

Cuba Calling

With Frederic Ereny

13 DAYS | 26 JUNE to 08 JULY 2019 | 18 PARTICIPANTS MAXIMUM

HAVANA – VIÑALES – LOS ACUATICOS – BAY OF PIGS – CIENFUEGOS
TRINIDAD – CAMAGUEY – BAYAMO – SANTIAGO DE CUBA



EXCLUSIVE FEATURES

- Spend 4 nights in Old Havana (staying in the old town is essential!).
- Panoramic tour of Havana in classic American cars.
- Visit one of Earnest Hemingway's favourite bars.
- Take part in a salsa dancing class.
- The fabulous 'Tropicana Show' in Havana.
- Stop at the historic Bay of Pigs (with an opportunity to swim if you wish).
- A bicycle-taxi tour of Camaguey to visit local markets, parks and plazas.

FEATURES AND INCLUSIONS

- A special hand-crafted itinerary with sightseeing, scenic drives and excursions.
- Accompanied throughout by a professional Cuban, English speaking Tour Director.
- Escorted in Cuba by EuroVista's Frederic Ereny.
- Expert commentary by local guides during a tour of Bayamo and a cycle-taxi tour of Camaguey.
- 12 Buffet breakfasts. (B)
- 3 Lunches including one in the Old Town in Havana, one in the restaurant 'Pio Cua' in the Bay of Pigs, and one in our favourite restaurant in Bayamo (L)

- 7 Evening meals including two dinners in Havana, a welcome dinner on our arrival night and one in our favourite paladar, plus a dinner in each of our favourite restaurants in Viñales, Cienfuegos, Trinidad, Santiago and a farewell dinner close to the Castle Morro. (D)
- Air-conditioned motor vehicles throughout.
- A 'No Tipping' policy which takes care of hotel portage, hotel and restaurant service charges and taxes plus gratuities, including for local guides and gratuities traditionally given to the Tour Manager and Driver.
- Accommodation in high-quality hotels selected for their style, comfort and location.

HIGHLIGHT VISITS TO UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITES

- Old Havana and its Fortification System
- Viñales Valley
- Urban Historic Centre of Cienfuegos
- Trinidad and the Valley de los Ingenios
- Historic Centre of Camaguey
- San Pedro de la Roca Castle (Castle Morro), Santiago de Cuba.

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1 – Wednesday 26 June

Arrival Havana (4 nights)

You're met on your arrival at Havana's International Airport and your private transfer will whisk you to our hotel located in the heart of the old city. Standing on Cuba's north coast, 90 miles from Florida, Havana is the political, industrial and cultural heart of the nation and home to 20% of its population. The city was founded in 1519 when Spanish settlers moved here from an ill-fated earlier site on the south coast. As the New World started to yield its riches, Havana



grew to prominence as the assembly point for the annual treasure convoy to Spain. In 1553 the Spanish Governor moved from Santiago de Cuba,

at the other end of the island, to Havana, and this vibrant city has been Cuba's capital ever since. This evening our introduction to Cuba is rather special. After meeting our Cuban Tour Manager we'll be collected from our hotel by a fleet of Havana's old American cars and taken on a panoramic tour of the city before enjoying a welcome dinner back at our hotel. Buen provecho! (D)

Day 2 – Thursday 27 June

Havana – Sightseeing

Today, during our private orientation tour, we'll get a feel for how Havana developed over the ages. The old city inside the original fortified walls – La Habana Vieja – houses the finest collection of antique colonial buildings in the Americas. The Plaza de Armas is dominated by the former residence of the Spanish governors, now the City Museum, a treasure trove which provides an excellent insight into their grand lifestyle. A few blocks away, an 18th century baroque



cathedral and a clutch of imposing mansions grace the cobbled Plaza de la Catedral. Nearby, Calle del Obispo – the main shopping street –

and the Paseo del Prado also contain impressive buildings from the colonial era. After enjoying lunch at a local paladar, the afternoon and evening are free for you to enjoy Old Havana at your own pace. Perhaps shop in the markets in the Old Town, take time to visit the Art Galleries and Museums or just relax in any way you choose. (BL)

Day 3 – Friday 28 June

Havana – Sightseeing & Salsa Dancing

This morning, after a leisurely start, we'll head out to visit the Museo del Ron, where we'll learn all about the art of making one of Cuba's most famous products. We'll visit one of Ernest Hemingway's favourite bars and have time for a

lunch stop before meeting our dance teacher Moraima...she's a professional folklore dancer and instructor and she and her students will teach us the basic steps to one of Cuba's most famous dances...the Salsa Cubana (or Casino as it's known locally)! This afternoon's introductory lesson will give us an opportunity to meet Cuban youth and share their passion for music and dance. This evening we'll be able to choose from a selection of local restaurants before perhaps testing our new-found dancing dexterity at Havana's version of the Buenavista Social Club...a very entertaining and fun-filled optional evening! (B)

