

FAMILIES ON THE GO TRAVEL, LLC

\$4090**

PRESENTS:

9-DAY Cuba Vacation Including : Havana—Varadero—Trinidad “Classic Cuba” History—Jazz—Beach

Vacation Includes:

- Roundtrip Air from Washington, DC—Dulles International Airport to Havana/Santa Clara **
- Cuba Visa
- Cuba Airport Departure Tax
- Airline taxes & fees at the U.S. airport
- Accommodations in **Havana** for 5 nights
- Accommodations in **Varadero, Matanzas** for 2 nights
- Accommodations in **Trinidad** for 1 night
- Meals each day as described in itinerary
- Portage at hotels
- Tours to the most important historical sites
- All private transfers—via private motor coach
- Experienced English speaking tour guide
- All entrance fees to scheduled activities and events described in itinerary
- Pre-tour briefing
- Cuba Vacation Details Booklet

Prices are per person, on a double occupancy basis, including taxes, ground transfers, and service charges.

Options:

- Golf Excursions (Varadero Golf Club)
- Cuba Jazz Clubs/Night Clubs
- Other Tours/Excursions Available

** Oct 2017 Air Rates Not Yet Available. Estimated rate has been applied via American Airlines. Should rates, change the trip cost will be adjusted to reflect the change.



October 13-21, 2017

We're headed to Cuba!!!! Your trip begins in Havana...immerse yourself for nine days—8 nights enjoying Cuba, an enchanting island brimming with history, culture, and warm, welcoming people.

Cuba has a timeless Spanish architecture to its soul-stirring music, and warm tropical climate—with a deep rooted culture all its own. The cobblestone streets full of classic cars, and landscape almost untouched by Western influence. And at long last, this unforgettable island is now open to any U.S. citizen to visit. A trip to Cuba is a once-in-a-lifetime experience for Americans, and choosing the right company is important.

Let's discover Cuba together—Families On The Go Travel and you!

Families On the Go Travel, LLC is taking reservations.

Deposit: \$300 non-refundable deposit per person due November 12, 2016.

Cancellation Penalties occur after 07/13/17:

All request for cancellation must be in writing to Families On The Go Travel, LLC. Initial deposits are non-refundable. For cancellations, the following per person cancellation fees apply: 120-90 business days prior to departure 50% of total price 89-30 business days prior to departure 75% of total price 29-1 business days prior to departure 100% of total price.

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Travel Protection Insurance highly recommended.

9-DAY CUBA VACATION ITINERARY

Oct 13 Depart Washington, DC— Dulles International Airport—Transfer from airport to **Hotel Parque Central—Havana**

Arrival at José Martí International Airport in Havana where guests will be welcomed by the Tour guide. Transfer from the airport to the Hotel Parque Central in Havana. At night guests will be taken in a classic convertible car along the Malecón up to the Fortaleza de la Cabaña where they will enjoy the ceremony of the closing of the city wall and cannons firing at 9 p.m. After the ceremony, dinner at *El Tempete Restaurant*.

Meals included: Dinner

Oct 14

After breakfast, you will be picked up at the Hotel and taken to the historic area of Havana, designated as a World Heritage Site since November 1979. The tour will begin at the Tempete, a magnificent symbolic neoclassical building where the city tour will start. First, the Plaza de Armas, later the Plaza of San Francis of Assisi, Plaza Vieja, where the Escorial Café is and where there will be a tasting. During the tour, the guide will describe the history of restored buildings and streets that have existed for 495 years. Next, visit the screen printing workshop with a panoramic view of the "Callejon del Chorro". Opened in 1962, it has an exhibition space to promote and sell the work of local masters. Time to interact with workers and artists. Visit the rum museum and the cigar factory. Lunch at the *Paladar San Cristobal*.

