Rum and Revolution 15 Days

An amazing 2 week journey staying with friendly local hosts, exploring Cuba's colourful buildings and provincial streets and walking on the wild side of Cuba's largest ecosystem of swamps and lagoons!

TOUR DETAILS:

- Starts in: Havana / Ends in: Havana
- Departs: Saturdays - Year Round
- No local payment required
- Breakfast:2, Lunch: 0, Dinner: 0
- Tour Guide: Yes

ONLINE RESOURCES:

- For a detailed GO GUIDE - click here
- To book this trip - click here
- To enquire about this trip - click here

TOUR MAP:

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Day 1:

Upon arrival at Havana Airport make your own way to our joining hotel. Spend the rest of the day independently exploring the city stuck in a time warp. Perhaps grab a classic 1950's American taxi and head to Old Havana with its narrow streets and overhanging balconies with an old world charm. Overnight - Havana

Days 2 - 4:

Havana - Santa Clara - Cienfuegos - Trinidad. After leaving Havana, we spend the night at Santa Clara. where guerrilla leader, and revolutionary theorist, Ernesto "Ché" Guevara de la Serna led the revolutionary troops in the decisive battle of the Cuban Revolution. The leader gained fame (and notoriety) as an outspoken critic of U.S. foreign policy, and as a leading advocate of Cuban-style socialism and guerilla warfare throughout impoverished Latin America. We visit the Ché Guevara memorial and museum where the alleged remains of Ché Guevara are buried. You can also visit the Monumento a la Toma del Tren Blindado, a battle site where Che Guevara derailed an armoured train, defeating those driving it.

Cienfuegos, also known as the 'Pearl of the South' because of its beautiful bay, lovely colonial architecture, and unforgettable hospitality, will keep you easily entertained for two days. There are options to explore some amazing scuba and snorkelling sights and to discover fascinating museums and other colonial treasures.

On day 4 we travel to Trinidad a colonial gem with an array of cobbled streets, colourfully painted buildings, elegant palaces, and lovely colonial plazas. Enjoy your free time and take a tour of the nearby Valley of the Sugar Mills, now a World Heritage Site; relax at nearby Ancona beach or go totally Cuban and take a salsa lesson. Overnight - Santa Clara - homestay (1) Cienfuegos - homestay(1) Trinidad - homestay (1)

Days 5 - 7:

Trinidad - Camaguey. After 2 days of rest and relaxation in Trinidad we travel to Camaguey, Cuba's third largest city. Camaguey's maze of streets were built originally to thwart pirate invaders so be careful not to get too lost! After a night in the town, you can wake the following morning and hop on bicycle taxis to tour the city and its labyrinth streets, visiting all of the major sites. Camaguey's maze of streets were built originally to thwart pirate invaders. Without our trusty bicitaxi drivers we would surely be lost! That afternoon you can explore further and delve into the history of the fascinating town. Overnight - Trinidad - homestay (2) Camaguey - hotel (1)

Days 8 - 9:

Camaguey - Holguin - Baracoa. On day 14 we travel to the popular resort of Holguin for our homestay. With some of the richest scenery in Cuba, Holguin is surrounded by high mountains, rich fields and soft sand beaches. Believed to be the region where Christopher Colombus first landed, the area is full of fascinating history.

The following day we drive to Baracoa, a small seaside town surrounded by rich vegetation where a number of small rivers flow into the ocean. We can take an interesting walk through a small cacao farm, where they explain the process of making chocolate. This small town is deserted during the day but at night, livens up with salsa bars and clubs. it's off to Baracoa to begin our 3 night stay. Why not take a cruise on the River Toa whilst here? Overnight - Holguin - homestay (1) Baracoa - homestay (1)

Days 10 - 13:

Baracoa - Santiago de Cuba. After three days in the town, we drive to Santiago de Cuba arriving late afternoon. Here you can enjoy a salsa lesson, or explore the cathedral, copper mine and museum. You have the option of visiting, the El Moro Castle, built to protect the city from marauding pirates with its stunning sea views and the famous church El Cobre, where people pilgrimage from all over Cuba to ask the deity's help and return to thank her.