Day 4 – Saturday 29 June

Havana – At Leisure & Tropicana Night

For many of us, today may be our last day in Havana, so it's time to get out there and visit the extra places we're still wanting to see, maybe purchase some Cuban cigars and rum or just kick back at the hotel and enjoy Cuban life. This evening we head for the paladar 'La Guarida' for



a fabulous dinner....and following dinner, we'll get our dancing shoes back on and enjoy our last night in Havana

when we take our seats at the Tropicana Show! Built in 1939, the Tropicana Cabaret is located in a pulsating forest with performances taking place right under the stars of Havana's night sky. Colour galore, performers, dancers and rum....fabulous fun and an unforgettable Cuban experience! Salud! (BD)

Day 5 – Sunday 30 June

Havana – Viñales (2 nights)

After breakfast, we'll set out on the 200km (approximately 3hrs) drive westward to Pinar del Rio province, crossing typical landscapes of cane fields, tobacco plantations and tall palm trees along our route. On arrival in Viñales we'll



drop into town which is the perfect place to people-watch and capture candid images of the locals going about their business. Viñales is

famous for growing some of the best tobacco in the world and the straw-hatted guajiro peasants tend their tobacco in neat farms close to the city centre. After time for lunch in the centre we'll first check into our hotel and then, later in the afternoon, we'll set off on a walk into the countryside to explore the tobacco growing process. We'll visit a farm, see where tobacco is dried and be shown how it is rolled into



some of the finest cigars in the world. Cigars, along with rum are Cuba's principal exports. The scenery in Viñales is a photographer's paradise! Dramatic 'karst' mountains rise up sheer from the valley floor and the rich tropical vegetation gives the Viñales valley another-worldly quality. After a visit to a coffee plantation our walk finishes around sunset at Wilfredo's

organic farm set high on the hill above the Valle del Silencio and with spectacular views across the valley. After dinner we'll return to our hotel for a good night's rest before an early start tomorrow! (BD)

Day 6 – Monday 01 July Viñales – Sightseeing

This morning we're up early to capture the spectacle of Viñales at dawn. After a short drive we set off on foot towards Los Acuáticos – a small community which believes in the healing powers of water. The community has almost died out but the real reason we're visiting is to enjoy the impressive views as the sun rises over Viñales and the community begins to awaken. We'll see farmers heading out to their fields with oxen and plough, with a mist hovering



over the valley and the stunning 'mogotes' (dome-like steep-sided hills) as a backdrop. On our return to our hotel we'll have earned our late breakfast before we visit the 'Cueva del Indio' on our underground boat trip. We have the rest of the day to do with what we wish. Relax by the pool? Perhaps return to Viñales village for further exploration and a local restaurant for dinner? The choice is yours. (B)

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Day 7 – Tuesday 02 July Viñales – Bay of Pigs – Cienfuegos (1 night)

We have another reasonably early start this morning as today is a relatively long travelling day (approximately 5-6hrs). We retrace our steps towards Havana before bearing south into Matanzas province. Our route takes us to the Zapata Peninsula and



to the Playa Larga standing at the head of the famous Bay of Pigs, where in 1961 a force of CIA-trained Cuban exiles landed to stir up a counter-revolution. We'll stop somewhere along the Bay of Pigs to take a dip in the Caribbean (only if you wish to do so...and if you do so wish...don't forget to

pack your bathers in your carry-on bag) and enjoy lunch at the restaurant 'Pio Cua' before continuing on to Cienfuegos for our overnight stop. Dinner tonight is in our hotel. (BLD)

Day 8 – Wednesday 03 July Cienfuegos – Trinidad (2 nights)

Cienfuegos, known as the 'Pearl of the South', is a pleasant city with a European feel – largely due to the influence of French settlers who arrived here in the early 19th century. A



sheltered deep-water harbour ensured its prosperity and, as the fortunes of nearby Trinidad waned, wealthy merchants and plantation owners indulged in a building bonanza. Our morning sightseeing tour includes the 'boulevard' which is always bustling with shoppers and is another great place for candid people shots, as is the fruit and vegetable market close by which is also worth a visit. We'll have time for lunch in Cienfuegos before setting off for



