



Here is your package for

# Cuba 9 Days

8 Nights/9 Days

Tour Code : STL/BI/1031

# Overview

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Destinations

Havana , Trinidad , Varadero



Meals

Breakfast 7 , Dinner 6 , Lunch 4

## Highlights



Visiting the historical and colonial places of this beautiful island. Seep away the Havana Rum and witness the rolling of the Cuban cigars.

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# Tour Gallery



# Itinerary

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Day  
1

## Depart for Havana

Today upon arrival into Havana, transfer to the hotel.

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Day  
2

## Havana - Museum of Rum - Hemingway

Enjoy an afternoon tour of Havana to see some of the colonial-style buildings, piazzas and parks. Visit a cigar factory, the Havana Club Rum Museum and stroll past city highlights such as the Plaza de Armas, and the palace of Cuban Arts and Crafts and much more.

Breakfast, Dinner

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Day  
3

## Havana - Pinar Del Rio - Vinales Valley - Havana

Depart for a sightseeing tour of Pinar del Rio. Visit Vinales Valley, declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1999. Route travels along the lush tobacco plantations. An area of outstanding natural beauty, learn about the making of cigars, the tobacco production and processing through to wrapping cigars. Visit the Mural De La Prehistoria (Prehistory Wall) and later discover underground rivers, caves and pin cushion shaped hills forming the spectacular landscape. Return back to Havana for the night.

Breakfast, Dinner

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Day  
4

## Havana - Guama - Cienfuegos - Trinidad

Check out from the hotel and drive towards the Zapata Peninsula to visit Cuba's most important nature reserve Montemar National Park in Guama region. Take a speedboat tour of the natural lagoon to visit the Aldea Taino Aboriginal Village and learn about the customs of the ancient indigenous inhabitants. Later visit the country's largest crocodile breeding farm. Depart for Cienfuegos as we pass by the beautiful seaside villas along the way. On arrival at Cienfuegos have a walking tour along the famous Malecon (paved walkways). Cienfuegos, founded by French settlers, has European-style architecture. Continue your drive for overnight in Trinidad.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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Day  
5

## Trinidad - Varadero

Today have a walking city tour of Trinidad, a small colonial town founded more than 500 years ago that was once attributed by the abundance of its sugar cane plantations. Here, discover another face of Cuba. Visit the Plaza Mayor, The Tower of Contrabandido, the Cathedral, La Santissima Trinidad Square and the exhibition of the Romantic Museum. Later walk in the old town and stop at the famous Canchanchara bar to sample the authentic drink of Trinidad, special cocktail still made from the original recipe of Aguardiente and honey, called Canchanchara. Drive to Varadero to an all-inclusive seaside resort.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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Day  
6

### Varadero Free Day Beach Resort

Free at leisure to enjoy the beach.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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Day  
7

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Day  
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### Varadero - Havana

Transfer to the airport in time for your flight for onwards destination.

Breakfast

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Day  
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### Arrival

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# Payment Schedule & Policy

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## Payment Schedule

- 50% of Holiday Cost for International Flight Tours at the time of Booking 84 days / 12 weeks prior to departure
- 56 days / 8 weeks prior to departure 100% of the Holiday Cost for International Flight Tours

## Cancellation Policy

- More than 56 days prior to departure date 50% of Total Holiday Cost for International Flight Tours
  - 55 - 42 days prior to departure date 75% of Total Holiday Cost for International Flight Tours
  - 41 - 15 days prior to departure date 90% of Total Holiday Cost for International Flight Tours
  - 14 days prior to departure date 100% of Total Holiday Cost for International Flight Tours
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# Inclusions / Exclusions

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- Meal plans as indicated in the itinerary [ For City Of Origins : **From London (with Flight), From Havana (without Flight)** ]
- Executive coach transportation [ For City Of Origins : **From London (with Flight), From Havana (without Flight)** ]
- Entrances to sightseeing's and excursions as per the itinerary [ For City Of Origins : **From London (with Flight), From Havana (without Flight)** ]
- Premium services of Bi-lingual Tour Director / Escort / Leader / Manager (when minimum numbers of passengers reached) [ For City Of Origins : **From London (with Flight), From Havana (without Flight)** ]
- Return flights from one of these airports depending on availability of flights: London Heathrow / Gatwick / Stanstead / Luton / London City Airport [ For City Of Origins : **From London (with Flight)** ]
- Accommodation in 3\* / 4\* star hotels with breakfast [ For City Of Origins : **From London (with Flight), From Havana (without Flight)** ]
- Tips to local guides and drivers included [ For City Of Origins : **From London (with Flight), From Havana (without Flight)** ]

## Exclusions

- Items of personal nature viz. telephone calls, drinks (beverages), laundry, other meals, potter service, other personal expenses, etc.. [ For City Of Origins : **From London (with Flight), From Havana (without Flight)** ]
- Visa charges [ For City Of Origins : **From London (with Flight), From Havana (without Flight)** ]
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# FAQ

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## Can I join the Cuba Tour from any part of the world?

