



Safari to Topes de Collantes



You will ride up to the Escambray mountains in 4X4 SUVs. You will go up to Guanayara and trek through the tropical forest of Topes. Bird watching and an opportunity for swimming at the waterfall make this a must for nature lovers. (Remember to bring your swim suit, mosquito repellent and water). You will have a typical Cuban lunch at Restaurant El Manantial, this restaurant does not take bookings but the food is excellent and your driver will phone ahead for availability.



Visit to El Nicho waterfall



El Nicho tumbles over beautiful greenery in the northwestern part of the Escambray Mountains. Surrounded by lush woodlands, with a natural waterfall and pool to bathe in, makes this a relaxing excursion. Bring swimming gear but be warned, the water is chilly.



Bicycle tour to Park El Cubano



You'll leave from Trinidad with your local guide and ride for 30 minutes outside of the town to the entrance to El Cubano Park, a 3.6 km trail with a moderate difficulty in the area of Topes de Collantes national park. The walk is 1.8 kilometers halfway into the park where you can break for a swim at a natural pool and waterfall and then back to the starting point. For those who like nature there are ample bird watching opportunities and your local guide will teach you about the endemic species of flora and fauna of this unspoiled mountain park. There are many connections too with the Revolution and its history in the Escambray mountains and your guides will also impart this history while walking. We recommend you bring your bathing suit and a towel along with water. As mosquitos love this lush vegetation we highly recommend repellent! There is a typical restaurant at the starting point. Still accompanied by your guide you'll have a typical Cuban lunch of pork, beans and rice and be able to converse with your guide in a relaxed setting surrounded by almond trees. After lunch you'll ride back to Trinidad.



Day at Topes de Collantes



Topes de Collantes is a nature reserve park in the Escambray Mountains range in Cuba. It also refers to the third highest peak in the reserve, where a small settlement and tourist center is located, all sharing the same name. Nature is the big attraction here. Caves, rivers, falls, grottos, canyons, natural pools with crystal clear water, mountain hills surrounded by mariposa (butterfly lily) Cubans national flower. More than 40 indigenous species of orchids and 100 species of ferns, of which 7 are 6 metres (20 ft) tall palm-like tree ferns, wild plantain and banana trees, jasmine, begonias, several representatives of the ginger family and around 40 species of coffee are growing under the shade of giant 40 meter tall pines, eucalyptus, West Indian mahogany and magnolias making the wonder of this tropical rainforest. Important animal species live here as well including the Cartacuba, Cuban ivory-billed woodpecker, unique hummingbirds, and the tocororo which is Cuba's national bird.



Boat Half Day Trip to Cayo Macho No Private



Departure from the marina dock by boat to Cayo Macho. Welcome cocktail, snorkeling in the coral reef with equipment included, beach time, watching iguanas, jutias and other species that live there. Seafood lunch.



Bicycle tour to La Boca and Ancon beaches



You will leave Trinidad to go to La Boca beach by bicycle accompanied with a guide to talk about the area, the life of these fishermen villages and the area where Diego Velazquez entered to found Trinidad more than 500 years ago. Later you will continue the ride to get to Ancon beach, the area of the peninsula with the resorts. Free time for enjoying the sun and the Caribbean Sea. There are bars at the beach where you can have a drink or a snack. On the way back, ride around Casilda village with its fishing port and its good restaurants specialized in seafood. Total distance: 10 km to La Boca and return. 30 km the whole tour.



Bicycle tour to Guanayara river and beach



You will leave Trinidad by bicycle to go to the estuary of Guanayara river at the south coast in the Caribbean Sea accompanied with a guide to talk about the area and the life of these small fishing villages. Bring a bathing suit as you will have an opportunity to swim in the sea and the river. Total distance: 18 km.



Cigar and Rum Tasting at Bistro Trinidad

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Enjoy a unique experience in this lovely restaurant in colonial Trinidad. An expert will explain the history of Cuban cigars and rums, and you will choose one cigar and one rum from the array of unique and world famous Cuban products available, to enjoy the step by step process of smoking and drinking a Cuban cigar paired with a lovely and smokey Cuban aged rum.



Listen to Trova at Plaza Mayor

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Take a table at the Casa de Musica and watch a whole night of Cuban music and dance from son to salsa unfold in front of you. Great atmosphere and a lively crowd in this wonderful outdoor space.



