

CUBA & THE CARIBBEAN ISLANDS - HIGHLIGHTS OF HAITI



TRIP CODE

HATSHOH

DEPARTURE

21/11/2020, 19/12/2020,
09/01/2021

DURATION

8 Days

LOCATIONS

Haiti



INTRODUCTION

There is a place in the Caribbean where the tourists don't go; a tropical, rugged place of waterfalls, secret caves, and mountains that scrape the sky. It's a place of bold flavours, intoxicating music, mischievous gods, and colourful art; where the only thing stronger than the rum is the spirit of the people who live there. It's a place where only true travellers go; a place for the brave and the curious. The name of that place? Haiti. Yes, Haiti. This 10-day encounter draws back the veil on this extraordinary, vibrant, and indomitable nation. Experience the energy of Port-au-Prince, the colourful art of Jacmel, the iconic (and UNESCO-protected) Citadelle Laferrière, nurture the arts with at-risk children, and learn the folklore behind Haitian Vodou. Haiti has a future. Be a part of it.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Port-au-Prince

Arrive at any time.



NO IMAGE
AVAILABLE

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DAY 2: Port-au-Prince

Enjoy an included city tour focusing on Haitian history, culture and the vibrant local arts scene. Visit the Iron Market (Marché en Fer). Meet a Vodou priest at Noailles and see the fascinating iron-working community of Croix-des-Bouquets. Fill up on Creole cuisine and culture along the way.



DAY 3: Port-au-Prince/Cap-Haïtien

Fly to Cap-Haïtien and visit the famous Citadelle Laferrière, a UNESCO-designated mountaintop fortress. After, visit the sugarcane fields and learn to make Haitian rum.



DAY 4: Cap-Haïtien


Enjoy a walking tour including the cathedral and main city market. Learn to make kasav, a traditional food of the native Taino people.



DAY 5: Cap-Haïtien/Jacmel

Fly back to Port-au-Prince and continue to Jacmel. This town is known for its vibrant art scene, carnival celebrations, and sandy beaches. Take a city tour focused on the art community here. Pop into artists' studios to view the local papier mâché creations and wander past colourful mosaics on every wall.



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DAY 6: Jacmel

Visit the most famous attraction in the area, Bassin-Bleu. After a fun ride and a hike down hill, arrive at the natural blue pools and waterfalls. Jump in and cool off.



DAY 7: Jacmel/Port-au-Prince


Visit a local grassroots project, the G Adventures-supported Art Creation Foundation for Children. The program teaches at-risk children different types of traditional art while providing meals and a 'second home'. Enjoy a homemade meal here and learn about the great work this organization is doing. Travel back to Port-au-Prince for a final night with the group.



DAY 8: Port-au-Prince

Travel back to Port-au-Prince and depart at any time.




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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Standard
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Inclusions	Citadelle Laferrière visit (Cap-Haïtien) Rum distillery visit Cap-Haïtien city tour Kasav making demonstration Bassin-Bleu visit (Jacmel) Grotte Marie-Jeanne visit (Port-a-Piment) Beach time in Port-Salut Port-au-Prince city tour including Noailles at Croix-de-Bouquets artist communities, Iron Market and Rezistans Artists Internal flights All transport between destinations and to/from included activities 9 breakfasts, 8 lunches, 5 dinners. (Allow USD150-200 for meals not included.) Plane, private van, walking Chief Experience Officer (CEO) throughout, local guides. Small group experience; Max 16, avg 10 Standard hotels (9 nts)
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	Available upon request
Notes	Contact us for more details
Price Dependent upon	Season and availability

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SUSTAINABILITY

Chimu Adventures undertakes a number of sustainability measures within its operations including:

- 1) Only using local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprints. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you're visiting.
- 2) Where possible, using locally owned and operated boutique hotels to maximise the return to the local community.
- 3) Chimu's "Pass it on" programme has provided funding to hundreds of local community projects in Latin America. Our aim is to empower local communities, helping them to develop their own infrastructure for the future. Since 2006, we have been working with Kiva (a well-known Non-Governmental Organisation), providing hundreds of loans to local businesses all over South America.
- 4) In our pre tour information we provide a range of tips and advice on how to minimise your impact on both local environments and communities.
- 5) Chimu Adventures' offices also take a number of sustainability measures including carbon offsets for company vehicles and most staff travel. Chimu Adventure's internal processes are also structures to create a paperless office and to reduce waste. There are also internal programmes to help staff minimise their carbon footprint such as our staff bike purchase assistance plan which encourages office staff to commute to work via bicycle. Currently almost half of our office based staff commute to work via bicycle.