**A:** Yes, you can fly to Havana (Cuba), our first point in the tour preferably a day earlier. Please do inquire in the office to arrange your logistics for both arrival and departure.

## Weather & Essential to carry

**A:**

### Q. How can I check the local weather?

**A:** You can check the local weather to your destinations here: [www.accuweather.com](http://www.accuweather.com)

### Q. What is the best time to travel?

**A:** Every effort has been made to select date where the weather is moderate to ensure your best experience of Cuba. (Kindly note due to changing weather conditions globally, Sonatours is not liable for weather variations).

### Q. What clothes shall I wear or pack?

**A:** During the lovely summer months, it is advisable to wear light garments during the day but keep a light jacket or sweater in your hand luggage as evenings can get chilly.

**A:** We suggest waterproof jacket and pair of sunglasses.

**A:** During the holiday most of the dressing is casual attire. Should you independently wish to visit Casino or Nightclub, evening wear is required.

### Q. What kind of footwear will I need on the trip?

**A:** We suggest trainers, walking shoes, sandals, chappals or similar.

## Passport; Immigration & Visa

**A:**

### Q. Do I need to carry a passport?

**A:** Yes, all passengers must travel with their passport if traveling outside the country you live in. We request you to see the following websites for the latest updates on travel to your destinations.

**For UK Residents:** [www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice](http://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice)

**For USA Resident:** [travel.state.gov/content/travel.html](http://travel.state.gov/content/travel.html)

### Q. How long should the passport be valid?

**A:** Please ensure you have a passport that is valid for at least 6 months from the date of completing your tour.

### Q. What are the Visa Requirements?

**A:** You are responsible to ensure that you have correct documentation.

**British passport holders:** Do require a visa/Tourist Card to travel to Cuba. This can be applied online (visa updates to follow), please find the link below: <https://www.cubavisa.uk/>

**Non-British passport holders:** Please do check with the Cuban Embassy in country of your residence. Sonatours is not responsible or liable in any way should you be denied travel due to incorrect documentation

### Q. What happens to me if I am stopped at custom and immigration?

**A:** Sonatours cannot be held responsible if passengers are stopped or held by any government departments, e.g. Police, Customs, Immigration or any other authorities. We are sorry to say that the tour will continue and no financial or any other kind of responsibility will be accepted by Sonatours.

## Money Matters

**A:**

### Q. What is the currency used?

**A:** The currency in Cuba is Cuban Peso (CUP).

There is limited acceptance of American Dollars (USD) in private shops in Cuba.

### Q. Can I use my Credit/Debit cards there?

**A:** We recommend that you take a credit or debit card on holiday with you, as it provides extra financial flexibility. Major international credit cards, such as Visa or MasterCard are accepted by many restaurants, shops and hotels.

Most countries are using chip and pin. In cases where chip and pin not used, please be cautious when handing your debit/credit card.

### Q. Are ATM machines available?

**A:** Major cities will have limited cash/ATM machines where cash can be withdrawn with your credit or debit card, though this might incur a fee charged by your card provider. Advise your bank which countries you are visiting prior to travel so that you do not run the risk of your card being refused and subsequent expensive phone calls to unlock it.

### Q. Where can I exchange my money?

**A:** Money can be exchanged at Airports, Banks, Exchange Bureaus and at the hotels. You may also need your passport for identification, please be aware that locally exchange rate may vary.

## **Health (Medication); Welfare & Travel Insurance**

**A:**

### **Q. Do I need any vaccinations?**

**A:** For further information on vaccinations please check with your medical doctor for recent updates or go on the following website:

[www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/nhs-vaccinations-and-when-to-have-them/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/nhs-vaccinations-and-when-to-have-them/)

or contact your medical doctor for recent updates.

### **Q. Should I bring all my medication with me?**

**A:** Please travel with all your necessary medication for the duration of your trip including your prescription/doctors report confirming the medication.

### **Q. Do I need to declare any special medical condition and requirements prior to booking the tour?**

**A:** Should you have pre - existing medical conditions or requirements (e.g. oxygen during flight or sleeping, colostomy bags, etc). Kindly advise the office at the time of booking.

