

Cuba Cruise Shore Excursions

Havana

Havana City Tour - Half Day

Type of Tour: City Tour

What to bring: Camera, Cash and Good Footwear

Important Info: Please wear comfortable and supportive shoes.

This is a great way to get acquainted with the incredible city of Havana. Our tour will start with a visit to the Historic military fortress located on the other side of the Havana harbour, from here you will be awed with the spectacular views of the city. We will drive back and commence our walking tour of historic Old Havana. Along the way we will find ourselves at the famous “watering hole” where Hemingway enjoyed his Mojitos – don’t forget to sign your autograph here to leave your mark. We continue our tour by bus, where we will have a photo opportunity at the Capitol building known for it's collection of classic cars that congregate in front, the Museum of the Revolution, Central Park, the Great Theatre of Havana and Revolution Square.



Genuine Havana by Old American Cars.

Type of Tour: Walking and Driving City Tour

What to Bring: Camera, cash and a craving for a truly great cigar!

What to Wear: Comfortable shoes.

Discover the real Havana in this insiders’ walking and driving tour of the old and new. Start strolling in Old Town Havana, where we’ll see the famous St. Francis of Assisi statue, guarding over the cathedral and the incredible 16th century architecture that surrounds the square. If you have a taste for genuine Cuban cigars, this will be a treat to remember. You’ll learn the art of rolling your very own Cuban, with free samplings of Cuban coffee and rum as well. Next, you’ll be chauffeured about modern Havana, the inspiring sea wall, Revolution Square and the vibrant arts district, all in classic vintage cars – just like in the movies.

Vinales- Living inside a farm for the day

Type of Tour: Country Experience

What to Bring: Camera, Bottled Water

What to Wear: Casual Clothes, Boots

This fantastic excursion takes you deep into the magical Viñales Valley for a deep draught of the real Cuba. We'll visit an authentic tobacco farm, stop for photos at a prehistoric mural and sail down a subterranean river.

We depart from Havana and after a 2 hour drive we reach Viñales Valley. On the way, we will stop at Los Jazmines so as to admire the amazing view and take pictures! Then, we will visit the Indian Cave and live the breathtaking experience of a trip down the subterranean river.

But our excursion doesn't stop there. After a panoramic tour on Viñales village we will visit the tobacco fields' and Eduardo's farm that is located in the heart of the region. Eduardo possesses a diverse amount of plantations such as tobacco, mango, guava, pineapple, rice, coffee and citrus. We will be hosted at a typical restaurant created by his family where we will enjoy our lunch and drinks. Before we depart to Havana at 16:00, we will not miss the opportunity to take pictures of the Prehistorical Mural.

Tropicana Cabaret (This excursion will be sold on board only)

Type of Tour: Culture and Fun

What to bring: Cash and Camera, Included: Drinks - 1/4 bottle of rum with mix per table Important

Info: Tour is not offered to children under 16 years of age.

There is a dress code, men please wear long pants.

The internationally known, Tropicana Cabaret, is the biggest nightclub in Havana and its main attraction is the show. Its design is similar to the extravaganzas of Las Vegas and the famous Lido in Paris back on the 1950's. Every night more than 200 dancers and singers appear on the stage, all accompanied by a giant orchestra. Includes, entrance to Tropicana Cabaret show, welcome drink, ¼ of Havana Club rum bottle per person with a drink for mixing, snacks, and a preferential table.

Buena Vista Social Club Tribute

Type of Tour: Music and Dancing

What to Bring: A love for Cuban music and big Cuban fun.

What to Wear: Put on your red shoes and dance...

A spectacular show with world-class performers. If you loved the Buena Vista Social Club, you'll revel in this incredible tribute show. With salsa and bolero numbers by some of the original Buena Vista Social Club members and Grammy-award winners like Luis Valiente "Betún", Félix Baloy, Luis Barzága and Alberto Virgilio, even the most reserved fans will be hard-pressed to stay in their seats, and keep their feet from dancing!

Havana Rum & Cigars

Type of Tour: Cultural Tour

What to Bring: Camera, cash and a craving for a truly great cigar!

What to Wear: Hat, sunglasses, sunscreen and comfortable shoes.

