



CUBA

Cuba, the biggest among the Caribbean islands, is always compared to a pearl : its smooth subtropical climate, the thousands of kilometers of mother of pearl beaches, its natural resources, its coral reefs... but also its cultural richness, because Cuba contains more than five centuries of history reflected in several architectural treasures and a tradition full of joie de vivre where even the smallest event is celebrated with dance and music, land of the best tobacco, famous cocktails and place of birth of all those sounds that make the whole world want to dance : salsa, mambo, rumba and chachacha.

With its coastline of almost 4000 km, Cuba offers an amazing quantity of beautiful beaches with crystal waters. Varadero for example, Playa Santa Lucía, Guardalavaca and a series of beautiful minor islands (cayos), which will make your head spin with their white beaches.

Despite material difficulties, the people in Cuba are always friendly and will reserve you a warm welcome. The key words are joie de vivre, vitality and humour.





La Havana and surroundings

The biggest colonial architectural ensemble of Latin America, registered as UNESCO World Heritage and considerably renovated after more than 20 years. In Centro Habana, working class neighborhood par excellence, you have the impression that the city still lives in the past : American cars, buildings, casinos, everything recalls the 50s, elegant buildings next to shabby houses, everything always accompanied by music in the background.

La Habana Vieja, historical centre of the town, is also part of the UNESCO World Heritage since 1982. North of this quartier you can get to the Vedado, touristic and commercial area of La Havana, thanks to the 8 km long Malecon, the famous seafront. A very pleasant walk surrounded by the scent of the sea.

On the other side there is La Havana Moderna, the nerve centre of the actual life of the country in every way and on every level : politics, arts, culture... You will find here, among other things, the popular Plaza de la Revolución, venue of many events, with its *mirador* which is the highest point of the whole city, the legendary representation of Che Guevara, Cuba National Theatre, the Council of State or the Miramar district, residential area where you will find many diplomatic representations installed inside beautiful villas of the 30s and the historical Palace of Congresses.

Trinidad

The third town was founded by Diego Velázquez, in 1515 with the name of Villa de la Santísima Trinidad, and is situated among the hills of Sierra de l'Escambray and the Caribbean Sea. Declared UNESCO World Heritage, it is the most colonial town in Cuba and continues to have the characteristics of that period. Its luxury houses reflects its history and traditions and constitute true examples of baroque style in America.

Trinidad is still the best preserved colonial town of the isle and has slowly become one of the most important touristic places of the country. It is necessary to take some time to visit the town, the time to get lost in the small streets and admire the tiny pastel colour houses, the paved paths around Plaza Mayor, surrounded by superb colonial buildings. The majority of these buildings, already renovated, has now turned into museums. Among the constructions we can cite : Santa Ana church, Brunet Palace, Sanchez Iznaga Palace and the parish Most Holy Trinity church.





San Luis valley or the valley of Sugar Windmills, also UNESCO World Heritage, is not far and easy to reach from from the town.

The Cayos

The cayos are heavenly small islands benefiting from the most spectacular coral reefs of the Caribbean. White and thin sand, turquoise water and natural wonders, this is the real richness of the Cayos.

CAYO LEVISA

Part of Los Colorados archipelago, Cayo Levisa is located in the most western region of Cuba : Pinar del Rio. One of the best spots for diving.

CAYO LARGO

24 km of beaches, wonderful untouched sea beds and a privileged position make Cayo Largo a dream resort for those who love the intimacy of the sea. Cayo Largo also possesses wide morass areas full of mangroves and vineyards, where you can go bird watching and enjoy the calm and intimacy that this kind of places only can convey.

CAYO COCO and CAYO GUILLERMO

These majestic cayos, that together take the name of "Jardines del Rey" (the king's gardens), are a constant invite to the pleasure of enjoying some of the best quality beaches. To its 22 km of beaches, Cayo Coco adds another important factor : 90% of the territory is covered with vegetation and acts as a shelter for several species of the local fauna. Cayo Guillermo is more intimate but all the same cosy. It only covers 13.2km² and its three beaches are 3.5 km long, the best one being Playa Pilar, where you can admire the highest dunes of the insular Caribbean.



Our base in Trinidad

Leaving from Trinidad, Playa d'Ancon, you will discover the magic of a wild landscape and its enthralling people. Less than 5 miles from Los Jardines de la Reina archipelago and 40 miles from the famous Cayo Largo, on the Playa d'Ancon, you will find our base, inside the Marina Marlin.



Our fleet

Our fleet is composed by catamarans between 40 and 47 feet, brand new and fully accessorized for the navigation among the many cayos.