### **Q. What happens if I am unwell during the tour?**

**A:** Should you feel unwell during the trip, kindly contact the Hotel Reception, Tour Manager/Local Guide. We regret that no refunds can be made for absences from a trip, including experiences such as missed meals or sightseeing. Strongly recommend to have personal travel insurance to cover these mishaps.

### **Q. What happens if an accident occurs while on the tour?**

**A:** Should you be involved in an accident (minor or major), please contact your Tour Manager/Local guide. Unfortunately, no refunds can be made for absences from a trip, including experiences such as missed meals or sightseeing.

### **Q. What should I do if there is an incident?**

**A:** Sonatours makes every effort to keep your health and safety in mind. However, should an unforeseen incident occur please contact your Tour Manager/Local Guide/Hotel reception for immediate assistance.

### **Q. Do you facilitate clients with disability?**

**A:** Sonatours does not provide special tours for the disabled. Our coaches do not have wheelchair excess. It is possible to bring along a folding type of wheelchair which may be kept in the baggage hold of the coach. The driver will load and unload the wheelchair from the coach for the passenger however they will need to be physically fit enough to be able to embark and disembark the coach on their own. On the tour it is also essential that a capable person is accompanying such a passenger on the tour to push their wheelchair.

### **Q. What happens if I have lost or left something in the hotel?**

**A:** Kindly note that you are responsible for looking after your valuables and property when on vacation. If an item has been left in a hotel you will need to call the hotel and arrange with them directly for the return of your item, there might be charges involved.

**A:** You are advised not to carry unnecessary valuables and to be vigilant, as tourist spots are well known targets for pickpockets. In case of theft, you will need to advise your Tour Director/Local Guide immediately and report the theft to the police. This should provide you with a police report or crime reference number.

### **Q. Do I need travel insurance?**

**A:** We strongly recommend you travel with Travel/Medical Insurance from your country of residence. Kindly ensure you get the correct insurance for the tour.

### **Q. Can Sonatours provide travel insurance?**

**A:** There are various travel insurance providers in the market, however Sonatours does not provide Travel Insurance.

## **Accommodation & Transport**

**A:**

### **Q. How are rooms allocated?**

**A:** Each hotel checks their bookings and room inventory in the morning and pre-assigned the rooms. Sonatours have no control over room allocations.

### **Q. Can you guarantee rooms together?**

**A:** Room allocation is done by the hotels. Rooms together only be requested but not guaranteed.

### **Q. What facilities are there in the room?**

**A:** Facilities vary from Hotel to Hotel and include en-suite bathrooms, generally TV, safe box, telephone, mini bar, room service (use of some of the services are chargeable and to be settled by yourself at the time of checkout). Hotels may require your credit card to cover your extras or cash deposits.

### **Q. Will the room have walk in shower?**

**A:** Not all hotel rooms have walking showers.

### **Q. Does my room have Tea & Coffee making facilities?**

**A:** Please note that not all hotels provide tea/coffee in the room. If hot water is required, kindly request the hotel reception for assistance.

**Q. Is smoking allowed in the hotels/rooms?**

**A:** Hotels do not allow smoking in the rooms. However, designated smoking areas are provided. Please check with the hotel reception.

**Q. Is WIFI freely available?**

**A:** Most hotels will have WIFI available in the public areas. Please check with hotel reception for WIFI information in the the rooms.

**Q. Do all rooms have air-condition?**

**A:** Most hotels rooms in Cuba offer air-conditioners or fans.

**Q. Will all hotels have lifts?**

**A:** Most of the hotels worldwide will have lifts. However, at some places Heritage Hotels or Resorts are used in such cases lifts cannot be guaranteed.

**Q. What time do I need to be at the airport?**

**A:** All flight tours originating in the UK require that you be at the airport for your flight at least 3 hours prior to your flight time. Your final itinerary confirmation will confirm the time you need to be at the airport. Should you miss your flight Sonatours will not be liable for any costs incurred for you to join the tour. The office will make every effort to assist you in such circumstances.

If you have booked the tour without flights, please meet the group at the hotel. Details will be sent to you at a later date. Please do check with the office as you might need to book a hotel before the tour starts and after it finishes.

**Please be on time as we cannot be held responsible or liable for any loss or expense suffered if you miss the flight or coach.**

**Q. Are flights upgrades available?**

**A:** On long haul flight tours upgrade to your flights is possible. Please advise the office at the time of booking to get the best possible price.