In the afternoon after lunch visit the Headquarter Association Cuba-Africa and the Malcom X and Martin Luther King monument in one of the streets of Vedado. Continue to Marianao neighborhood where the Martin Luther King Memorial Center is located. Transfer back to the hotel. At night after dinner at *Café Oriente Restaurant* and then transfer to Sloppy Joe's Bar to sample their signature cocktail.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Oct 15

After breakfast, you will be picked up at the hotel to visit Casa de Africa Museum in Old Havana and the Association of Cuba-Africa. Later go to Regla Town by ferryboat, a community located on the eastern side of Havana Bay. Visit to Museum of Regla, well known because of its afro Cuban religious themes. Later on visit Callejon de Hamel. Aside from its funky street murals and psychedelic art shops, the main reason to come to Havana's high temple of Afro-Cuban culture in Centro Habana is the frenetic rumba music that kicks off every Sunday at around noon. For aficionados, this is about as raw and hypnotic as it gets, with interlocking drum patterns and lengthy rhythmic chants powerful enough to summon up the spirit of the Orishas.

Lunch at the *Paladar Atelier*, where the First Lady of the United States, Michelle Obama and her daughters had lunch during their visit to Cuba.

At night Transfer to Tropicana for dinner and show. Its marketing slogan as a 'paradise under the stars' is no hyperbole: the outdoor, tropical setting of the world-famous Tropicana Cabaret is as spectacular as the nightly shows. The Tropicana has a fascinating history: once the extravagant property of a Havana socialite, she sold it to an entrepreneur in 1939 who dreamed of opening a 300-person capacity restaurant/night club. The socialite put one condition on the sale: the new owner had to maintain as many trees, shrubs, and plantings as possible. This historic detail is part of what makes Tropicana so special – the setting is wonderfully lush, with royal palms, mango, cedar trees and more surrounding the entire club.

The list of celebrities who have graced Tropicana's stage is long and illustrious: Nat King Cole, Josephine Baker, Libertad Lamarque, Cheo Feliciano, Rita Montaner, Elena Burke and Bola de Nieve all performed under the stars here back in the day. In 1992, the American Academy of Restaurant Industry honored Tropicana as the best cabaret in the Americas, awarding it the "Best of the Best Five Star Diamond." It was singled out for its quality and rich history, with which it has been staging performances for over half a century.

The program performed these days is "Tambores en Concierto" (Drum Concert), composed by Tomás Morales. A review of iconic Cuban rhythms, mixed with rumba, mambo, danzonete and even Latin jazz, it's accompanied by the hot choreography.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Oct 16

Breakfast at the hotel. Early morning transfer to visit to the westernmost city in Cuba: Pinar del Rio. Visit the town of Viñales, declared a protected Natural Landscape by UNESCO and a National Natural Monument in October, 1976. The Valley of Viñales is a biosphere reserve. Typical buildings with indigenous architecture, such as the *House of Tobacco*, the so-called *vara en tierra* or simple lean-to, and the typical Cuban *bohío*, which, when combined with the natural surroundings, the *mogotes*, the differences in elevation, and the contrast between the red soil and green crops, make up a unique aesthetic and socio-cultural contrast. All of this together forms a Cultural Landscape in evolution where you can see social activity linked to a way of life. Visitors will have access to all the eco-cultural reserve in the Valley, and the process of cultivation of tobacco, as demonstrated directly by the farmer who works there. Lunch at the *Mural of Prehistory Restaurant*.

At night, dinner at *Paladar Café Laurent* and enjoy a nice show at "La Zorra y el Cuervo Jazz Club". Return to the hotel.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Oct 17

After breakfast at the hotel transfer to San Francisco de Paula neighborhood to visit Finca La Vigía, home of Ernest Hemingway. Lunch in the *Paladar Rio Mar*. After lunch visit Instituto Superior de Arte. Before return to hotel—visit souvenir purchase location. Return to the hotel.

