

VALLE DE VIÑALES



A True Mogote Adventure

3 day/2 night adventure on horseback



Experience the adventure of a three day trail-ride on horseback through the Valleys of Viñales and beyond. You will get to explore even deeper into this beautiful land, visit places and people off the beaten track, take it easy the Cuban way while learning to roll tobacco at a finca, meeting new friends, sipping a little local rum or smoking a Cuban cigar as we move from point to point. We may stop to cool-down in one of the historic caves with fresh spring mountain pools of water, or just rest and enjoy the scenery out in nature. Both nights of our trail-ride will be enjoyed at a casa particulares where a home cooked meal will be waiting for us before good nights sleep. These tours are bespoke to the clients as well as the season and what is best for the tour experience.



Rock climbing in Viñales



The focus of rock climbing activity in Cuba is the Valle de Viñales in the western, mountainous province of Pinar del Río. The Valle de Viñales is a national park and a World Heritage Site. The mountains around Viñales have over 250 routes (300 pitches of climbing) with potential for hundreds more. The majority of routes lie within three main areas in the Valley: Mogote del Valle, El Palenque, and La Costanera. More than 80 percent of the routes in Valle de Viñales are on the walls of Mogote del Valle. The closest routes are about one kilometer from town, and the walls and caverns of Mogote del Valle can easily be seen from the town of Viñales.



Trekking tour in Viñales Half Day



Trekking to Los Aquaticos (the Water People). This trek is named after the local traditions of a small number of residents that live in the Viñales Valley and believe in the healing properties of water. The walk itself is around 4kms long and along the way you will see the dramatic landscape of this stunning natural area declared a UNESCO world heritage site in 1999. The valley was once filled with limestone karsts which have since eroded away, leaving in its place the rounded Mogote hills that have become the distinctive natural symbols of this area. The rich red earth of the Viñales countryside is also home to the local farming population who lovingly tend the surrounding landscape to grow the tobacco crops from which Cuba's world famous cigars are made.



Canopy Tour in Viñales



A memorable outdoor activity, it includes around 1km of inter-joined treetop ride between no less than 8 elevated platforms spanning a vivid and colourful backdrop of tobacco plantations, meadows, virgin forest, limestone hills and the meandering rivers that make this region so fertile and distinctive.



Cycling tour of Viñales Valley



The Viñales Valley is perfect for gentle cycling mainly flat and with beautiful views of the mogotes from the valley floor. For a more active ride take some of the hills surrounding the valley and appreciate the valley from a different perspective. Let us know your height to organise suitable bikes.



Visit Santo Thomas Cave



You will have the opportunity of visiting Cuba's largest cave system and the second largest on the American continent. There are over 46km of galleries on eight levels. There is no artificial lighting, but headlamps are provided for the 90-minute guided tour. Highlights include bats, stalagmites and stalactites, underground pools, interesting rock formations and a replica of an ancient native Indian mural.



Cuban Cowboy Experience - Sundown in Los Acuáticos



A trip up the mountain to where the “water people” live, a name given to this community after a woman saw the Virgin Mary in 1936 and was told to cure all illnesses using spring water. Our first stop is through the tranquil scenery of the Silent Valley which has a special view point of all Viñales. Then we continue into the heart of the Palmarito Valley where you will be cradled amongst the famous UNESCO national park of mountains and Mogotes. Here we will visit the tobacco farm of the The Miranda family, called ‘La Reina de Valle’ and discover their secrets and old traditions in the process of their coffee, rum and tobacco while enjoying the flavours of all. After a refreshing drink, such as fresh mango, coconut or pineapple we will head up to the Acuáticos. Here we will enjoy some snacks and a drink whilst enjoying the late sun of the day. We must leave a bit before dark, as there is quite a decent, but all part of the adventure and enjoyment of the sun setting. Our tour ends back at the town of Viñales.



Cuban Cowboy Experience - Explore the Magic of Viñales



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Viñales Valley Roots/ Raíces del Valle



Your local guide will welcome you at the main square of Viñales town, where you will get general information about its origin and the most outstanding buildings. Then you will leave behind the busy town to go straight ahead to the quietness of a view point located 250 meters ASL in the cradle of the project “Casa Taller Raices” where you’ll learn about the genius of a farmer through his art while enjoying a delicious cocktail. Afterwards you’ll hike/walk along Viñales valley, Cultural Heritage Site to amaze yourself with the unique landscapes, flora, fauna and the farmer’s culture of working the fields, emphasizing tobacco, from the seeds to the puff! In the trail you’ll also enjoy a delicious traditional meal. Note. You will be able to decide the distance and level of difficulty of the hike/walk.



Tobacco tour with our expert in Viñales



From growing it, to drying it, to rolling it and smoking it. This is the in-depth tour of Tobacco from seed to cigar. Walking into the lush countryside, you will visit the tobacco plantations where they still plough with oxen, see the famous drying houses and have a tobacco farmer show you how to roll a cigar. If you fancy you can also smoke one! Comfortable shoes for walking are advised.



Tour at Cueva del Indio




In a pretty nook 5.5km north of Vinales village, this cave is very popular with tourists. An ancient indigenous dwelling, the cave was rediscovered in 1920. After a short 200m walk, you are transferred to a motor boat to ply the final 400m along an underground river. The cave is electrically lit. Good for kids.




Oxen carriage



Sitting in an oxen carriage, your guide a native of the valley, will take you into the heart of the lush countryside, explaining the history of the tobacco growing, you will visit the tobacco plantations where they still plough with oxen, see the famous drying houses, have a tobacco farmer show and learn how to roll a cigar.



Pig on a spit



Locals join us for a pig on a spit, a few beers and an insight into life in the countryside in Cuba.



Tobacco Tour at Los Acuaticos




After a half hour hike to local community Los Acuaticos, learn all there is to know about tobacco, from planting and growing to rolling and smoking. This tour includes a drink and a cigar.




Panoramic tour of Viñales in Horse carriage




This 2 hour tour includes visits to Mural de la Prehistoria, Valle de la Penitencia, coffee and tobacco farms, Botanical garden, and canopy tour. Each carriage has a capacity for 5 pax. Includes one drink.




Horse riding into Viñales Valley




Our local guide will take you horse riding in the stunning Viñales Valley. With its fertile rust-red soil, layered in charreuse green expanses of tobacco plantations and studded by precipitous limestone buttresses of rock, the Mogotes mountains, Viñales is known for its authentic Cuban rustic scenery.




Live Music - Centro Polo Montañez



Named for the late Pinar del Rio resident turned guajiro hero, Polo Montanez, this open to the elements patio off the main plaza is a bar-restaurant with a full blown stage and lighting rig that comes alive after 9pm.



Sunset Horse Ride



Take a sunset ride up to the top of the Mountain range above Viñales to the Acuaticos or water people or beyond Drop in to a campesinos house on the way for a natural mojito or pina colada and a visit to a local farmer one of the few still growing totally organic tobacco This ride can be extended to a full day ride including lunch and taking in a swim in a local underground river and sundowner at the top of the valley.