**Q. Can I select my seats on the airplane?**

**A:** International and Internal flight booking are booked as a group and the airlines will allocate the seats. Should you have a specific request it will be forwarded to the airline but cannot be guaranteed.

**Q. What are the luggage requirements on the airplane?**

**A: International Flights:** Different airlines will have different requirements on the weight allowance. It can range 20-30kgs for your main luggage and 5kg for hand luggage.

We do advise you to travel light. This information will be on your e-ticket once the tickets have been issued.

**Q. What type of coach will I be travelling in?**

**A:** We use the finest fleet of fuel-efficient coaches. Most coaches will have armrests & are fully air-conditioned or air-cooled – all with reclining seats.

Coaches in Cuba do not have emergency WC facilities. Frequent comfort stops are being made for your convenience. The high vantage point from your coach's windows means you can take in all the glorious scenery, whether it's a vast-rural landscape or an urban city center. On a touring holiday there are some long journeys which are unavoidable especially what travelling from city to city.

**Q. Can I select my seats on the coach?**

**A:** We have a strict seat rotation policy when travelling by coaches on all our international tours.

**Q. What is the smoking and alcohol policy while travelling by coach?**

**A:** There is a strict policy of “no smoking, no alcohol and no smelly food” on all our coaches. We do, however, make plenty of comfort stops.

**Food Matters**

**A:**

**Q. Can I request my flight meal and is it guaranteed?**

**A:** Meal request should be advised at the time of your booking; Sonatours will request on your behalf, but we cannot guarantee the request. Sonatours are not liable in case the requested flight meal cannot be fulfilled. Please be advised that complimentary meals are not available on the internal flights.

**Q. What meal options are available to me while on tour?**

**A:** On this tour a range of local Vegetarian options (e.g. Jain, Swaminarayan) as well as Non-Vegetarian are available. Kindly advise your meal preference/allergies at the time of your booking.

**Q. Where will I have my daily meals?**

**A:** On all tours breakfast is at the hotel and dinners is at various restaurants or hotels.

**Q. Should I carry dry snacks?**

**A:** Dry snacks can be carried, provided they are pre-packed, and all the ingredients are clearly listed on the packaging.

**Q. What is the cost of a local meal?**

**A:** On an average local meal costs about £15-£20 per person per meal. This estimated price varies from city to city and country to country.

**Miscellaneous**

**A:**

**Q. Will I travel with people from other countries?**

**A:** Sonatours have offices in Kenya, India, USA and UK. The beauty of taking a guided holiday with us is you will have the opportunity to meet and travel with people from all over the globe.

**Q. Is there a tour director on the tour?**

**A:** Escorted tours are accompanied by professional tour Tour Director/Local Guides throughout the tour. It may be necessary that your Tour Director may change whilst on tour; this is usually due to operational reasons or utilizing local guides for their wealth of experience.

Please ensure you provide your mobile number that you will be carrying with you while on the tour when making the booking. These facilities the tour director to contact you should the needs arise while on the tour.

If minimum number of passengers has not been achieved, we will have a local guide. Sonatours provides services of local Tour Guides to make sure you will get an unforgettable experience.

**Q. How many people will be on my trip?**

**A:** Average group size are between 15 to 50 passengers but it may vary from departures to departures.

**Q. Are tips included?**

**A:** On all our group tours, only tips for the Driver are included. However, should you wish to tip separately to Local Guide/Tour Manager, you are welcome to do so at your discretion.

**Q. When does my day start?**

**A:** The day usually starts between 8 & 9am. Further instructions you will be given the night before. However, this may differ depending on the activity of the day or when having an early flight.

**Q. How much walking is involved per day for the duration of the tour?**

**A:** This tour involves a substantial amount of walking (normally 5 to 6 hours a day, not all at one stretch).

**Q. Will I have free time?**

**A:** Each itinerary offers the perfect balance of downtime and discoveries. We also give you the opportunity to tailor your trip with optional experiences. If you decide to venture on your own during your free time, preferably you go in a group, keep the guide contact and the hotel address handy. Please do inform the tour director. We recommend you download an offline map too.

**Q. Do I need to get a local SIM card?**

**A:** Usually it is not necessary, should you require one kindly speak to your Tour Manager/Local Guide for assistance

**Q. Should I bring any electric outlet adapter and charger for my electronics?**

**A:** Electrical currents vary Globally. We recommend that you carry a universal adapter and your electronic charges for your convenience and comfort.

**Cuba:** Electricity supply is between 110 and 120 Volts; uses 2 types of plugs: 1) A-2 flat parallel pins; 2) C-2 round pins.



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