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Varadero & Havana

CUBA
You're about to live two unique experiences on one trip: get ready for heavenly white-sand beaches and sparkling turquoise waters with a dose of culture and history, and discover the best of Varadero and Havana all in a week's time!

Good to know

Be sure to attend the briefing held at the beginning of your trip in Varadero, as your representative will confirm the meeting point and departure time for your transfer to Havana, along with destination information. Note that transfers are included and accompanied by an English-speaking guide.

Travel documents The date of departure for Havana will be indicated on your e-ticket.

Baggage Be sure to pack comfortable walking shoes, sunscreen, insect repellent, sunglasses, a hat, a camera and cash for meals, drinks and souvenir shopping. Please ensure you have your luggage when departing from your hotel in Varadero.

Tipping Tips are at your discretion and are very much appreciated by the cleaning ladies, bellboys, guides and chauffeurs, as well as the waiters and bartenders.

Currency In Cuba, transactions are carried out in convertible tourist pesos (CUC). Make sure to exchange them again before your departure since they have no monetary value outside of Cuba but, keep in mind you'll have to pay the airport departure tax which is $25 CUC. Visa and MasterCard are the only credit cards accepted in Cuba, provided the credit card is not issued by Citibank or MBNA. American Express is not accepted. There are no ATMs in Cuba.

Transportation If you take a taxi, be sure to agree on the price with the driver before getting into the car.

Airport transfer Please note that you will be transferred by bus from Havana to Varadero, and the departure time will be confirmed once in Havana.

About Cuba

CURRENCY Cuban convertible peso (CUC)
OFFICIAL LANGUAGE Spanish
TRADITIONAL MUSIC Afro-Cuban, son, salsa
Varadero

Seductively beautiful beaches, superb resorts and the warm waters of the Gulf Stream make this one of Cuba's most popular destinations.

**Things to see & do**

- **MATANZAS** Referred to as the City of Bridges and the Venice of Cuba, this city is known for poetry, Afro-Cuban folklore and other cultural treasures.
- **TRINIDAD** A UNESCO World Heritage site since 1988, Trinidad features an impressive Plaza Mayor, various casas de musica and several nightclubs, including one in an ancient church and another in a cave.
- **SHOPPING** Visit Varadero's outdoor markets to shop for souvenirs, local arts and crafts, jewelry and other items.
- **VARADERO BEACH** Enjoy more than 20 km of white sand in one of the Caribbean's largest and most popular resort towns.

**About Varadero**

**POPULATION** 3,000 in Varadero with a total of 700,000 in the province of Matanzas.

**LOCAL DISHES**
- **MOROS Y CRISTIANOS** black beans and rice
- **ROPA VIEJA** shredded beef in a spicy tomato sauce

**LOCAL DRINKS**
- **MOJITO** mint leaves, lime, sugar, white rum, club soda, crushed ice

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**Excursions**

The representative will provide details on available excursions during the briefing, as well as suggestions of what to see and do during your stay.

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To discover
Havana

This utterly unique, exceptionally beautiful city brims with history, life, music and action. Your stay in Havana is an experience you will cherish for the rest of your life!

Things to see & do

› **CAPITOLIO NACIONAL** The Senate and House of Representatives, whose dome dominates the skyline

› **LA HABANA VIEJA (OLD HAVANA)** Plaza de Armas (oldest square), El Templete (oldest neo-classical building), Casa de la Obra Pia (museum of 18th century furniture), Convento de Santa Clara (pre-baroque convent)

› **NATIONAL MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS** A collection of Cuban and international art comprising of about 50,000 works

› **EL MORRO CASTLE** Built in 1589 to guard the entrance to Havana Bay, this fortress now features several interesting exhibitions

› **THE MALECON** This 8-km seafront promenade runs along the coast from the harbour in Old Havana to the hip and contemporary Vedado neighbourhood in the downtown area

About Havana

**POPULATION** 2.1 million

**LOCAL DISHES**
- **MOROS Y CRISTIANOS** black beans and rice
- **ROPA VIEJA** shredded beef in a spicy tomato sauce

**LOCAL DRINKS**
- **CUBA LIBRE** cola, lime and white rum
Excursions Havana

01 HAVANA EXCLUSIVE TOUR
Enjoy a walking tour of Old Havana, followed by a scenic ride around the modern, metropolitan districts of Vedado and Miramar. Visit the cemetery before stopping at Revolution Square and El Morro fortress.

02 VIÑALES
Travel through the Viñales Valley, visit a cigar factory, discover a cave with an underground river and prehistoric mural, tour a small village and meet a local farmer.

03 HEMINGWAY
Tour the Hemingway Museum, formerly the writer’s residence, and visit his hangouts in the town of Finca La Vigia.

04 CRUCERO DEL SOL
Tour Varadero’s beautiful north keys on board a catamaran, with time for snorkelling in a coral reef and interacting with dolphins.

05 TROPICANA
Cuba’s most famous cabaret hosts the extravagant Tropicana show every night.

06 PARISIEN
Enjoy the Cubano Cubano show at one of Havana’s most exclusive and elegant cabarets, located at the renowned National Hotel.

07 JAZZ LA ZORRA Y EL CUERVO
Relax to the sounds of the piano or saxophone at one of the most popular jazz clubs in town.

08 BUENA VISTA - TRADICIONALES DE LOS 50
Dance to the beats of a traditional Cuban band at one of Havana’s nightclubs.

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