Cuba is known worldwide for its rum and its hand-rolled cigars. If you love cigars, this tour gives you the opportunity to experience firsthand the traditional process by which the country's beloved "Habanos" are produced! We depart from the cigar factory in our air-conditioned coach to roll past some of Havana's best-known treasures, including the Avenue of the Presidents, the [University of Havana](#) and Revolution Square, where we'll have a quick photo stop. From here our next stop is the incredible [Hotel Nacional de Cuba](#), a Havana landmark and national monument whose former guests include Winston Churchill, Errol Flynn, Rocky

Marciano, John Wayne and newlyweds Ava Gardner and Frank Sinatra, who stayed in Room 225 on their honeymoon in 1951. Another notable guest was infamous mobster Lucky Luciano, who hosted a mob summit here in December 1946. We leave the Nacional for a guided tour of the [Havana Club Museum](#), where we'll learn about the history of rum production in Havana and watch Havana Club rum being made – there'll be a tasting, too, of course! Following the tasting we'll return to the ship.

Havana Colonial

Type of Tour: Cultural and Historical Tour

What to Bring: Camera, Cash

What to Wear: Hat, sunglasses , sunscreen and comfortable shoes.

Old Havana and its fortifications are a [UNESCO World Heritage site](#). Join us on this tour to experience the majesty of colonial Havana. The city was founded in 1519 by the Spanish, and by the 17th century it had become one of the Caribbean's main centers for ship-building. The old city center comprises a breathtaking mix of Baroque and neoclassical monuments and a homogeneous ensemble of private houses with arcades, balconies, wrought-iron gates and internal courtyards. Come meander along the narrow streets of this fascinating city with our expert guide, who will regale you with tales of this magical city's storied history.

Our first stop is the magnificent baroque Palacio De Los Capitanes Generales, the former residence of the governors of Havana and now the Museum of the City of Havana, which houses antique furniture, pottery, jewelry, and other examples of colonial workmanship, as well as models of Havana in earlier centuries – the museum also houses information and exhibits pertaining to the US occupation of Cuba and its influence on the country.

Our next stop is El Floridita, birthplace of the frozen daiquiri and one of Ernest Hemingway's favorite hangouts in Old Havana ("Habana Vieja"). Enjoy a daiquiri or two, then pose for a photo with the statue of Hemingway! We'll return to the ship in a horse-drawn carriage...exactly as they did back in Colonial Havana!

City Tour at Night with Dinner

Type of Tour: City Tour

What to Bring: Camera, Cash

What to Wear: Comfortable shoes

Step back in time on this impeccable excursion that takes you deep into Old Havana and its fortifications, a [UNESCO World Heritage site](#). Old Havana, which is defined by the former city walls, has maintained the pattern of its early urban setting with its large plazas, each with its own architectural character, including the Plaza de Armas, Castillo de la Real Fuerza (one of the oldest colonial fortresses in the Americas, begun in 1558), the Plaza de la Catedral and the Old Square. After touring these architectural marvels we depart from Old Havana for the Fortaleza De San Carlos De La Cabana, a complex system of fortifications that protected Havana and its port and dockyards: construction began in 1763 and was completed in 1774. Our tour of the fortress concludes with a ceremonial cannon shot at 2100 "El Canonazo De Las 9" – the shot signals the closure of the city gates, a custom dating to Havana's colonial era. Once the echo of the cannon-fire dies it's time for dinner .We will dine at one of Havana's famous Paraderos .

Cienfuegos

Cienfuegos City Tour

Type of Tour: History, Culture and more History

What to bring: Camera, Cash and an Inquisitive Mind

Important Info: Please wear comfortable and supportive shoes.

We begin this tour by strolling the streets of this pretty city, known as the Pearl of the South, another UNESCO World Heritage site. From the Boulevard to Marti Park we'll see the Triumph Arch, Bar Meson El Palatino, the oldest building in the city; La Casa del Dundador, residence of Don Luis de Clouet; the old Mayors Office, San Lorenzo School, the Pure Conception Church, and the theatre Tomas Terry built in 1890, now a national monument. By bus, we'll then take in the views of the Cienfuegos Promenade by Jagua Bay to reach Palacio de Valle where we'll be welcomed with a cocktail and learn about the palace, built in 1913 and considered an architectural jewel.

Cienfuegos & Botanical Garden

Type of Tour: Nature, History and Culture

What to bring: Camera and Cash

Important Info: Please wear comfortable and supportive shoes.