Type of boat	Nb cab	Nb pers	26/06/10-24/09/10	25/09/10-10/12/10	11/12/10-01/05/11	02/05/11-30/06/11	DEPOSIT
MONOHULL							
OCEANIS 50 NEW FAMILY	4	10 / 13	- €	3000 €	3750 €	3000 €	4000 €
OCEANIS 473 (4 CAB)	4	8 / 10	2300 €	2500 €	3000 €	2500 €	2500 €
CATAMARANS							
NAUTITECH 44 2009	4	10 / 10	- €	3950 €	4850 €	3950 €	4000 €
NAUTITECH 442 2010	4	10 / 10	- €	3950 €	4850 €	3950 €	4000 €
ORANA 44 2009	4	8 / 10	3500 €	3950 €	4850 €	3950 €	4000 €
NAUTITECH 40 2007 / 2005	4	8 / 10	3000 €	2740 €	3700 €	2740 €	2000 €
NAUTITECH 40 (GEN + DISSAL)	4	8 / 10	3300 €	2900 €	3950 €	2900 €	3000 €



Holiday package

We are able to offer you our holiday package (optional) for 270,00€/person including (price per person per week) :

- * Reception at the airport (in French, English, Italian or Spanish)
- * Local fees (12€/day)
- * Transfert from airport to hotel
- * Night in double room in a four stars hotel
- * Havana – Trinidad transfer (departure base)
- * Linen (sheets and towels: a big and a small one per person)
- * Cleaning
- * Off-boards
- * Fins, mask and snorkel
- * Departure Briefing for the navaigation area
- * Welcome back cocktail at our base
- * Trinidad – Havana airport transfer

From the 8th day the price is 20€/per day/per person

The fare does not include :

- * Diesel oil
- * Gas

Options :

- * Spinnaker : 150 € for the holiday period
- * Skipper: 80 € / per day (food to be charged to customer)
- * Hostess 50 € / per day (food to be charged to customer)

Payment conditions:

First deadline – 50% at confirmation.

Second deadline – 50% a month before departure

Bank details : IBAN : IT 03 W 02008 13105 000101055704
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Lundi : fermé

Mardi : 9h00-12h00 et 14h00-18h00

Mercredi : 9h00-12h00 et 14h00-18h00

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Our itineraries



General information

Climate

Cuba benefits from a subtropical climate with almost 330 days of sun in a year. There are two main seasons : the dry season (November to May) and the humid season (June to October).

Between the two there is no big variation in temperature and they remain on an average of 25° C. The difference between the two seasons lies essentially on the level of registered precipitations. Even during the humid season the sun still shines after short but intense downpours.

The temperature is relatively constant : an annual average of 25° C in La Havana, a bit east of the country. The temperature of the sea washing the Cuban coasts, profiting by the warm currents of the Caribbean Sea, goes from 22° C to 24° C during the dry season and from 26° C to 30° C during the humid season. The heat of the dry season is very endurable and pleasant during certain hours of the day.

Entry formalities

In order to enter the island of Cuba as a tourist you must have the following papers :

- Valid passport





- Tourist card : it is a compulsory document to enter Cuba. No matter where you come from, you will have to buy and fill in this document before debarking on the island. This card is not distributed inside the plane. Price : about 22€/per person. It can be obtained via the consulate, on-site(it is necessary to present passport and the plane ticket or a certification of the travel agency) or by mail (add 25€ for dossier fees, to be paid by cheque certified by the bank). Some travel agencies take charge of this formality. This card (valid for 6 months from the emission) is only valid for 30 days starting from your arrival in Cuba.

Medical insurance

It is compulsory to subscribe a medical insurance before your departure, or on-site as soon as you arrive.

Currency

Cuban convertible peso (CUC) – the exchange on arrival at the airport is extremely taxed (same exchange rate than in the city). Euro is accepted by hotels and in every big touristic area of the island (it is more advantageous to change euros than pesos in the banks). 1€ is about 1.20 CUC. The US dollar is not accepted. MasterCard and International Visa cards are accepted on condition that they have not been issued by American banks. American credit cards are banned.

Banks and Bureaux de change

Banks – open from Monday to Friday from 8.30 am to 3 pm

Bureau de change Cadeca – they close later and are open on Saturdays and sometimes even Sunday mornings.

Traveller's cheque

Never in dollars! The commission is 3 to 5 %. Only a few traders accept them, and some big hotels. It is better to change them in a bank or in a Cadeca Bureau. Bring the receipt of your bank.

Holidays

28 January	-	birth of José Martí
28 October	-	Camilo Cienfuegos' death anniversary
8 March	-	international women's day
19 April	-	Bay of Pigs' victory anniversary
8 October	-	Che's death anniversary

Time zone

Cuba applies winter and summer times. The jet lag with France is always 6 hours.





Electricity

Cuba uses 110 volts. Sockets with plate plugs : a tourist adaptor will be necessary, but it is not sure that all your devices will work with this voltage. Some hotels or casas particulares have both 110V and 220V.

Language

Cubans speak Spanish, a variant of the one spoken in Spain, very similar to it. Some people speak English, but only a few. Others have learnt French thanks to the Canadians or to the Alliance Française. An advice : revise your Spanish before leaving.

Mail

Post offices: from Monday to Saturday until 5/6 pm. Some, mainly in La Havana, are open also on Sundays.

Letterboxes: inside post offices and hotels

Delivery : the mail needs from 3 weeks to a month, or more.

Telecommunications

Phone booths with cards: inside the *Etecsa* modules, installed in the strategic corners of the towns. You can buy telephone cards on-site for the value of 5, 10, 15 and 20 CUC for international calls or in Cuban pesos for national communications.

Pay phones: interesting for national communications only. The currency is the Cuban peso.

Telefono cellulare: it can be used in Cuba if it has the « world » option included (International Roaming) and is supplied with 900 MHZ GPS. It is then possible to buy a SIM card in the Cubacel shops for 3 CUC per day and call with cards (*tarjetas de recarga C-COM*) from 10 or 20 CUC. Unfortunately all these operations will cost you more than using phone booths...