Late night dancing at La Cueva

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Dance the night away inside a disco in a cave, surrounded by locals and loud, hot music.



Pottery class

\$ \$ ○ ○ ○ ○

Trinidad is home to the famous family of potters the Santanders. You will have a chance to throw a pot using a traditional wheel and generally get very messy with clay.



Dancing at Casa de la Musica and Casa de la Trova

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Dancing in Trinidad is de rigneur! Two wonderful locations for music in Trinidad are the colonial Casa de La Trova which is a good venue for matinees and until around 9pm with a mix of Trova and traditional Son music played by bands. After 10pm, the nearby Casa de La Musica is a lively place for dancing and contemporary salsa.



Day trip by boat to Cayo Macho (Private)

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Depart from the marina at Ancon beach by boat to Cayo Macho, a small Caribbean key. The trip includes a welcome cocktail, snorkelling on the coral reef with equipment included, beach time, and watching iguanas, jutias (Cuban tree rodents), and other species. A seafood lunch is included.



Dancing at Casa de la Musica and Casa de la Trova

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Two great locations for music in Trinidad. Casa de la Trova is a good venue earlier in the evening around 9pm with a mix of Trova and traditional Son music. Later from 10 pm the Casa de la Musica is a lively place for dancing to contemporary salsa.



Rumba class

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Professional dancers will teach you the delicious and beautiful art of Rumba, and will explain its history and characteristics, accompanied by live drummers. Rumba, a word that also meant party, is a music style developed by Afro-Cuban workers in the poor neighbourhoods of Havana and Matanzas. Traditionally, the three main styles of rumba are yamb, columbia and guaguancó, each of which has a characteristic dance, rhythm and singing. Although still a purely folkloric genre, numerous innovations have been introduced in rumba since the mid 20th century, including new styles such as bat-rumba and guarapachangueo.



Topes de Collantes Walk

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Visit Cuba's beautiful nature park, Topes de Collantes, which is 200 sq kilometres and a protected area. This is a place of extraordinary beauty and of great scientific value for Cuban botany, zoology and ecology as it has a great number of endemic species of flora and fauna.



Riding Tour of Sugar Plantations and Slave History

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Today you will take a tour of the local sugar plantations to understand the slave history in relation to the sugar industry. See slave quarters and understand how this system operated and the enormous impact sugar had on this area. See working plantation homes of the sugar barons.



Trinidad City Tour

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A walking tour which introduces you to this UNESCO World Heritage Site. An expert guide will explain the history of the town, while visiting its architecture highlights, and give you insight into its fascinating history in the colonial era, and during the years after the Revolution. Wear comfortable shoes for the cobblestone city centre streets.



Bicycle Ride in Trinidad

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You will have a bicycle at your disposal to go wherever you would like to go for the day: the beach, the Sugar Mills Valley, El Cubano Park. This does not include the services of a guide. But a guide can be arranged for an additional fee, please advise us in advance.



Trinidad Art and Artisan Tour

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Trinidad is home to important artisan craft producers. From the pottery family, Santander, to Trinidad families who have been making lace for generations, you will see some of the best hand made crafts on this tour. Along with a very rich art tradition, too, our guide will take you on a tour to the best of both worlds. Let us know your preferences, and we will tailor the tour to suit your interests.



Bicycle Tour of the Slave patrimony and Sugar Plantations

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This tour is done by bicycle and takes approximately 4 hours and covers a distance of 30KMs. The tour around the Sugar Mills Valley gives you the opportunity to see some ruins of ancient sugar mills that belonged to the Spaniards and the standing houses and towers at these plantations. First, a stop at a lookout point for a magnificent view of the valley, the mountains and the Caribbean Sea. Then, deeper into the region we visit two historic sites. One, the ruins of a Sugar Mill included in UNESCO's List of 100 Endangered Sites in the year 2000. San Isidro de los Destiladeros is the best place for a better interpretation of a sugar plantation in Trinidad with its house in restoration, the ruins of the mill, distilleries and the barracks for the African slaves. At the second, the house and the watchtower of one of the biggest sugar mills that belonged to one of the richest families of Trinidad in the 19th century. A local craft market amuses the visit and a sugar cane juice to refresh the hot temperatures. Same tour to the Sugar plantations riding bicycle. We would recommend taking a snack with you or having lunch in the area.