Trinidad, about an hour away. After checking into our casa particulares we'll head for the centre of town for a

sunset drink and live music on the steps next to the Cathedral followed by dinner in one of our favourite restaurants. (BD)

Day 9 – Thursday 04 July Trinidad – Sightseeing

Trinidad is one of the seven cities founded by Diego de Velázquez in 1514, and is now a national monument and a World Heritage Site. Nestling on a plain in the lee of the



mountains and within sight of the Caribbean sits Cuba's best-preserved colonial town with its narrow, cobbled

streets paved with stones that once served as ballast for ships on the empty, outward journey from Europe. The town grew rich from trade through the nearby port of Casilda, until it silted up and was eclipsed by Cienfuegos. Despite its well-to-do air, Trinidad has no grand palaces and still retains the intimate feel of a small town. This morning we'll explore the

old area around the Plaza Mayor on our guided walking tour. We'll visit a museum to give us an idea of the opulent lifestyles of the wealthy families who lived here and as the area is virtually car-free, wandering around it is rather pleasant. At night there's often something of interest happening such as a music or dance performance so this evening we'll return here to find a restaurant for dinner. (B)

Day 10 – Friday 05 July

Trinidad – Sancti Spiritus – Camaguey (1 night)

Our first stop this morning is in Sancti Spiritus, one of the original 'Villas' founded by the Spanish Conquistadors. We'll take lunch on the road on the way to Camaguey, Cuba's most recently awarded UNESCO World Heritage Site. Cycling is a very popular form of transport in Cuba, and in the flatter cities, bicycle taxis are very common. It's a



pleasant way to get around, especially in Camaguey with its narrow and confusing streets, so after arriving in the early afternoon we

take a tour of the city by bicycle taxi. We'll visit a local market, parks and plazas, and an art gallery. Each taxi carries two passengers and the tour is led by an English-speaking local guide. Our resident leader may suggest visiting a local farmers' market. This is where farmers are allowed to sell their food produce after they have met the quota they have to sell to the state. The market in Camaguey is a particularly busy and colourful one where there are separate areas for produce sold by the state and produce sold by farmers directly to the public. There is plenty of interesting looking tropical fruit, vegetables, and herbs. This is where the locals come to buy food once their monthly government provided food ration runs out. This evening we'll find a local restaurant for dinner. (B)

Day 11 – Saturday 06 July

Camaguey – Bayamo – Santiago de Cuba (2 nights)

Today we head for the 'City of Heroes' and the cradle of Cuba's Revolution, and now its most exotic city – Santiago de Cuba. However, on route our first stop is in Bayamo where the first steps were made to Cuba's independence from Spain. After visiting this beautiful provincial town we carry on to Santiago de Cuba which is also famous for being the birthplace of Cuban contemporary music and is home to most of the Buenavista Social Club members, who first played in Santiago's Casa de la Trova where live music can still be enjoyed on a daily basis. On our entrance into Santiago we stop for photos at the imposing Antonio Maceo Revolution Square. This evening dinner is in our hotel and afterwards we'll head into the area around the Parque Céspedes where we'll discover how Santiago really comes alive once the sun has gone down! (BLD)

Day 12 – Sunday 07 July

Santiago de Cuba – Sightseeing

This morning we're escorted on a walking tour of central Santiago. We'll stroll through the picturesque pedestrian malls, past the Emilio Bacardí Moreau Museum to the Parque Céspedes, where Fidel Castro gave his first speech



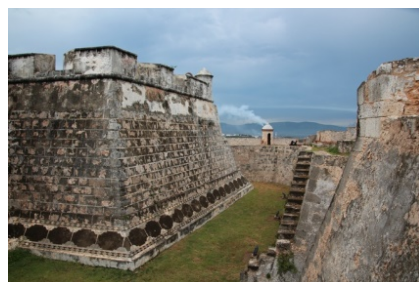
as the new leader of Cuba on the 1st of January 1959. Here we'll find the Asuncion Cathedral and the Casa de Diego Velazquez –

one of the first houses built in the New World. It's now a museum and in the corner of the courtyard is a crucible which was used to smelt the first gold from the Americas, before it was shipped to Spain. There'll be a short time here to explore before we join our coach to drive to the Moncada Barracks – where the opening shots of the revolution were fired on the 26th of July 1953, when Castro and his men attacked the barracks and seized the weapons that were used to topple the corrupt Batista regime. Although the



assault was almost a total disaster, this event irrevocably changed the course of Cuban history. A local guide will give us a

tour of the Museum now housed in the barracks before we visit the Santa Ifigenia cemetery and view the ceremonial 'Changing of the Guard' along with some of its spectacular



tombs. This afternoon is yours to use as you wish. Perhaps relax around the pool at our hotel or return to the centre of town to pursue

some end-of-tour shopping! This evening we'll take a short drive to the legendary El Morro Castle on the headland of Santiago de Cuba Bay and after time for exploration we'll enjoy a farewell to Cuba dinner at one of our favourite local restaurants. (BD)

