Family of 12 persons | 6 doubles or twins April 2023



Program:

Day 1 ARRIVAL DAY

Arrival in Havana. Welcome by your guide and transfer in a 24 seats AC bus to your hotel: Royalton Habana Paseo del Prado. Check-out the roof top mirador with a 360 degrees view over the entrance of the bay and Old Havana. You have 6 rooms with view on the Malecon and sea including breakfast.

website hotel: <u>https://www.royaltonresorts.com/resorts/habana</u>



A bit later we walk into Old Havana and have dinner at Ivan Justo Al Carbon, typical Cuban paladar with creole food. We have a 3-course dinner with welcome cocktail, water, coffee and 1 drink of choice included. The main dish has 3 offers put in big plates in the middle of the table. After dinner the guide walks back with guests to the hotel.

https://www.facebook.com/Al-Carb%C3%B3n-Ivan-chefs-Justo-Habana-501612280003314/

Day 2 CLASSIC HAVANA

9 am classic American vintage cars (open roof / 3 persons per car) take us on a tour with the guide

through the city. We visit the Plaza de la Revolucion, the areas of Miramar and Vedado, the Parque Metropolitano and the view point over the city from Morro Castle. We are back in Old Havana and have lunch at the typical paladar or private restaurant MERCADERES (3-course menu with welcome cocktail, water and coffee).

Afternoon walk in Old Havana passing by colonial plazas and streets. The walk ends back at the hotel and guests can take a refreshing swim in the roof top pool with views on the Malecon.

Free evening.

Day 3 COOKING LESSON

9h30 am with the guide the group walks to the house of Marisuri where the local cook has gathered all ingredients for a typical Cuban meal. He will explain the main ingredients and techniques to prepare a typical Cuban meal of rice, beans, cassava, pork, typical Cuban coffee and dessert. After the preparations we will all enjoy this meal in the house. The guide will be with us the whole time to translate and assist. He will walk us back to the hotel. Free evening.

Day 4 CIENFUEGOS, CARIBBEAN CITY

09h00 am drive by our comfortable coach to Cienfuegos (4 hours). On arrival we tour this relaxing Caribbean city with visits of the Parque Martí, the Prado boulevard, the Punta Gorda area with Palacio Valle. Architecture is in eclectic style of the turn of the century. The huge bay is never far away.

We check in to the centrally located boutique hotel Melia San Carlos. We have 6 rooms with city view (no sea view as this is not near the sea), including breakfast. Website: <u>https://www.meliacuba.com/cuba-hotels/hotel-melia-sancarlos</u>



In the evening we have a short transfer to the peninsula Punta Gorda into the bay. Here we have a dinner at the water side in paladar Villa Lagarto (3-course menu with welcome cocktail, water and coffee).

Day 5 HUMMING BIRD AT THE BAY OF PIGS

We make an early morning start with the drive to the Bay of Pigs (1,5 hour). We drive into the nature park Las Bermejas and do bird watching looking out for the smallest bird on earth, the zunzun or bee hummingbird. We have a local guide coming along to make sure we find it.

In the afternoon there is time to go for some snorkeling as the sea coast here is one of the best and easiest places to do snorkeling in Cuba. Straight from the shore you see the underwater world of reefs, tropical fish and even shipwrecks. Return to Cienfuegos in the afternoon.



We have dinner in the hotel.

Day 6 WATERFALLS IN THE MOUNTAINS

08h30 am we drive to the village of Cumanayagua (30 min). We change to a mountain truck and go into the mountains of the Escambray over steep dirt road (1 hour). We arrive in the valley of El Nicho. Here we do a light trail along several waterfalls surrounded by tropical jungle. We can observe birds here like the Tocororo, the Cuban national bird. In the falls we can swim if we want in the cool pure water. In the afternoon we drive back with the truck and the bus to Cienfuegos. Free afternoon.



In the evening we have a short transfer to the peninsula Punta Gorda into the bay. Here we have a dinner at the water side in paladar Camila (3-course menu with welcome cocktail, water and coffee).

Day 7 VARADERO BEACH

In the morning we say goodbye to Cienfuegos and drive to the beaches of Varadero (3 hours). We check in to our hotel Paradisus Varadero. We have very nice rooms in the compound The Reserve: all rooms are on the lower floor and have a balcony with direct access to the pool in front. This is an all-inclusive resort (all drinks, meals and entertainment included). The compound The Reserve (284 rooms) is part of a bigger hotel with almost 800 rooms but only guests of The Reserve can access the facilities of it while you can access also the central part and beach area of the hotel. Free evening.

website hotel: https://www.meliacuba.com/cuba-hotels/hotel-paradisus-varadero



Day 8 DAY ON THE SEA AND SWIMMING WITH DOLPHINS

08H30 am your guide picks you up and takes you to the Varadero marina. Here you have a private yacht to take you on a day on the sea. First stop is at the dolphin center in the middle of the ocean. You have the experience of being in the water with the creatures. You can touch them and you have great photo opportunities. You continue to a snorkeling spot (material included). You end up for lunch at the island Cayo Blanco (seafood buffet | island is not exclusive). You have time on the beach or can continue sailing back slowly to the marina. Return around 4h00 pm. Drinks and the meal are included in the day.



Free evening in the all-inclusive.

Day 9 VARADERO ALL-INCLUSIVE

Free day in the all-inclusive. We can arrange a family dinner reservation in one of the a la carte restaurants of the hotel.

Day 10 TRANSFER RETURN

According to your flight we have transfer return to Havana airport.

Budget:

		Rate		
Day	Item	usd	Quantity	Total usd
Day 1	Transfer in with guide	255	1	255
	Paseo del Prado BB dbl SV	262	6	1572
	Dinner Ivan Justo Al Carbon	40	12	480
Day 2	Guide service	80	1	80
	Classic cars (4 cars 3 hours)	120	4	480
	Lunch Mercaderes	35	12	420
	Paseo del Prado BB dbl SV	262	6	1572
Day 3	Guide service	80	1	80
	Cooking lesson	50	1	50
	Lunch at the house	22	12	264
	Paseo del Prado BB dbl SV	262	6	1572
Day 4	Bus 5 days + guide	2495	1	2495
	Entrances	8	12	96
	Melia San Carlos City View BB dbl	140	6	840
	Dinner Camila	30	12	360
Day 5	Birdwatching Las Salinas with guide	20	12	240
	Snorkeling Punta Perdiz	3	12	36
	Melia San Carlos City View BB dbl	140	6	840
	Dinner hotel	20	12	240
Day 6	Truck El Nicho	200	1	200
	Entrances Nicho Park	14	12	168
	Melia San Carlos City View BB dbl	140	6	840
	Dinner Villa Lagarto	30	12	360
Day 7	Paradisus VRA Reserve Garden Swim-up dbl	325	6	1950
Day 8	Private boat excursion day	1400	1	1400
	Paradisus VRA Reserve Garden Swim-up dbl	325	6	1950
Day 9	Paradisus VRA Reserve Garden Swim-up dbl	325	6	1950
Day				
10	Transfer out with guide	565	1	565
	Handling fee	10	12	120
	Total in usd			21475
	Rate per person in usd			1789.583

Included:

- All mentioned services of lodging, transportation, guidance, meals, entrance fees.

Not included:

- International flight and tourist card
- Health insurance
- Personal expenses and tipping

Payment is done to an account in Cuba (Banco Financiero Internacional | swift BFICCUHH) in CAD (according to conversion of the day). Option to pay to an intermediary account in Spain or Panama with an extra cost of 3%).

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