Religions of Cuba

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The purpose of the tour is to learn more about the religions in Cuba especially the syncretism carried out through decades between the Catholic and African religions. We start with the history of colonization and the early introduction of African slaves and their animistic spiritual practices. Then we visit practitioners of Santería (the Afro-Cuban religion) in their private temples and get a personal insight into this religious practice. We will also visit the main Catholic parish church in Trinidad considered as a cathedral for a village by the Bishop of Havana in the colonial period. During the tour we will pass by protestant churches and talk about the oppression of religion during many years of the Revolution. We will also discuss the important position of the Freemasons in Cuba and pass by some lodges. The tour includes a coffee and takes 2 hours. Wear comfortable shoes!



Horseback Riding and Horse Carriage Excursions

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This excursion is to the Ingenio Valley. You will travel by horseback and make your way across the farms, village, hills, rivers, forest and a waterfall, with swimming as an option en route. The horses are healthy and medium sized with calm and quiet temperaments so no experience is required. (Hard hats are not supplied).



Photography tour in Trinidad



Few places lend themselves to the camera lens like the Spanish colonial city of Trinidad. Its mansions and lavish interiors were fuelled by the cash the sugar boom brought to the island, but they are no secret. Tours last two hours; for photographers of any level.



Trinidad night life - a tour of the hot spots with a local guide



Accompanied by a local guide you will get an insiders look into nightlife in Trinidad. Walk around the city to enjoy the spectacular atmosphere of town at night. Visit a local bar in the city to discover how locals enjoy a typical night in Trinidad. Then a visit to the most popular music venues for tourists and locals alike, Casa de la Trova and Las Escalinatas amongst others. Depending on local events your guide will bring you to concerts by local Jazz or Trova musicians.



Canopy Tour in Trinidad



Enjoy the beauties of this lush Valley, a real emporium of the manufacture of sugar in the first half of the XIX century. It has five lines (stretches) of different lengths the largest 350 meters long, totaling 1.2 kilometers, and its maximum height is 50 meters above the ground.



Stpo for Guarapo at Valle de Ingenios



Stretch your legs and cool off with a glass of chilled sugar cane juice



Lunch and Music at Cofradia with Lia Llorente and Pachi Ruiz



Situated in the heart of Trinidad and built in 1779, this beautiful colonial house has been recently renovated. It is surrounded by art galleries, restaurants, boutiques and amazing array of night life entertainment. The owners, are renowned world class musicians, Lia Llorente and Pachi Ruiz, who have toured as "Duo Cofradia" across Canada, in Europe and in South America. Pachi is a well-respected and loved guitar teacher



Water sports in Guajimico



Considered one of the bests places in Cuba for snorkeling and diving, Villa Guajimico has its own dive center with 16 dive sites situated atop an offshore coral ridge nearby. Guajimico means 'place of the fishes' in the language of the indigenous tribes that once lived here, and the dive sites harbor some exotic marine life. All are close to the shore and six are located in a serene forest-rimmed inlet. 14 meter boat (non private) to diving areas. Diving session lasts 45-50 minutes. Certification SMACMAS. Equipment included.



Tour of Sugar Plantation Ruins and Slave History



Tour the local sugar plantation ruins to understand slave history in relation to the 19th-century sugar industry. See slave quarters and learn about the enormous impact sugar had on this area. See plantation homes of the sugar barons. Some have been exquisitely restored.



Live music - Sol Ananda



Cuarteto Isla - probably the best band in Trinidad play at this restaurant everyday. Head there for a coffee, drink or chocolate sundae and enjoy the very best of new trova fused with blues and jazz. A hidden musical gem. Calle Real 45, Plaza Mayor.



Trekking to Topes de Collantes (Gentle 1.5 kms)



You'll leave from Trinidad with your local guide and drive 15 minutes outside of the town to the entrance to the Topes de Collantes national park. Climbing up into the Escambray mountains a further 25 minutes you'll arrive at the Guanayara area of the park. From here you will trek through the tropical forest of Topes. The trek is approximately 2 kilometers in total. Walking approximately 1 kilometer into the park and then return to where you started. At the half way point there is a waterfall and natural pool for swimming. For those who like nature there are ample bird watching opportunities and your local guide will teach you about the endemic species of flora and fauna of this unspoiled mountain park. There are many connections too with the Revolution and its history in the Escambray mountains and your guide will also impart this history while trekking. We recommend you bring your bathing suit and a towel along. It's also a good idea to bring bottled water and stay hydrated. As mosquitoes love this lush vegetation we highly recommend repellent! After the hike you'll travel back down the park to a small rancho for lunch. Still accompanied by your guide you'll have a typical Cuban lunch of pork, beans and rice and be able to converse with your guide in a relaxed setting surrounded by views of the mountains. After lunch you'll return to Trinidad arriving at approximately 3pm. . Difficulty level: Gentle hike.