Day 13 – Monday 08 July

Depart Santiago de Cuba

This morning our touring holiday ends after breakfast with a group transfer to Santiago de Cuba's Airport for onward journeys. (B)

Note: The above itinerary is subject to change necessitated by any change in Community regulations as well as changes by Government and/or local operators and natural circumstances beyond our control.

CUBA CALLING TOUR 2019 – PRICES

13 DAYS FOR NZ\$615 / AU\$581 PER DAY

CODE: KPB BEGINS: WED ENDS: MON

Prices are twin-share per person

<u>Tour</u>	<u>Begins</u>	<u>Ends</u>	<u>Price NZ\$</u>	<u>Sgl Supp NZ\$</u>
003	Jun 26	Jul 08	NZ\$7995	NZ\$1360
<u>Tour</u>	<u>Begins</u>	<u>Ends</u>	<u>Price AU\$</u>	<u>Sgl Supp AU\$</u>
004	Jun 26	Jul 08	AU\$7553	AU\$1284

EXTRA ACCOMMODATION PRE/POST TOUR

Prices per person per night

HAVANA - Hotel Armadores de Santander

Twin NZ\$141 Single NZ\$205 | Twin AU\$134 Single AU\$194

SANTIAGO DE CUBA – Meliá Santiago

Twin NZ\$105 Single NZ\$194 | Twin AU\$100 Single AU\$184

FLIGHTS

Airfares are not included in the tour price as there are many and varied options available in the market place. You should aim to be at the tour hotel in Havana (Armadores de Santander) by 16:00hrs (4.00 pm) on the afternoon of 26 June 2019. We can recommend flights to Havana and from Santiago de Cuba (ex New Zealand or Australia) so if you would like us to assist in finding you the best possible flight times and prices to suit your needs please advise Paul at EuroVista Holidays when booking your tour.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS - CUBA CALLING TOUR 2019

Prices

Due to factors associated with international travel it is unrealistic to expect prices to remain stable - particularly when they are dependent on foreign currency exchange rates. Prices for this tour are based on costs and exchange rates as at 26 November 2018. Should these costs or exchange rates alter or additional fuel surcharges, taxes and other charges or levies imposed by any government or its agencies, be added, a surcharge may be made on the price of your tour at the time of final payment.

Deposits and Payments

Due to the nature of this tour and all of the group arrangements that need to be pre-booked, a \$1500.00 non-refundable deposit will be required at the time of booking. Final payment is due on or before 26 April 2019.

Late Bookings

Payment in full is required at time of booking for reservations made on or after 26 April 2019. If a reservation cannot be confirmed, all funds will be refunded.

Cancellation by Passenger

Cancellations for tours and additional services must be received in writing and the following fees (indicated as a percentage of the total price) will apply if the cancellation is received in our office within these designated time periods:

1. Up to and including 26 April 2019 – Non-refundable Deposit

2. Between 27 April and 10 May 2019 – 60%

3. Between 11 May and 24 May 2019 – 75%

4. Between 25 May and 14 June 2019 – 90%

5. Between 15 June and 26 June 2019 – 100%

We strongly recommend Travel Insurance to cover cancellation charges. There is no refund for unused services or land arrangements if they are missed.

Cancellation by EuroVista

EuroVista will operate this tour once the minimum number of 10 paying passengers is attained. EuroVista reserves the right to cancel this tour should it not attain the minimum number of paying passengers. EuroVista Holidays also reserves the right to cancel this tour in accordance with operating requirements or circumstances beyond its control. Should this occur EuroVista Holidays will treat this contract as at an end, refund all monies including your deposit, and will then be under no further liability. EuroVista Holidays Ltd is not responsible for the costs of other travel arrangements affected due to our cancellation of this tour.

Included In Our Tour Price

All coach/rail travel, airport/hotel/airport transfers, accommodation, sightseeing, admissions, taxes and all gratuities for services provided by EuroVista, portage of one bag per person at hotels providing this service (except at airports and ALL railway stations), services of Tour Escorts, Local Tour Managers, Drivers, and meals (as indicated in the itinerary).

