## Western Cuba, Water and Hills Tour

## November 24 to December 2nd Limit 10 people

# Explore Western Cuba with an Insider and make Cuban friends while experiencing city, town and nature. You wont miss a thing.

\$2000 US

Includes 9 nights of accommodation in beautiful Casa Particulares with full tropical breakfasts

Airport pick up/transfer

Welcome Dinner and cocktails

Farewell Dinner and cocktails

Transportation to Vinales and Trinidad

Old Convertible Car Tour to Artist Village and Plaza of the Revolution

Guided tour of Old Havana, including Museum of the Revolution, Bellas Artes (the Cuban Art Gallery) and

Museum of Design

2 nights in Vinales including horseback riding, hiking with guide and lunch at an Eco Farm

2 nights in Trinidad, a 15th century historic UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE TOWN with beach, outdoor music and crafts

1 night in Topes Collantes in the mountains of Escambray and waterfall excursion.

### **Extra activities** can be added for a nominal fee.

These include:

Dance classes with professional teachers

Percussion classes

Baseball games and even meet baseball stars one on one

Ballet or Theatre shows

Tropicana Nightclub

## **Cancellation Policy**

We understand that sometimes life can bring unexpected turn of events.

You will receive a FULL REFUND up to 60 days before departure date (minus the deposit)

50% of payment refundable

\$500 deposit is non refundable

#### Cuba's

## **VINALES (2.5 hours from Havana)**

This is where the best tobacco for all those Cuban cigars grows. The province of Pinar del Rio has the perfect blend of soil to create that perfect 'Puro'. The surreal hills and lush fields provide a breathtaking backdrop to the pretty and colourful town. Go Horseback riding, visit a tobacco plantation or hike the hills during the day and dine in one of the many good restaurants at night. Perfection.

## **CIENFUEGOS (3 hours from Havana)**

This pretty French influenced city is a tranquil jewel. With a lovely seawall to stroll, a town centre that boasts a theatre from the 1800's and an Arabic style mansion where you can sip cocktails on the rooftop terrace this is an ideal stop for a day or a week.

#### **TRINIDAD**

UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE Trinidad is a crowd pleaser. Built by sugar barons during the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> century it is a maze of cobblestone streets, outdoor music venues, delicious eateries and historical architecture. With one of the most spectacular beaches on the island, Playa Ancon, only half an hour drive away this is a visitors Paradise.

## **TOPES COLLANTES (1 hour from Trinidad)**

Just outside of Trinidad you can drive up into the Escambray mountains and splash in waterfalls, sample local coffees or hike amongst native flora and fauna. A nature lovers hideaway.

## PLAYA LARGA (3.5 hours from Havana)

Located near The Bay of Pigs this entire area is for divers and snorkelers alike. Even if you prefer being on top of the water the history of this island is fascinating. Visit the museum, take photos of the Revolutionary posters and mingle with local Cubans as they stroll the streets. Indulge in fresh fish and lobster prepared by your hosts accompanied with a cold beer ,while watching the egrets glide on to the lagoon. Need I say more?

## Camaguey

Sitting majestically in the centre of the island this classy city boasts history, lovely squares and a proud Cubanismo demeanour. Great stop when travelling from West to East and you might like it so much that you will decide to stay longer.

## Santiago de Cuba

The Second largest city in Cuba is the wild sibling to Havana. Here the heat is hotter, the mountains are green and the people have deeper African roots. A stones throw from Haiti, in Santiago one encounters a more Caribbean flavor, with lower buildings, charming walking streets, and a vibrancy in the people. With the historic balcony in the Plaza Grande where Fidel gave his victory speech to the breath taking fort perched over the blue ocean and the famous Casa de la Trova for real Cuban music/dance, there are activities to keep you busy from morning till the wee hours of the morning.

#### Baracoa

Hidden on the other side of the mountains from Santiago, this quirky and sweet town is at the end of a serpentine road that winds from the bustle of Santiago to the magical micro climate of Baracoa. Great hiking, beaches, nature walks, music and restaurants with coconut infused dishes makes this a special stop on your tour.

## Sierra Maestra

Hike the dense mountains of Eastern Cuba and visit the hide out of the revolutionary rebels where you can still see the enclave that they build while waiting for their moment. Cross the highest peak of the country, Pico, and spend the night at the top, relax by an unspoilt river where children cross with their horses. This is just a small glimpse of the wonders that we can provide for the adventurous traveller if you let us create a trip of a lifetime.

#### Varadero

Beach, beach and more beach. This peninsula is famous for its white sand, turquoise waters and tourist infrastructure. If you need a tan, a cold Daiquiri and complete relaxation make this your final destination on the itinerary.