANA

Explore Old Havana's cobblestone streets, visiting the Plaza de Armas, Plaza de San Francisco de Asís, Plaza de la Catedral, and Plaza Vieja. In the afternoon visit Organóponico Vivero Alamar, an incredible urban garden located outside of central Havana, widely considered one of the most successful organic farms in the city. After the economic collapse in the early 1990s, Cuba was forced to develop new methods to feed its population without the support of the Soviet Union. Now, the country is filled with more than 7,000 urban allotments of "organoponicos," which cover approximately 81,000 acres. During the tour, learn about the advances Cuba has made with respect to organic farming. *Overnight at Ambos Mundos. (BLD)* 

## DAY 3 - VIÑALES

Travel to Soroa. En route, visit Sierra del Rosario, 25,000 hectares of evergreen forest and home of Las Terrazas, a self-sustained community named after the reforestation project initiated in 1967. Also visit the Soroa Waterfall and Orchidarium "Cascada y orquideario." Continue to Viñales for dinner and overnight. *Overnight at Hotel Los Jazmines. (BLD)* 

#### DAY 4 - VIÑALES

This morning visit Cueva de los Portales, a limestone cave adjacent to hills covered in lush vegetation. The cave is interesting both geologically and historically, as it is the site where Che Guevara headquartered during the Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962. This afternoon hike the mogotes, unusual geologic formations in the area, as well as visit a tobacco farm. Dinner at the hotel. *Overnight at Hotel Los Jazmines. (BLD)* 

#### DAY 5 - OLD HAVANA

This morning return to Havana. Have lunch on own and time at leisure in Old Havana. This evening, have dinner at the hotel and then enjoy a Buena Vista Social Club show. *Overnight at Ambos Mundos. (BD)* 

#### DAY 6 - DEPART

This morning you will be transferred to the Havana airport for your flight to Miami, followed by your domestic flight home. *(B)* 





## PROGRAM PRICING

\$2,095 per person (10 participants + 1 complimentary)\$2,145 per person (20 participants + 2 complimentary)

Price includes: accommodations, meals, entrance fees, and activities as indicated in the itinerary, private transportation unless otherwise noted in itinerary, non-alcoholic beverages with meals, local guide, and carbon offset.

*Price does not include: international airfare, gratuities, items of a personal nature, and alcoholic beverages.* 

Price valid until December 15, 2018.

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# THE FINE PRINT

Rates are based on availability of the hotel; if room type is not available, your agent can make necessary itinerary and price changes. Rates for other hotels in the area are available. Holiday surcharges may apply. A \$200 per person deposit and enrollment form is due upon booking. This deposit is refundable until 61 days prior to departure excluding a \$100 cancellation fee. Final payments are due no later than 60 days prior to departure. Cancellations received less than 61 days prior to departure are not refundable. Travel/trip cancellation insurance is strongly recommended. For more information call Travel Insured at 800-243-3174 or visit www.travelinsured.com. Holbrook Travel's agency number is 15849.

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