This tour begins with the Botanical Garden, outside the city. Founded by Edwin Atkins in 1901 and sponsored by the University of Harvard, it is the third most important in the world for tropical gardens. Over an area of approximately 94 hectares it has more than 1,600 species of plants from five continents with collections of palms, bamboo, and fichus. After the garden we'll head into Cienfuegos to Palacio de Valle where we'll be welcomed with a cocktail and snack. We learn about the palace, built in 1913 and considered an architectural jewel, and marvel at its splendour. From here we head to Paseo del Prado to walk the emblematic street of the city, declared a UNESCO World Heritage site. From the Boulevard to Marti Park we'll see the Triumph Arch, Bar Meson El Palatino, the oldest building in the city; La Casa del Dundador, residence of Don Luis de Clouet; the old Mayors Office, San Lorenzo School, the Pure Conception Church, and the theatre Tomas Terry built in 1890, now a national monument. Enjoy some time to yourself before heading back to the ship.



Trinidad

Type of Tour: History Culture

What to bring: Cash, Camera and Good Footwear

Included: Lunch

Important Info: This tour is NOT recommended for anyone who has difficulty walking. The cobblestone streets

are very uneven and can be steep. Transfer is between 1 ½ - 2 hours each way. Please wear comfortable and supportive shoes.

This full-day excursion begins with the drive from Cienfuegos to Trinidad, another UNESCO World Heritage Site in Cuba. We have a short visit at Chichi's house, the most famous pottery studio in Cuba before we enjoy a local lunch - Indulge in dessert, we will be walking it off today! We begin in the Historical Centre of Trinidad, starting from "Plaza Mayor" square to the Architect Museum and visit the Church of the Holy Trinity. After this you will have the opportunity to enjoy yourself at Canchánchara Bar where we will have a taste of the popular drink 'La Canchánchara', an old beverage prepared by Cuban warriors –and why not enjoy a cigar at the same time? You will have free time on your own to explore and take photos, before heading back to the ship.



El Nicho , Waterfalls and Natural Wonders

Type of Tour: Nature Tour

What to Bring: Cameras and a sense of wonder.

What to Wear: Good walking shoes, bathing suit.

We'll follow the nature trail through woodlands, past fragrant orange and avocado trees, across meandering rivers and streams teeming with exotic birdlife, and take in the stunning vistas of the Escambray Mountains. The guided tour will culminate at the famous **El Nicho Park waterfalls where**, you can swim in the calm pools of water, under the spray of a cooling tropical waterfall. Then, after working up a healthy appetite, we'll do Creole at the El Colibiri restaurant. You'll have burned off all those calories, no worries!

Cuban Nature

Type of Tour: Nature and Culture all in one.

What to Bring: Cameras ,Cash,sunscreen

What to Wear: Good walking shoes,hat and sunglasses.

Spend some time amidst the natural splendor of Cuba, then visit Cienfuegos, a 19th century planned city and a [UNESCO World Heritage site](#). This excursion is a gift to nature lovers, particularly those who love birds. Cuba is home to 368 species of birds, of which 25 are endemic. We travel by air-conditioned coach to a private nature preserve, where our hosts will greet us with a tasty welcome drink and a brief explanation of how the preserve was created and what we should expect on our hike. We then begin our short trek through the unspoiled natural beauty of central Cuba to the edge of an inland lake, where we'll board small rowboats. As

we row we'll see many examples of the incredible avifauna of Cuba, including colonies of beautiful pink flamingos.

After our hike we leave the nature preserve to visit the colonial town of Cienfuegos, "the Pearl of the South," which was founded in 1819. Situated on the Caribbean coast of southern-central Cuba at the heart of the country's sugar cane, mango, tobacco and coffee production area, the town first developed in the neoclassical style – it became more eclectic as it grew but still retained a harmonious overall townscape. We'll enjoy a panoramic view of Cienfuegos, followed by a visit to the magnificent Teatro Thomas Terry. Built between 1887 and 1889 to honor Venezuelan industrialist Tomás Terry, this 950-seat opera house and theater is decorated with Carrara marble and hand-carved Cuban hardwoods. Don't forget to look up for a view of the theater's ceiling frescoes. We leave the theater and return to the ship.

Swimming with the Dolphins

Type of Tour: Nature and Culture all in one.

What to Bring: Cameras ,Cash,sunscreen.

What to Wear: Bathing suit, hat and sunglasses.