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In the evenings a popular place to visit is the famous Casa de la Trova for some live music, where many of the Buena Vista Social Club played before they became famous. Overnight - Baracoa - homestay (2) Santiago de Cuba - homestay (2)

Days 14 - 15:

Santiago de Cuba - Havana. On day 14 We have a morning flight with time in Havana in the afternoon to enjoy some last minute sightseeing and shopping. Tonight we can enjoy a farewell dinner in the evening before saying our goodbyes. Day 15 marks the end of your Cuban adventure, tour arrangements end after hotel checkout Havana

WHAT YOU SEE AND WHAT YOU GET:

Below is a list of key highlights and what is included on this tour. Further, where appropriate, we have listed the items that are not included in the tour price.

Trip Highlights

- Havana - Cuba's eclectic capital
- Homestays - mingle with the locals
- Central Australia - home to the sight of Fidel's Bay of Pigs resistance campaign.
- Cienfuegos with its beautiful bay ad colonial architecture
- Santa Clara - Che Guevara memorial and museum
- Trinidad - with its colourful buildings and elegant palaces
- UNESCO listed Camaguey - built to repel pirate invaders the maze of streets is an adventurers paradise
- Baracoa - a small seaside fishing town where. Enjoy a tour of a cacao farm and see how chocolate is made

What's Included

- 2 breakfasts,
- 14 nights simple hotels, cabins and homestays
- Local transportation - public buses, locally hired buses, mini buses and taxis
- Excursions to Che Guevara Monument and Museum and Bicitaxi Tour of Baracoa
- Escorted by a tour leader
- Specialist local guides at certain sights of interest
- Entrance fees for included excursions

What's Not Included

- International flights, departure and border taxes and visas.
- Tips on all excursions. Tip for your tour leader - an entirely personal gesture.
- Meals - allow US$25-30 spending money per day to cover meals, snacks, drinks, limited souvenirs and any extras.
- Airport transfers - these can be booked at an additional cost upon request.

PRICES AND DATES: from USD $1,609

Prices shown are per person travelling. 'Twin/Double' prices per person apply when there are 2 people travelling, sharing a room. The 'Single supplement' applies for single travellers who require their own room and needs to be added to the 'Twin/Double' price. If you are happy to be paired up with another single traveller of the same sex on your tour, this can be arranged, thus avoiding the single person supplement. All our scheduled tour departures are guaranteed subject to a minimum of 4 travellers. To date we have not cancelled a single trip! Airport transfers are not included but can be booked for an additional cost, see below. Transfer cost is per vehicle (maximum 2 people).

2014

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
03 MAY - 17 MAY	USD $1,609	USD $279
24 MAY - 07 JUN	USD $1,609	USD $279
14 JUN - 28 JUN	USD $1,609	USD $279
05 JUL - 19 JUL	USD $1,609	USD $279
26 JUL - 09 AUG	USD $1,609	USD $279
16 AUG - 30 AUG	USD $1,609	USD $279
06 SEP - 20 SEP	USD $1,609	USD $279
27 SEP - 11 OCT	USD $1,609	USD $279
18 OCT - 01 NOV	USD $1,609	USD $279
08 NOV - 22 NOV	USD $1,609	USD $279
29 NOV - 13 DEC	USD $1,609	USD $279
20 DEC - 03 JAN	USD $1,609	USD $279

2015

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
10 JAN - 24 JAN	USD $1,609	USD $279

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31 JAN - 14 FEB	USD $1,609	USD $279
21 FEB - 07 MAR	USD $1,609	USD $279
14 MAR - 28 MAR	USD $1,609	USD $279
04 APR - 18 APR	USD $1,609	USD $279
25 APR - 09 MAY	USD $1,609	USD $279
16 MAY - 30 MAY	USD $1,609	USD $279
06 JUN - 20 JUN	USD $1,609	USD $279
27 JUN - 11 JUL	USD $1,609	USD $279
18 JUL - 01 AUG	USD $1,609	USD $279
08 AUG - 22 AUG	USD $1,609	USD $279
29 AUG - 12 SEP	USD $1,609	USD $279
19 SEP - 03 OCT	USD $1,609	USD $279