At night transfer to *Paladar El Divino*. This paladar received the Excellence Award from TripAdvisor in 2014 and obtained the Fourth National Excellence Crown of urban agriculture and the agro-ecological seal. The Paladar is supplied by an integrated farm: *The Yoandra*, that offers guided tours to learn about more than 110 species of fruit trees including visits Baobab, the tree of the Orishas. An Orisha is a spirit that reflects one of the manifestations of God (Eledumare, Olorun, Olofi) in Yoruba religion. The farm has been declared Provincial Botanical Garden of fruit trees. Return to the hotel.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Oct 18

Pick up at the hotel in Havana after breakfast. **Transfer to Matanzas City** to visit the Slave's Route Museum and the San Severino Castle. This museum is part of a project that has the goal to show to the world the phenomenon of the slave trade. The Castle itself (where the museum is located) is one of the greatest constructions in the city and a well preserved witness of the local history. Built as part of a military defense system, the construction works started in 1693 and culminated around 1740. During its history, the castle was used in the slave trade activities in the 18th century and as a prison until 1970. This fortress is considered a jewel of military architecture in Matanzas and due to its historical and architectural values is considered a National Monument. Lunch at the *Paladar Amelia del Mar*.

Visit the first Pharmaceutical Museum in Latin America which was reopened on May 1, 1964. Although eclecticism dominated its construction, it still retains all the original furnishings and elements and is the only French pharmacy from the end of the 19th century that remains today that is protected under the law. It was declared a National Monument in 2007.

Transfer to **Iberostar Varadero Hotel in Varadero**.

At night, after dinner at the hotel, transfer to the Xanadu Mansion, an authentic place where you can enjoy a live jazz group. Transfer to the hotel after the concert.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Oct 19

Pick up at the Iberostar Varadero Hotel in Varadero after breakfast and transfer to Trinidad City. Upon arrival, lunch in a local restaurant and then in the afternoon, tour of The Villa of the Most Holy Trinity. This was the third town founded by the Spanish Crown in Cuba, at the beginning of 1514. It was founded by the explorer, Diego Velázquez de Cuéllar, and grew rapidly, allowing him to be one of the most prosperous explorers of the Greater Antilles. The work of conservation and restoration undertaken by the specialists in this area of South Central Cuba, and the love of its inhabitants, has led this to be one of the better preserved colonial cities, not only of Cuba, but throughout the Americas. It was added to the list of World Heritage sites by UNESCO, along with the Valley de los Ingenios in 1988, an area where the sugar industry prospered with the arrival of the Iznaga, Borrell and Brunet families towards the middle of the 19th century.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Oct 20

Breakfast at the hotel. After breakfast, visit the Parque del Cubano (Cuban Park), located only 5 km. from the city of **Trinidad**, and 22 km. from Topes de Collantes, bordering on the west with the Valle de Los Ingenios. Nature and history come together to offer the visitor more than a simple memory. The trail called *Huellas de la Historia* (Traces of history), one of the main attractions, will allow you to see the reality of the colonial past. Suspension bridges and a well-designed route will lead you to the always refreshing Javira waterfall.

Later on, visit the Romantic Museum and the Potter's Workshop, where you may interact with artisans working there. Then visit one of the musical projects – a unique opportunity to interact with important musicians from Trinidad, through which you can learn about the roots of Cuban music, as well as the lives of historical musicians. You will be able to appreciate the interpretative qualities of some of the musicians. Next a cocktail tasting at the Canchánchara Bar. Lunch in a local restaurant.

Transfer to Brisas **Trinidad del Mar Hotel in Trinidad**. Return to the hotel for dinner.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & dinner

Oct 21

After breakfast you'll be picked up at the Brisas Trinidad del Mar Hotel in Trinidad to be transferred to the **Santa Clara** airport for the flight back home. Return flight to Washington, Dulles International Airport.

Meals Included: Breakfast

REQUIRED PAYMENTS:

To hold your reservation the following payment amounts are required:

**Deposit: \$300 per person due November 12, 2016
Required Payment Amounts shown below:**

Payment Date	Payment Amount	Balance
November 12, 2016 (Deposit)	\$300	\$3790
December 12, 2016	\$421.11	\$3368.89
January 12, 2017	\$421.11	\$2947.78
February 12, 2017	\$421.11	\$2526.67
March 12, 2017	\$421.11	\$2105.56
April 12, 2017	\$421.11	\$1684.45
May 12, 2017	\$421.11	\$1263.34
June 12, 2017	\$421.11	\$842.23
July 12, 2017	\$421.11	\$421.12
August 12, 2017	\$421.12	-0-