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EXPERIENCE CUBA: CULTURE & COMMUNITY

9 days | Havana | Santa Clara | Remedios | Caibarién | Sancti Spiritus | Trinidad | Topes de Collantes | Cienfuegos | Playa Larga

Immerse yourself in Cuban culture through a truly educational experience. In Havana, Cuba's capital city, discuss the region's conservation efforts, educational resources, and national identity with locals. Journey east to Cienfuegos and discover Cuba's culture firsthand with a trip to an art studio as well as music and dance performances. Then travel north of Trinidad to engage with local coffee farmers and learn about production.

EVERYTHING YOU GET:

-  **Full-time Tour Director**
-  **Sightseeing:** Comprehensive sightseeing of natural attractions
-  **Entrances:** Meaningful interactions through People-to-People activities
-  **Personalized learning guide:** Our personalized learning experience engages students before, during, and after tour, with the option to create a final, reflective project for academic credit.
-   **All of the details are covered:** Round-trip flights; comfortable motorcoach; 8 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms; 3 meals daily; dinner on arrival day; breakfast on departure day; ASISTUR Cuba medical insurance
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Topes de Collantes



Trinidad

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As you can see, your EF tour includes visits to the places you've learned about in school. That's a given. But it's so much more than that. Immersing yourself in new cultures—surrounded by the people, the language, the food, the way of life—creates inspirational moments that can't be listed in an itinerary. They can only be experienced.

And the experience begins long before you get your passport stamped and meet your Tour Director in your arrival city. It begins the moment you decide to go. Whether it's connecting with other travelers on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram, or delving deeper into your destinations with our personalized learning experience, the excitement will hit you long before you pack your suitcase.

When your group arrives abroad, everything is taken care of so you can relax and enjoy the experience. Your full-time Tour Director is with your group around the clock, handling local transportation, hotels, and meals while also providing their own insight into the local history and culture. Expert local guides will lead your group on sightseeing tours, providing detailed views on history, art, architecture, or anything you may have a question about.

When your journey is over and you're unpacking your suitcase at home, you'll realize the benefits of your life-changing experience do not end. They have just begun.

@EFtours I attribute my college semester abroad to the love for travel I discovered on an EF Tour in high school #traveltuesday

– MELISSA, TRAVELER



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What you'll experience on your tour

Day 1: Fly to Cuba

- *Hola* and welcome to Havana, where you will meet your Cuban Tour Director at the airport.
- Meet with a local artist or photographer for an interactive discussion about what life is like in Cuba today.
- Take a walking tour through the old town (*time-permitting*).

Day 2: Havana

- Enjoy sightseeing of Havana and stop at the Plaza de la Revolución
- Engage in insightful conversations with locals at Arte Corte, a community project centered around a hair salon and barber school.
- Visit the Museum of the Revolution, housed in the former Presidential Palace. Admire the museum's beautiful interior details, from the replica of Versailles' Hall of Mirrors to decorations done by New York's Tiffany Studios.
- Learn the game of dominoes, a beloved Cuban pastime, from a local dominoes champion.
- Watch local musicians perform songs inspired by Buena Vista Social Club, a group of Cuban musicians whose self-titled, 1997 debut album sold millions of copies around the world.

Day 3: Havana

- Travel to the Castillo de los Tres Reyes del Morro, an old Spanish fortress that was built to protect Havana's harbor.
- Visit a community project in Callejon de Hamel, a narrow alley filled with bright and colorful murals and sculptures. Get a taste for Havana's local art as you explore this eccentric backdrop for musicians and rumba dancers.

Day 4: Havana | Santa Clara | Remedios

- Travel to Santa Clara, a city known for its vast green spaces and traditional dance venues, to visit revolutionary landmarks and get a taste of local music and culture. Discuss Cuba's revolutionary history at the Che Guevara Mausoleum.
- Take in a traditional *trova* music performance and engage with the musicians.
- Continue on to Remedios and take a walking tour of the city.

Day 5: Remedios | Caibarién

- Learn about the sugar industry in Cuba at a former sugar mill.
- Ride in a steam train to Caibarién, then head to the agricultural and cultural center of the city for a tour.
- Travel back to Remedios, where you'll visit the Museo de las Parrandas, which details the history of Las Parrandas, celebrated annually on December 24.
- Enjoy a lively conversation with local baseball coaches at the city's stadium to learn about the importance of the sport in Cuba.

Day 6: Remedios | Sancti Spiritus | Trinidad

- As you make your way to Trinidad, visit Sancti Spiritus, one of the oldest European settlements in Cuba. Wander through its charming historic center alongside a local guide, engaging in conversation about its architecture and history.
- After arriving in Trinidad, meet and interact with a local artist to learn about their life, work, and inspiration.
- Learn how to salsa dance alongside local masters, and engage with the performers during a demonstration.

Day 7: Trinidad | Topes de Collantes | Cienfuegos

- Head north of Trinidad to tour a coffee farm alongside local farmers. Talk about coffee production, as well as struggles that are unique to Cuban coffee farmers, as you walk the grounds together. Enjoy a tasting of fresh, home-roasted coffee.
- Visit the Casa Museo del Café and learn about the history of coffee cultivation and preparation.
- Continue on to Cienfuegos and take a walking tour of this opulent, bayside city.
- Visit the Teatro Tomás Terry, an eclectic and elegant theater located in the city's historical center. Spot its Italian architecture and horseshoe-shaped hall.
- Wander around the decorative and neo-Gothic Palacio del Valle, built between 1913–1917.

Day 8: Cienfuegos | Bay of Pigs | Havana

- Spend the day exploring the infamous Bay of Pigs, and converse with local experts to learn about its historical significance.
- Join in a discussion with a local marine biologist about the bay's impressive marine ecosystem.
- Visit the Museo Girón and feel echoes of the failed American-led invasion that took place on the beach. Learn more about Cuban history and Fidel Castro's regime during the Cold War.
- Return to Havana and enjoy a farewell dinner.

Day 9: Depart for home

People-to-People

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—CHARLOTTE, PARENT OF TRAVELER

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