Let's have some fun! We are off to meet the dolphins. We'll enjoy a welcome drink before the dolphin show, a performance that demonstrates how intelligent these incredible creatures are. After the show it's time to get wet and up-close to the friendly stars!

Swimming with a dolphin is a magical experience. No matter what you imagine or how much you think about it before it happens, nothing can prepare you for it. It is a profound emotional experience, something you'll always remember, a story you'll tell your friends and families again and again.

Montego Bay – JAMAICA

Dunn's River Falls

Type of Tour: Nature and Adventure

What to bring: Swimsuit, Towel and Cash Included: Lunch

Important Info: Changing area is limited, you may want to wear swimsuit under your clothes.

Camera may get wet; suggest not bringing it and just enjoying the memory.

Limited lockers are available for a charge.

Water shoes are needed to climb the falls.

Minimum age is 13. Minimum number of participants needed is 18 for this excursion to go.

Enjoy a scenic drive from Montego Bay port to Jamaica's interior near "Ochie" where you will climb the world-famous Dunn's River Falls. This not-to-be-missed attraction is fun for the whole family. We will enjoy the "refreshing" waters as we climb to the top. If it seems a little out of your comfort zone, enjoy the beach at the bottom of the falls for the morning, then meet back up with friends and family to do a little souvenir shopping in the market. Afterwards we will continue into Columbus Park where you will enjoy a traditional Jerk lunch before returning to the ship.

Negril Beach Day

Type of Tour: Nature and Relaxation

What to bring: Camera, cash, swimsuit and towel

Important Info: Food and drinks are not included.

Want to spend your day in Jamaica doing nothing in paradise? This is it. Your watch may say 10:30am but it's always "Happy Hour" at Jimmy Buffet's Margaritaville, our base point in Negril. Enjoy a welcome drink as you lounge on the beach chairs on the stunning 7 miles of beautiful white sand. Or, spend the day walking the beach, sunning yourself and swimming. It's up to you. There is even a play area for the kids. While the music plays in the background, enjoy the full lunch menu and cocktails. As an option, our shuttle will be taking a ride up to world famous Rick's Café, voted one of the best bars in the world – here you can enjoy the pool or if you're adventurous, jump from the cliffs.



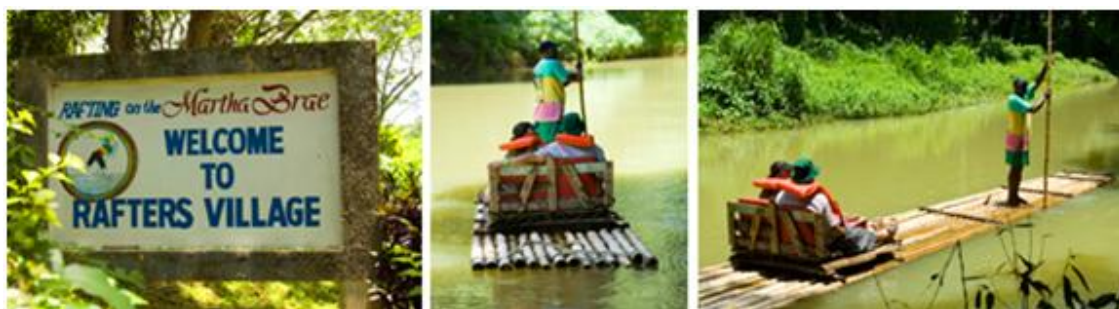
Bamboo Rafting

Type of Tour: Culture, Relaxation and Romance

What to bring: Camera and Cash

Important Info: Lunch is NOT included. Tour is not offered to children under 16 years of age.

Download some Reggae music and leave all your distractions behind you. Take some time for yourself to enjoy the beauty of Jamaica and the company of one another. The seven metre long Bamboo rafts, originally used to carry bananas downriver for export, became famous when Errol Flynn put a seat on the raft, for the comfort of his Hollywood friends while they were in Jamaica on vacation. This is a great way to unwind and enjoy a true Jamaican experience.



Greenwood Great House & Historical Falmouth

Type of Tour: History and Culture

What to bring: Camera and Cash

Important Info: Lunch is NOT included.