Trekking to Topes de Collantes (Gentle 3 kms)



You'll leave from Trinidad with your local guide and drive 15 minutes outside of the town to the entrance to the Topes de Collantes national park. Climbing up into the Escambray mountains a further 25 minutes you'll arrive at the Guanayara area of the park. From here you will trek through the tropical forest of Topes. The trek is approximately 3.5 kilometers in total. Hiking 1 kilometer into the park where you can break for a swim at a natural pool and waterfall then a further 2.5 to the end of the trail where your transport will be waiting. For those who like nature there are ample bird watching opportunities and your local guide will teach you about the endemic species of flora and fauna of this unspoiled mountain park. There are many connections too with the Revolution and its history in the Escambray mountains and your guide will also impart this history while trekking. We recommend you bring your bathing suit and a towel along. It is also a good idea to bring bottled water and stay hydrated. As mosquitoes love this lush vegetation we highly recommend repellent! After the hike you'll travel back down the park to a small rancho for lunch. Still accompanied by your guide you'll have a typical Cuban lunch of pork, beans and rice and be able to converse with your guide in a relaxed setting surrounded by views of the mountains. After lunch you'll return to Trinidad arriving at approximately 3pm. Difficulty level: Gentle hike.



Trekking to Topes de Collantes (Medium)



You'll leave from Trinidad with your local guide and drive 15 minutes outside of the town to the entrance to the Topes de Collantes national park. Climbing up into the Escambray mountains a further 15 minutes you'll arrive at the Vega Grande area of the park. From here you will trek through the tropical forest of Topes. The trek is a medium difficulty level with inclines and rough terrain and is approximately 5 kilometers in total. 2.5 into the park and 2.5 back to the start point. At the half way point there is a waterfall and natural pool for swimming. For those who like nature there are ample bird watching opportunities and your local guides will teach you about the endemic species of flora and fauna of this unspoiled mountain park. There are many connections too with the Revolution and its history in the Escambray mountains and your guides will also impart this history while trekking. We recommend you bring your bathing suit and a towel along. It is also a good idea to bring bottled water and stay hydrated. As mosquitoes love this lush vegetation we highly recommend repellent! After the hike you'll travel back down the park to a small rancho for lunch. Still accompanied by your guide you'll have a typical Cuban lunch of pork, beans and rice and be able to converse with your guide in a relaxed setting surrounded by views of the mountains. After the hike you'll travel back down the mountain to Trinidad arriving at approximately 3pm. Difficulty level: Medium hike.



Trekking to Topes de Collantes (Difficult)



You'll leave from Trinidad with your local guide and drive 15 minutes outside of the town to the entrance to the Topes de Collantes national park. Climbing up into the Escambray mountains a further 15 minutes you'll arrive at the Caburni area of the park. From here you will trek through the tropical forest of Topes. The trek is a challenging one and only for those who are experienced difficulty level with inclines and rough terrain and is approximately 7 kilometers in total. 3.5 into the park and 3.5 back to the start point. At the half way point there is a waterfall and natural pool for swimming. For those who like nature there are ample bird watching opportunities and your local guides will teach you about the endemic species of flora and fauna of this unspoiled mountain park. There are many connections too with the Revolution and its history in the Escambray mountains and your guides will also impart this history while trekking. We recommend you bring your bathing suit and a towel along. It is a good idea to bring bottle water and stay hydrated. As mosquitos love this lush vegetation we highly recommend repellent! After the hike you'll travel back down the park to a small rancho for lunch. Still accompanied by your guide you'll have a typical Cuban lunch of pork beans and rice and be able to converse with your guide in a relaxed setting surrounded by views of the mountains. After the hike you'll travel back down the mountain to Trinidad arriving at approximately 3pm. Difficulty level: Challenging hike.