

CUBA ★ **PRIVATE
TRAVEL**



EASTERN CUBA ADVENTURE

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Your Journey, Your Way

Every detail is customizable:

- Swap tours for free time, upgrade accommodations, or add unique experiences (e.g., private cigar tastings, yacht charters).
- Adjust pacing: Extend stays in Havana or Viñales, add private sailing in the south coast, or include Cienfuegos explorations.
- Tailor activities to interests: Art, history, nature, or culinary-focused options.

Itinerary at a Glance

Day 1: Arrival in Holguín & Sunset in Gibara Fishing Village

Day 2: Holguín Tour & Photo Safari in Cayo Saetía

Day 3: Scenic Journey to Baracoa & Coconut-Flavored Dinner

Day 4: Baracoa's Nature, Cacao Farm & Changüí Music Night

Day 5: Journey to Santiago de Cuba, Historic Tour & Sunset at El Morro

Day 6: Ascent into the Sierra Maestra & A Night in the Mountains

Day 7: Revolutionary Hike to Comandancia de la Plata

Day 8: Historic Bayamo & Departure from Holguín

Legal Travel to Cuba

This itinerary complies with U.S. Department of Treasury regulations for legal travel to Cuba, featuring culturally immersive activities, support for Cuba's private sector (boutique hotels, paladares, independent guides), and OFAC-compliant documentation for U.S. travelers.

Overview

Embark on an eight-day adventure through the rugged beauty and rich history of Eastern Cuba. From the tranquil fishing villages of the coast to the legendary peaks of the Sierra Maestra, this journey uncovers the soul of the region. You will explore colonial cities, delve into the pristine nature of Baracoa, discover Cuba's cacao heartland, and walk in the footsteps of revolutionaries. This is a trip for the intrepid traveler seeking an authentic, off-the-beaten-path Cuban experience.

DAY 1



ARRIVAL IN HOLGUÍN & SUNSET IN GIBARA

Upon arrival at Holguín's airport, you will be met by your guide-driver and your 4x4 Jeep, ready to start the adventure. You will transfer to the charming fishing town of Gibara, a National Monument known for its colonial architecture and serene atmosphere. You'll take a walking tour of its streets, climbing to the Los Caneyes viewpoint and ending with a spectacular sunset at Caletón Beach. The night culminates with an authentic fresh seafood dinner prepared by a local family.

DAY 2



HOLGUÍN, PHOTO SAFARI & CAYO SAETÍA

In the morning, you will explore the city of Holguín, known as the "City of Parks." After a tour of its elegant center, you will climb the Hill of the Cross (Loma de la Cruz) for an unforgettable panoramic view. Then, you will embark on an scenic journey to Cayo Saetía, a natural paradise and reserve where exotic species like zebras, antelopes, and ostriches roam free. The afternoon is yours to enjoy the beach, take a horseback ride, or simply relax in this unique environment.

DAY 3



JOURNEY TO BARACOA & COCONUT FLAVORS

After a relaxed brunch on the beach, you will embark on a road trip through spectacular landscapes to the jewel of eastern Cuba: Baracoa. Upon arrival, you will settle into the bohemian villas of Villa Maguana, situated next to a private cove with turquoise waters. In the evening, you will immerse yourself in the local gastronomy with a traditional Baracoan dinner where coconut is the starring ingredient, enjoying unique dishes like fish in coconut milk in a cozy family-run paladar.

DAY 4



BARACOA'S NATURE, CACAO & CHANGÜÍ MUSIC

The morning offers an adventure of your choice: a hikethrough the Alejandro de Humboldt National Park (aWorld Heritage Site), a jeep ascent of the mythical ELYunque mountain, or a safari on the Toa River. In theafternoon, you will discover why Baracoa is the heart of chocolate in Cuba with a visit to a private cacao farm.

The day ends with an authentic musical experience,immersing yourself in the rhythms of changüí, the musicalstyle that gave rise to Cuban son, in an intimate eveningwith local musicians.

DAY 5



JOURNEY TO SANTIAGO DE CUBA, HISTORY & MUSIC

Today you will travel south until you reach Santiago deCuba, the vibrant heart of the Cuban Caribbean.

Afterchecking into your central B&B, you will explore the city'shistoric center, visiting Céspedes Park and the iconic Casade la Trova, the birthplace of son and bolero.

The day willculminate with a visit to the imposing El Morro Castle, ahistoric fortress and World Heritage Site, just in time towitness a spectacular sunset view over the Caribbean Sea.

DAY 6



SIERRA MAESTRA & A NIGHT IN THE MOUNTAINS

You will leave the city behind and begin the ascent into thelegendary Sierra Maestra mountains, the cradle of theCuban Revolution. The journey will take you throughmountainous landscapes to Villa Santo Domingo, apicturesque refuge next to the Yara River. Here, life movesat a slower pace, surrounded by coffee plantations and thesounds of nature. The evening will be an unforgettableexperience: a rustic, camp-style dinner under the stars,accompanied by local guides and traditional mountain music.

DAY 7



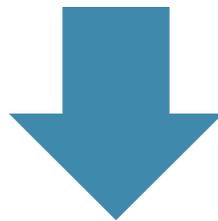
HIKE TO COMANDANCIA DE LA PLATA

You will set out on a guided hike into the heart of the Sierra Maestra, following forested trails that once served as secret routes for the revolutionary forces. The path winds through lush tropical vegetation, river crossings, and shaded mountain paths, gradually revealing the historic site of La Comandancia de la Plata, Fidel Castro's former mountain headquarters. Along the way, local guides share stories of life in the Sierra and the history that unfolded here, bringing the landscape to life. The experience is both immersive and reflective — a journey through nature and memory, surrounded by the raw beauty and quiet power of the mountains.



Your day begins in historic Bayamo, one of Cuba's oldest cities and a cradle of the nation's independence movement. Stroll through its quiet streets and leafy plazas as your guide brings to life stories of resistance, culture, and everyday life in eastern Cuba. The rhythm here is unhurried, offering a final moment to absorb the atmosphere of the region before continuing your journey onward. Later, you will transfer to Holguín Airport for your departure, passing through rural landscapes and small towns that provide a last glimpse into the country's layered history and enduring spirit.

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Inclusions

- **VIP airport arrival and private transfers.**
- **Accommodations ranging from boutique to 5-star hotels.**
- **Bilingual guide**
- **Tours and meals as specified**
- **Cuban visa (via OFAC affiliate for US travelers; shipping costs TBD for others).**

Exclusions

- **International flights**
- **Travel Insurance**
- **Tips**

Amenities

- **Viajeros Form**
- **Early Check In**
- **Late Check Out**
- **Fast Track at Airport**

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