Not Included In Our Tour Price

Airport taxes, airfares (except where specified), lunches and dinners (except where specified), drinks, laundry, passport and visa fees, excess baggage and all items of a personal nature are not included in the tour price.

Smoking

In the interests of other passenger's comfort there is no smoking on our vehicles.

Refunds and Amendment Fees

No refunds will be made on services that are voluntarily un-availed (including, but not limited to, missed meals and sightseeing). The Company also regrets that no refunds will

be made for withdrawal from a tour (due to illness or any other reason) after the tour has commenced.

Passports/Visas

New Zealand and Australian nationals must have a passport valid for 2 months beyond the length of the proposed duration of their stay in Cuba as well as proof of a confirmed return flight and booked accommodation. They must also have a tourist visa (known as a tourist card) which allows the holder to stay in Cuba for 30 days and is valid for a single entry. These tourist cards must be obtained prior to departure from your home country and can be applied for through Cuban Embassies and Consulates.

Health Requirements

Vaccinations may be required. Please contact your local Travel Health Clinic for up-to-date information.

Single Rooms

A number of single rooms are available on request at time of booking. The single supplement must be paid with final payment.

Please note: EuroVista Holidays contracts double rooms for single use. However, where this is not possible we will provide standard single rooms. The prices of these are already reflected in the listed single supplement prices. Standard single rooms are usually smaller and often only have one single bed.

Luggage Limits and Portage

Portage at hotels is limited to one piece of luggage per person. Airline luggage restrictions apply to the air travel incorporated in our coach touring holidays.

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is compulsory for this tour and is not included in your tour price.

We strongly recommend that you purchase adequate comprehensive insurance which includes coverage for medical expenses, loss/theft of luggage from hotel rooms or any form of transportation, land content and airfare charges that may occur due to cancellation, loss of deposit or strikes.

Important Information on Exclusion of Liability

1. This EuroVista Holidays Ltd tour includes the services of operators, such as hoteliers, airlines, cruise companies and other operators, who are not agents, servants or employees of EuroVista Holidays Ltd (herein after referred to as the 'Company'). We cannot and do not take responsibility for the conduct of these operators, their servants and agents or for any ramifications of that conduct. Our tours may include activities such as climbing, exploring, swimming and snorkelling. The passenger accepts that these activities involve varying degrees of risk.
2. By booking this tour, the passenger acknowledges and agrees that the Company and the other operator companies, will take all reasonable steps to provide an enjoyable experience, it accepts no responsibility for any loss of enjoyment by passengers due to circumstances beyond its control. The Company further accepts no responsibility for any death, injury, illness, damage, detention, delay (including mechanical breakdown) or any other loss/theft beyond its reasonable control and provides no warranties in addition to those set out under the Trade Practices Act 1974, and nothing herein restricts the passenger from exercising his or her rights and remedies pursuant to law.
3. No passenger will be permitted to embark or continue on this tour if their mental or physical condition is, in the opinion

of any representative of the Company, such as to render them incapable to care for themselves, or whereby they became a hazard to themselves or other passengers. The Company will not be responsible for expenses resulting in such persons being precluded from completing the touring holiday for any reason.

4. If this tour has been purchased through your Travel Agent they will forward deposits and other payments to us on your behalf, but your Travel Agent is not our agent for the purpose of receipt of monies. Receipt of deposits and subsequent payments by the Travel Agent does not constitute receipt of those monies by us and the Travel Agent has no authority expressed or implied to receive monies on our behalf. There is no liability on the part of the Company in respect to any monies paid to the passenger's Travel Agent unless and until the Company notifies the passenger (by way of a booking confirmation advice or payment receipt advice) that monies have been received by the Company.
5. The Company can cancel any ticket or booking or refuse to carry any passenger where payment has not been received by the Company within the specified time.
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8. If for any reason the accommodation listed in this brochure becomes unavailable, we may substitute the listed property for another of similar standard. Occasionally this may not be possible and if the only accommodation available is of an inferior standard then a refund will be offered.
9. Should you have a complaint in respect of your tour, you should inform your Tour Director immediately. If the matter cannot be resolved through the best efforts of your Tour Director your complaint should be made in writing to the Company within 30 days of the completion of the tour.
10. Any claims or legal action in connection with the Company's provision of services to you will be governed by the laws of New Zealand. Any claim or legal action against the Company's suppliers is likely to be subject to the terms of your contract with them, and may be governed by the laws of other countries.
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