Our tour starts with a short drive into Montego Bay from Rose Hall to Greenwood and the historical

Greenwood Great House. During this guided tour we will learn about the history and the life of its former owners. The house is full of interesting antiques and rare items. It is listed as the finest antique museum in the Caribbean and definitely the most interesting Great House in Jamaica. We finish the tour with a refreshing drink, and a quiet moment to reflect on all the history the house has to offer. We then continue on to Falmouth, Jamaica, noted for being one of the Caribbean's best preserved Georgian towns. We will stop at places like Baptist Manse, Water Square, and the Parish Church, which date back to the 1790s.

Santiago de Cuba

Gran Piedra & Baconao

Type of Tour: Nature, Culture and History

What to bring: Camera, Cash, Good Footwear

Included: Lunch and a cocktail

Important Info: Please wear comfortable and supportive shoes.

We begin the day on a road trip to Gran Piedra Park, the settlement of an early French coffee plantation within the larger park, Sierra Maestra at 1234m above sea level. Here we'll visit the Botanical Garden Ave del Paraiso, with more than 200 types of ferns and orchids. We will continue the drive up to the base of the La Gran Piedra, one of the highest mountain ranges in Cuba. For those adventurous enough, you can climb the 450 steps to the lookout, which boasts a spectacular view of southern Caribbean coast. From here it's off to Parque Baconao, with a stop at La Granjita Siboney National Monument which is the house where the Moncada Heroes slept before fighting with Fidel Castro in the Moncada garrison attack.

We'll also visit Valle de la Prehistoria, home to over 200 prehistoric animals from the Endozoic and Mesozoic eras in their original sizes and shapes. A visit to Cuba would not be complete without visiting the Museum of Transport with a wonderful array of old cars and the largest collection of miniatures in Cuba.

Santiago Special

Type of Tour: Culture and History

What to bring: Camera and Cash

Included: Lunch

Today is full of history and culture as you experience the fantastic city of Santiago de Cuba. We will walk through the main streets and avenues of the city, we will drive through San Juan Hill, former residential neighbourhoods, Antonio Maceo Revolution Square, the bar of the former Bacardi Rum Factory La Barrita de Ron Caney. We then travel by motorcoach to visit El Morro Castle a UNESCO world heritage site dating back to the late 16th and 17th centuries and Santa Ifigenia Cemetery, where we will witness the changing of the guard to honour a Cuban national hero, Jose Marti. For lunch today, we will enjoy an outdoor seafood lunch overlooking the picturesque Cayo Granma, after a leisurely lunch if time permits we will have free time at the main square downtown.

Panoramic Santiago

Type of Tour: Culture and History

What to bring: Camera and Cash

Your adventure today will give you the opportunity to get your bearings on this historically rich city, with a

panoramic tour of Santiago by motorcoach. We will stop at El Morro Castle a UNESCO world heritage site and Santa Ifigenia Cemetery to witness the changing of the guard outside of Jose Marti's mausoleum and tour the cemetery where such notable figures are laying at rest such as Emilio Bacardi from the rum empire and Compay Segundo of the Buena Vista Social Club fame. After you come back to the ship, feel free to head back out and explore the city by foot at your own leisure to some of this morning's visits or to happen upon new gems.

Biran – History Will Absolve Me

Type of Tour: Culture and History

What to bring: Camera and Cash

Love history? Join us for a fascinating guided excursion into the history of modern Cuba! We'll travel from the harbor by air-conditioned coach to Biran, the birthplace of Fidel Castro. On our way to Biran we will drive through the exquisite countryside of Santiago de Cuba, the "Wild East" of Cuba.

Biran is the village where Angel Castro, Fidel's father, built a farm after he arrived here from Spain in the fall of 1915. He and his wife, Lina, raised nine children here, including Fidel. In addition to his sprawling farm, Angel Castro also built a general store, a telegraph room, a school, a hotel and a mini cockfighting stadium. The Castro home was rescued and lovingly restored in 1979 by Celia Sánchez, Fidel's friend and rumored lover.

From Biran we drive to La Granjita Siboney. It was from this farm, at 5:15am on July 26, 1953, that 26 cars under the command of Fidel Castro left to attack the Moncada garrison in Santiago de Cuba and "take over the heavens." The house retains many of its original details, including the dainty room used by the two compañeras who participated in the attack, Haydee Santamaría and Melba Hernández. There are also displays of weapons, documents, photos and personal effects related to the attack. Weapons were hidden in the well beside the building.

After La Granjita Siboney we'll enjoy a delicious lunch in a local restaurant, followed by a visit to the "26 de Julio" monument in Santiago and some free time to stroll about this lovely city. Viva Cuba!