


CUBA IN DEPTH



TRIP CODE
CULCDID
DEPARTURE
Daily
DURATION
16 Days
LOCATIONS
Cuba


INTRODUCTION

Choose this Tailor-Made itinerary or customise to create your own unique journey. Departs daily to suit your travel plans. Price based on Standard accommodation.

Explore the alluring and evocative Caribbean island of Cuba and discover its rich culture and intriguing history. From the vibrant capital Havana, with its beautiful yet shabby colonial buildings to the dramatic rocky outcrops of Vinales, this is a land of contrasts and contradictions. Soak up the colonial charm of Cienfuegos, wander the cobbled streets of Trinidad before ending your trip back amongst the faded charm of Havana.

ITINERARY

CUBA IN DEPTH

DAY 1: Arrival Transfer

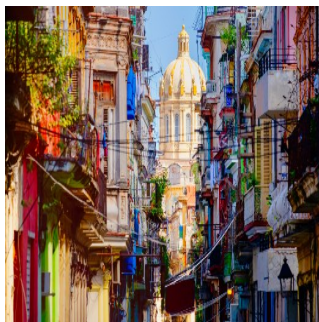
On arrival, please make your way through to the arrivals hall where our representative will be waiting for you to transfer you to your hotel. He/she will be holding a sign with your name on it. Should you not be able to locate them, please refer to the front of your itinerary for emergency contact details of our representative office. Please note this service is with driver only.



DAY 1: Generic Homestay

DAY 2: Old Havana Walking Tour

Explore Old Havana through its World Heritage's colonial architecture and cobblestoned streets as well through its daily life. The excursion will bring you to Plaza de Armas, Plaza de San Francisco de Asis, Plaza Vieja and Plaza de la Catedral. Wander through the small gift shops selling handmade souvenirs and photograph the magnificent buildings. On your way, your guide will show you places so you can get acquainted with the real life of the locals. Your guide will be flexible to please your interests. On completion of your walking tour you will be taken to your hotel. Please note this is a private tour.



DAY 3: Generic Homestay

DAY 3: Transfer Havana to Vinales

This morning you will be collected from your hotel for your road transfer to Vinales. Please note the drive is approximately 4 and a half hours, depending on road conditions. Vinales is one of Cuba's most magnificent natural settings. Dotted with radiant limestone cliffs. Vinales is famous for its traditional farms and villages as well as its colonial-era wooden houses.



TRIP CODE

CULCDID

DEPARTURE

Daily

DURATION

16 Days

LOCATIONS

Cuba



CUBA IN DEPTH

DAY 3: Free Time in Vinales

Vinales is a small and charming rural village. It's probably the easiest place to mingle with locals in Cuba, who are very sociable. Many of them love nothing better than to drink rum and dance the night away. Later you may head to an ecological farm for dinner.



DAY 4: Vinales Tour

This morning you will be collected from your hotel for your half day exploration of Vinales. Visit the valley's most interesting sites, starting with Mirador de los Jazmines, where you'll have one of the most expansive views of the Viñales Valley. Go to the town of Viñales and on to Dos Hermanas Valley for a look at the Mural de la Prehistoria. Although a visit to a cigar factory is not included in this tour, you will visit and see tobacco plantations and learn about the process of cigar making. The abundance of the tobacco fields will vary due to the seasons of the year. The tour includes a visit to Cueva del Indio which involves travelling by boat along an underground river. On completion of your walking tour, you will be taken to your hotel. Please note this is a private tour.




DAY 5: Generic Homestay

DAY 5: Transfer Vinales to Havana

In the morning you will begin your transfer from Vinales back to Havana. This service will include transfers by bus and private transfer. You will be transferred from your hotel in Vinales to the bus station. Please note this journey is approximately 5 and a half hours.



TRIP CODE
CULCDID
DEPARTURE
Daily
DURATION
16 Days
LOCATIONS
Cuba


CUBA IN DEPTH

DAY 6: Depart Havana

At the appropriate time you will be collected from your hotel and taken to the airport for your onward flight. Please note this service is with driver only.



DAY 6: Fly Havana To Baracoa

In the morning you will board your flight from Havana to Baracoa. Flight time is approximately 2 hours and 20 minutes.



