



On this one-of-a kind tour of Cuba, see beyond the all-inclusive resorts to the heart of this island nation which has engaged in a far-reaching social, cultural, political, economic and religious experiment since 1959. Cubans have experienced amazing successes as well as difficult challenges during this time that they call “The Revolution”. Our storytellers, Jack and Irene Suderman, have a 30-year history of relating to the church in Cuba, as well as with government officials. Guided by the Sudermans, you will build connections across cultures and delight in the natural beauty of Cuba. Also worship with local churches and enjoy rare opportunities to engage with Cuban citizens. Reflect on the role of churches and NGO’s in this society as we visit some non-profit organizations. TourMagination has the details arranged for Americans to travel safely and legally on this tour.

Itinerary

Thursday, January 21 Havana

Arrive in Havana by 2:00 p.m., and make your way to your hotel in the heart of the city. Get acquainted with your tour leaders and fellow travel companions during a tour overview and welcome dinner.

Friday, January 22 Havana

Begin your day with a visit to the Museum of the Revolution—a museum largely dedicated to Cuban history throughout the period of the revolutionary war of the 1950s. See some of the iconic sights of Havana by bus, like the Plaza of the Revolution, Habana Libre, and the craft market. Cubans are famous for their cigars; observe an authentic cigar rolling demonstration at a cigar factory. Return to Havana late afternoon to spend a leisurely evening in the city. Cap off the day with a delicious dinner in the Old City.

Saturday, January 23 Havana

Enjoy the rare privilege of worshipping and sharing a meal with a local Cuban congregation, and converse with the church leaders following the service. This afternoon drive to La Terraza in Cojimar, where Ernest Hemingway lived for several years and was inspired to

write *The Old Man and the Sea*. Dine in one of Hemingway’s favourite restaurants and reflect on stories about the famed American novelist. Return to Havana for the evening.

Sunday, January 24 Havana

Today, take an excursion to the town of Soroa, affectionately referred to as the “rainbow of Cuba,” for its frequent rainfall followed by sun that produces rainbows and a lush landscape. Located about 85 kilometers southwest of Havana, tour a farm that grows fruit and medicinal plants. After having lunch in town, participate in agricultural activities.

Monday, January 25 Havana

Expand your mind and heart at the Martin Luther King Jr. Centre, an organization that promotes Christian social responsibility and progressive change throughout Latin America. Learn about their housing and medicine distribution projects as well as other initiatives. At another stop, learn about the Cuban Council of Churches as you interact with their representatives. Top off an engaging day with a fun-filled ride back to the hotel in one of Cuba’s signature classic cars.

Tuesday, January 26 Cienfuegos

On a visit to the Taíno Indian Village, glimpse into the traditional lifestyle of the Taíno people, who were once Cuba's principal inhabitants. After a brief stop for lunch, continue to the Bay of Pigs, to learn about the historical US invasion that took place in 1961. Allow your heart and mind to expand as you hear about the conflict from the Cuban perspective.

Wednesday, January 27 Cienfuegos

Start your day by exploring the city of Cienfuegos at your leisure. Stroll along the city streets, browse the shops, or simply relax. This afternoon tour the Brethren in Christ (BIC) training centre—a project that is the result of a vibrant partnership between the BIC Church of Cuba and the BIC Church of Canada. The centre provides leadership training, pastor support and compassionate ministry.

Thursday, January 28 Varadero

En route to Varadero, take a scenic drive to Santa Clara to visit Che Guevara's tomb and memorial, where a 22-foot bronze statue of the soldier stands. An Argentinean,

Guevara was instrumental in Cuba's revolution and became Castro's second-in-command before leaving Cuba to help other countries with their political struggles. Relax for the rest of the day in Varadero.

Friday, January 29 Varadero

This morning, depart for the city of Cárdenas to visit the Christian Centre for Reconciliation and Dialogue. The centre includes a sustainable agriculture farm that produces more than 100 tons of food each year—much of which is distributed in schools, hospitals and to the sick and elderly. Enjoy lunch under a thatched roof open-air cabana at the farm, then return to the resort to relax.

Saturday, January 30 Varadero

Take the day to relax on the beach or explore the city on your own. This evening reflect on an eventful tour with your travel companions around the dinner table.

Sunday, January 31 Depart for Home

Depart from Varadero to either the Varadero airport, or transfer to José Martí International Airport in Havana, to begin your journey home.

Tour fare per person:

CAD: Double Occupancy \$4,989;
Single supplement \$780

USD: Double Occupancy \$3,990;
Single Supplement \$595

Fare includes

- All land transportation within the tour
- Transfers from Havana Airport, to Varadero Airport
- Hotel accommodations
- Entrance fees & donations for activities included in the itinerary
- Expert tour leaders and local guides
- All breakfasts, 7 lunches, 8 dinners
- Expert tour leaders & local guides
- Gratuities for drivers, guides, and group meals

Fare excludes

- International airfare
- Tourist Visas
- 3 lunches, 2 dinners
- Drinks with meals, other than water
- Travel medical (out-of-country emergency) and cancellation/interruption insurance

Insurance

Travel medical (out-of-country emergency) insurance and cancellation/interruption insurance are not mandatory but are highly recommended.

Payments

All rates shown are in effect at time of publishing (March 2020). Although every effort is made to maintain the prices as established, TourMagination does reserve the right to adjust prices on this tour should it become necessary. The published price is guaranteed when paid in full. We accept check/cheque payments, and credit card payments. Please note that payments made using credit cards will be charged a 3% fee.

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