

# Undiscovered Cuba Tour

13 DAYS / 12 NIGHTS

## ITINERARY

### MIAMI / HAVANA

#### DAYS 1-2

Your trip begins at the [Hotel Pullman Miami Airport](#) with an early evening briefing and reception. Following breakfast, you'll board your charter flight to Havana. After clearing immigration and customs, get your first taste of this island nation at one of our favorite restaurants. Then, it's a short drive to Jaimanitas to meet artist Jose Fuster. Known as the Picasso of the Caribbean, he has turned his home and community into a living art gallery that has transformed old facades into colorful murals. After, you'll check in to our hotel in the heart of Havana, then meet for an orientation and a welcome dinner.

*Meals Day 1 | Enjoy dinner on your own, at your leisure*

*Meals Day 2 | Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

### HAVANA

#### DAY 3

Take a walking tour of historic Old Havana on your way to meet students and professors from La Escuela Taller Gaspar Melchor de Jovellanos, an architectural restoration school. Next, we'll be welcomed as special guests at the Angela Landa primary school, where the children's smiles will warm your heart. You'll round out the day with a visit to a community that preserves traditional and artisanal sewing techniques through continued youth-education initiatives. Dinner tonight is at the acclaimed Union Francaise de Cuba.

*Meals | Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

### HAVANA

#### DAY 4

This morning, you'll meet a diplomat and educator for a fascinating talk about US-Cuba relations. Next, take an excursion to a local farmers market and experience firsthand Cuba's dual-currency system. After lunch, meet the performers of La Chinche Theater Company. This afternoon, you'll also visit with the teachers and headmistress of La Casa del Niño y la Niña, an after-school program in Central Havana. You'll end the day discussing US and Cuban life with business professionals and students.

Tonight, you'll dine on your own at a paladar, a private, family-owned restaurant. Your insightCuba tour leader can make the best recommendations.

*Meals | Breakfast, Lunch*

## **HAVANA / SANTA CLARA**

### **DAY 5**

Today, you'll journey to the colonial town of Santa Clara. Your first stop will be a community project where residents have converted a defunct industrial area into a nature park. After lunch, you'll visit the Che Guevara Memorial before heading to a special meeting with members of a traditional music troupe. They will demonstrate their unique style of music, common in theatrical performances and silent movies at the beginning of the 20th century. Afterwards, you'll check in to your hotel in Santa Clara.

*Meals | Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

## **SANTA CLARA / CAMAGÜEY**

### **DAY 6**

After breakfast, you'll depart for Camagüey, where you will have lunch. Afterwards, meet with a sculptor and painter in her studio. In keeping with the day's artistic theme, you'll meet with a local contemporary ballet company. Tonight, you'll dine at the elegant Restaurante 1800.

*Meals | Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

## **CAMAGÜEY**

### **DAY 7**

On your second day in Camagüey, visit an inspiring community project for children. Then, meet creative minds at the National Union of Writers and Artists of Cuba (UNEAC). You'll also tour artists' galleries and studios. After lunch, take in live music at the renowned Casa de la Trova and meet one of Cuba's legendary musicians. End the day with a panoramic tour of the city with a local historian—by bicitaxi (bicycle taxi)!

*Meals | Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

## **CAMAGÜEY / BAYAMO / SANTIAGO DE CUBA**

### **DAY 8**

After breakfast at the hotel, check out and depart for Santiago by way of Bayamo. You'll stop for lunch, then meet with the members of the Choir of Bayamo. On the way to Santiago, you'll stop at Cuba's most

important church, La Caridad del Cobre, visited by the Pope each time he's in Cuba. Enjoy dinner at the famous Meliá Santiago hotel.

*Meals | Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

## **SANTIAGO DE CUBA**

### **DAY 9**

This morning, you'll explore the old town with a local historian, then visit an art school. Next, enjoy the personal attention of a percussion or dance lesson. Lunch today will be at lovely Cayo Granma—a 20-minute boat ride across the water. Then, you'll meet the staff at a local polyclinic and learn about socialist healthcare in Cuba. We'll finish the day with an inspirational visit to the Youth Impact Project in los Maceos, where amateur artwork is celebrated.

*Meals | Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

## **SANTIAGO DE CUBA / BARACOA**

### **DAY 10**

The day begins with a presentation by an expert on Afro-Cuban culture and traditions. Afterwards, a local historian will show you around Santiago de Cuba's Plaza Delores. Over lunch, take in the breathtaking view at El Morro de Castillo, the colonial Spanish fort, before journeying to Baracoa.

*Meals | Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

## **BARACOA**

### **DAY 11**

Your first morning here will include a visit with a renowned historian to learn about Baracoa's traditions. Afterwards, take a short boat ride down the Rio Toa and visit a friend's home. After lunch at Rancho Toa, you'll visit the Fabrica de Cucuruchos, where locals make sweets from palm leaves, coconut, sugar, and pineapple. Lastly, you'll visit downtown Baracoa and see the cross at the Iglesia with a local expert. Tonight, dine on your own at a paladar.

*Meals | Breakfast, Lunch*

## **BARACOA / SANTIAGO DE CUBA**

## DAY 12

After breakfast, you'll be treated to an exclusive visit with insightCuba's friends in their homes for a taste of Cuban hospitality, warmth, and education about casas particulares, Cuba's private 'bed & breakfast' type accommodations. Next, take a walking tour of Baracoa with a local historian, then visit an artist's studio. After lunch, meet a cacao farmer and a musician from a well-known Cuban band. Later this afternoon, you'll depart for Santiago and a farewell dinner.

*Meals | Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

## SANTIAGO DE CUBA / MIAMI

### DAY 13

After breakfast, bid farewell to Cuba as you board your flight home from Santiago de Cuba's Antonio Maceo International Airport to Miami.

*Meals | Breakfast, Lunch*

*A significant portion of your in-country programming is customized for each group to maximize your cultural experience. Many of the places we visit are not tourist destinations and are thus not always available. Therefore, this program should be considered as a sample only – please keep in mind that your particular tour may vary. Final itineraries are sent to guests one to two weeks prior to departure.*