DAY 6: Arrival in Baracoa


On arrival, please make your way through tot he arrivals hall where our representative will be waiting for you to transfer you to your hotel. He/she will be holding a sign with your name on it. Should you not be able to locate them, please refer to the front of your itinerary for emergency contact details of our representative office. Please note this service is with driver only.



DAY 6: Baracoa: Walking City Tour

Wander around Cuba’s first village, embracing the legacy of Spanish settlers. This lively city is one of the most charming places to visit, with a waterfront lining the coast, considered by many, as one of the finest ocean drives in the world. Admire the town’s iconic fortresses, visible as you walk through the beautiful streets and picturesque church. Soak up the friendly atmosphere, colourful history and spectacular architecture.



TRIP CODE
CULCDID
DEPARTURE
Daily
DURATION
16 Days
LOCATIONS
Cuba


CUBA IN DEPTH

DAY 7: Free Day in Baracoa

Today, you will enjoy a chance to explore the city of Baracoa at your leisure.



DAY 8: Baracoa to Santiago de Cuba

This afternoon you will be collected from your hotel and transferred to the bus station in time to board the local bus to Santiago de Cuba. The journey may take upto five hours. On arrival in Santiago de Cuba, you will be transferred to your hotel.



DAY 9: Panoramic Tour of Santiago de Cuba


This morning you will be collected from your hotel to explore Santiago de Cuba. Tour the heroic city of Santiago to discover a warm and hospitable people and how the spirit of history is felt everywhere. Visit a former residential area. See La Loma de San Juan, the Revolution Square, the Santa Ifigenia graveyard to witness the changing of the guard, and the Moncada Barracks. Visit the Caney Rum bar to taste a locally brewed rum. A stopover at the Cespedes Park for 45 minutes will give you the opportunity to share with locals or simply check on the stores and take pictures. On completion of your walking tour, you will be taken to your hotel. Please note this is a private tour.



DAY 10: Santiago de Cuba to Bayamo

Early this morning you will be collected from your hotel and transferred to the bus station in time to board the local bus to Bayamo. The journey may take up to three hours. On arrival in Bayamo, you will be transferred to your hotel.



TRIP CODE
CULCDID
DEPARTURE
Daily
DURATION
16 Days
LOCATIONS
Cuba


CUBA IN DEPTH

DAY 10: Panoramic Tour of Bayamo

This morning you will be collected from your hotel to explore Bayamo. Discover the rebellious spirit of Bayamo on a walking tour featuring the city’s highlights. Wander around the town centre and whereabouts to learn about interesting episodes in the history of Cuba. Daily life here revolves around Céspedes Park, the Hymn Square and Céspedes birthplace (museum and monument). The tour includes a visit to Wax Museum and a drink. On completion of your walking tour, you will be taken to your hotel. Please note this is a private tour. Please note: Bayamo Wax Museum is closed on Monday.



DAY 11: Bayamo to Camaguey

Early this morning you will be collected from your hotel and transferred to the bus station in time to board the local bus to Camaguey. The journey may take up to six hours. On arrival in Camaguey, you will be transferred to your hotel.




DAY 12: Camaguey City Tour

This morning you will be collected from your hotel to explore Camaguey. Enjoy a pleasant stroll along the rich colonial-style UNESCO heritage centre of Camaguey city. Discover its irregular, intricate street network while admiring the architectural beauty of San Juan de Dios Square, Ignacio Agramonte Park and the Worker’s Square among other local attractions. On completion of your tour, you will be taken to your hotel. Please note this is a private tour.



DAY 12: Generic Homestay

TRIP CODE
CULCDID
DEPARTURE
Daily
DURATION
16 Days
LOCATIONS
Cuba


CUBA IN DEPTH

DAY 12: Camaguey to Trinidad

At the appropriate time you will be transferred to Trinidad for your onward journey.



DAY 12: Music Night in Trinidad


Enjoy an unforgettable evening of music and dance, accompanied by a very attentive and nice local.



DAY 13: Trinidad & Sugar Mill Valley

This morning you will be collected from your hotel to explore Trinidad. Be the protagonist of a spectacular journey to UNESCO World Heritage Sites Valle de los Ingenios and Trinidad. Climb to the top of the Manaca-Iznaga tower and rejoice with the jaw dropping landscape. Continue to Trinidad for lunch at a local restaurant and afterwards, wander through the historical centre of the city to admire its remarkable colonial architecture. Stroll through La Plaza Mayor; visit a Museum and stop at La Canchanchara bar and a ceramic workshop. Complimentary drink at a local restaurant. On completion of your tour you will be taken to your hotel. Please note this is a private tour. Lunch and entrance fees are included.



