



# A Historic Path

11 Nights

01 September 2015 – 31 March 2016



## Summary

Cuba's colonial cities are some of the best-preserved and architecturally intact examples to be found anywhere in the hemisphere. From the remarkable restored grandeur of Old Havana to the rugged realism of Trinidad to tiny Baracoa -- one of the oldest colonial cities in the Americas - there's a wealth of history, culture, and overall beauty to be found in the country's colonial treasures.

## Wild Discovery Advantages

- A proven expertise in organizing successful Holidays
- Experienced and knowledgeable staff
- High quality service & strong commitment to customer satisfaction
- Permanent assistance from Wild Discovery Head Office at any moment
- Attention to details that make the difference

## Overview

**Dates:** 01 September 2015 – 31 March 2016

**Interest::** group - couple

**Level of Comfort:** 4

**Minimum # of passengers:** none

**Maximum # of passengers:** none

## Information about the destination

- **Currency:** Cuban Peso
- **Language:** Spanish and English
- **Dialing Code:** 53
- **Recommended vaccines:** none
- **Banks & currency exchange:** currencies should be exchanged at official foreign exchange offices, banks or international air and seaports. ATMs are available only in Varadero and Havana, but cash can be obtained from banks through visa credit or debit cards

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**Day 1: Havana**

Upon arrival at Havana's international airport, meet greet and transfer to hotel  
Spend the night walking along the Malecón and enjoy dinner at Los Doce Apóstoles in the Parque Histórico Morro y Cabaña  
Stick around for the *cañonazo* (cannon-firing) ceremony

**Day 2: Old Havana**

Start the morning off in La Habana Vieja. Visit the Plaza de la Catedral, the Plaza de Armas, Plaza Vieja, and Plaza de San Francisco. Be sure to tour the Museo de la Ciudad, the Castillo de la Real Fuerza, and any other attractions that catch your attention  
Enjoy lunch at La Bodeguita del Medio. After lunch, head toward Parque Central and visit El Capitolio, then either the Museo Nacional de las Bellas Artes, or the Museo de la Revolución  
Finish up your afternoon strolling along the outdoor art exhibit that is Callejón de Hammel, but if your second day is a Sunday, arrive here earlier for the Sunday rumba sessions. If you have a spare half-hour, drive by the Plaza de la Revolución to see the José Martí memorial and the iconic iron sculpture of the face of Che Guevara on the Ministry of the Interior building  
In the evening, head to the Tropicana for dinner and a show

**Day 3: Havana - Cienfuegos**

Today you will head for Cienfuegos, a bustling port city on the southern coast, with a compact, yet very attractive, colonial-era core. Get to know the old center around Parque José Martí, visiting the Catedral de la Purísima Concepción and the Teatro Tomás Terry  
In the afternoon, head out to the Punta Gorda district and have a sunset drink at the Cienfuegos Yacht Club  
For dinner, head to the historic old Palacio del Valle

**Day 4: Cienfuegos - Trinidad**

From Cienfuegos, it's a short hop to Trinidad, with some beautiful scenery along the coast  
Stay in one of the many glorious *casas particulares* right in the colonial center of this classic little city  
Spend the afternoon touring Trinidad's colonial-era landmarks, including the Plaza Mayor, the Plazuela El Jigüe, the Iglesia de la Santísima Trinidad, and the Museo Romántico  
For dinner, make a reservation at Paladar Estela or Sol y Son  
After dinner, stroll around the Plaza Mayor and listen for where the action is  
It might be a salsa or *son* band playing on the steps below the Casa de la Música, or it might be in any one of several clubs nearby including the excellent Palenque de los Congos Reales

**Day 5: Sancti Spiritus**

While its colonial center is modest in size and level of restoration, Sancti Spiritus nonetheless retains a wonderful sense of its former glory and receives far less tourist traffic than any other city on this tour  
You'll definitely want to walk along Calle Llano, a narrow cobblestone alleyway of pastel-colored and tile-roof houses  
You'll also want to have lunch or dinner at one of the outdoor patio tables overlooking the old stone Puente Yayabo (Yayabo bridge), which was built in 1825

**Days 6 & 7: Camagüey**

Although far less celebrated -- or visited -- than Trinidad, Camagüey just may be Cuba's richest colonial-era city, outside of Old Havana, in terms of art, architecture, and general ambience  
The city's colonial core retains its highly irregular layout and an unequaled collection of impressive 16th-, 17th-, and 18th-century churches  
The city's Plaza del Carmen and Plaza San Juan de Dios are two impeccable and evocative city squares

**Day 8: Bayamo**

Even though most of this city was deliberately torched in 1869 as an act of civil disobedience, it still makes a wonderful stop on a route taking in Cuba's principal colonial cities

Stay at the new refurbished boutique Hotel Royalton, which sits right on the central Parque Céspedes

You'll also want to visit the Casa Natal de Céspedes, the birthplace of the "father of the Cuban nation," and the only house on the square that escaped destruction from the fire

**Days 9 & 10: Santiago de Cuba**

This is a colonial highlights tour, so you'll want to stay in the heart of downtown; choose either the Hotel Casa Granda, the Hostal Basilio, or the private Casa Maruchi. You'll need 2 days to fully explore this beautiful colonial-era port city, with its host of historical and architectural attractions. Be sure to schedule at least 1 night at Santiago's fabulous Casa de la Trova or its even better Casa de los Tradiciones. Turn in your rental car here in Santiago

**Day 11: Baracoa**

From Santiago, head to Baracoa, the oldest and arguably most beautiful city in Cuba

It's fitting to finish off this tour in the oldest city on the island. You'll definitely want to stay in the Hotel El Castillo, with its commanding setting on a hillside over the city

Spend your time here exploring the architecture and old-world charms of the city. Despite its diminutive size, Baracoa is also a bustling little city with excellent nightlife

**Day 12: Heading Home**

From Baracoa, take a flight back to Havana in time for your international connection

**Prices Include**

Round trip ticket to Havana (economy class)  
Round trip transfer: airport - hotel – airport  
10-day car rental from Havana to Santiago  
11-night accommodation at hotels  
Meals: daily breakfast  
Half day tour of the modern areas of Havana  
Full day visit of the historic part of Havana  
Full day visit of Cienfuegos  
Full day visit of Trinidad  
Full day visit of Sancti Spiritus  
Full day visit of Bayamo  
Full day visit of Santiago de Cuba  
Full day visit of Baracoa  
All transfers in air conditioned coach  
English speaking local guide  
Assistance of our representative in Cuba

**Prices Exclude**

Airport taxes  
Fuel surcharge  
DIP surcharge \$5/ticket  
Optional Tours  
Visa fees  
Travel insurance  
All other expenses



#### Starting price per person in US\$

##### Hotel

3\* hotels

##### Double

3995

- *Prices may change without prior notice and subject to availability at time of booking*

#### Flight Schedule

From	To	Flight No	Departure	Arrival
Beirut	Paris	AF 561	10:30	14:15
Paris	Havana	AF 946	16:30	20:25
Havana	Paris	AF 943	22:50	14:05
Paris	Beirut	AF 562	16:30	21:45

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