TRIP CODE
CULCDID
DEPARTURE
Daily
DURATION
16 Days
LOCATIONS
Cuba


CUBA IN DEPTH

DAY 14: Trinidad Free Day

Today is a free day in Trinidad. For some beachside fun and perhaps a little snorkelling, head down to Playa Ancon. Just be careful you don't stand on a sea urchin. At some point while you're here, a great activity is to go to a folklore show at one of the town's numerous open-air venues. Cuba has a rich and varied music and dance tradition that draws roots from Spain, Africa and France, and this is your chance to experience it all first-hand, from the Mambo to the rumba.



DAY 15: Trinidad - Cienfuegos

At the appropriate time, you will be transferred by your private driver to the city of Cienfuegos.



DAY 15: Cienfuegos Tour With Lunch


Spend half a day unveiling the secrets of Cienfuegos city, the so called Pearl of the South. Enjoy a panoramic tour through the National Monument (La Punta), El Palacio de Valle and El Paseo del Prado. Stroll along the boulevard to visit the monument to one of Cuba's most treasured musicians, Benny Moré. Make the most of your time in the city's heart by visiting the Cathedral as well as the Thomas Terry Theatre, one of Cuba's oldest and most beautiful theatres. Lunch is included at a local restaurant.



DAY 15: Cienfuegos to Havana

This afternoon you will be taken to the bus station in time to board the local bus to Havana. Journey will take approximately five hours. On arrival in Havana, you will be transferred to your hotel.



TRIP CODE
CULCDID
DEPARTURE
Daily
DURATION
16 Days
LOCATIONS
Cuba


CUBA IN DEPTH

DAY 16: Depart Havana


At the appropriate time you will be collected from your hotel and taken to the airport for your onward flight. Please note this service is with driver only.



INCLUSIONS & DETAILS	
Accommodation	Standard
Inclusions	Private airport transfers Accommodation with breakfast daily Sightseeing with local English speaking guides as detailed in itinerary Other meals where stated EXCLUSIONS: International flights Visa and reciprocity fees (if applicable) Travel insurance Beverages Personal expenses Gratuities for tour guides and drivers Any items not mentioned as included
Difficulty Rating	1 (easy)
Single Surcharge	Available upon request, contact us for more details.
Notes	This is a Tailor-Made itinerary which can be customised to create your own unique journey. Contact us to discuss your travel plans.
Price Dependent upon	Seasonality & Availability

SUSTAINABILITY

Being environmentally accountable is a crucial part of our organisation. Chimu is currently striving towards using less paper, taking several initiatives to do so and tracking our progress along the way. Our goal: A paperless organisation. For this reason, all information given to you will be sent electronically. We encourage those who choose to travel with us to support our aspirations and actions and ask that you reconsider

TRIP CODE
CULCDID
DEPARTURE
Daily
DURATION
16 Days
LOCATIONS
Cuba


CUBA IN DEPTH

printing out documentation. To view these documents, you can download them to your iPad or portable computer before and during your trip.

Chimu is passionate and dedicated to sustainability measures and understands the crucial part sustainability plays within the tourism industry.

We use local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprint. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you're visiting. Our guides are all highly qualified (most with university degrees) or equip with many years of experience and are paid above the standard wage. Whether it be our knowledgeable local guides, locally produced meals or the transport on tour, we do not use imported goods when local products are available. We aim to minimise our impact on the environment and give as much back as possible to the communities we work in.

While visiting the many national parks, heritage sites, museums and landmarks our travellers are encouraged to explore whilst remaining culturally aware and sensitive. We further encourage you to buy appropriate souvenirs and discourage the buying of anything wrongfully made or taken from the environment i.e. shells and endangered species products. Information on how you can be environmentally conscious, and travel responsibly will be made available in our Travellers Guides and provided during your travels by guides and staff.

For more information on our sustainability policies, including how we are striving towards being a paperless organisation, click [HERE](#)

TRIP CODE

CULCDID

DEPARTURE

Daily

DURATION

16 Days

LOCATIONS

Cuba

