



# CUBA CANDELA

GO BEYOND ORDINARY



# *Why Cuba?* YES, YOU CAN STILL TRAVEL TO CUBA!

We've traveled the world and there is no place like Cuba. It's roots remain in a simpler time, encapsulating memories of a bygone era. Cuba is the romance of Hemingway, the sounds of Afro-Caribbean music amidst decaying colonial grandeur, the smell of the ocean and tropical fruit, and the taste of world-class tobacco and rum.

From the rooftops of Havana, the rhythm of el Malecón to the cascading waterfalls of Trinidad and the otherworldly magic of Viñales, the energy and natural beauty of Cuba capture the heart and mind.

Journey to a once unreachable world of unmatched beauty with a rich culture that combines old and new—the island of Cuba.



# DAY 1

## Island Arrival, Welcome Dinner

2:00 PM **Flight Arrival (Suggested Time)**

3:30 PM **Arrival & Accommodation Check-in:** Upon arrival you will be met by an airport representative who will guide you to your driver. Your private transportation will be waiting for you upon arrival. Retrieve your bags and proceed outside to meet your driver.

7:00 PM **Welcome Dinner:** You will be dining at Paladar Los Mercaderes, an authentic Cuban spot serving great local dishes in a refined dining room.



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## DAY 2

### Exploring Old Havana, Vintage Convertible Car, Salsa Dancing Lesson

- 8:00 AM **Breakfast:** Full breakfast provided at your accommodation.
- 9:00 AM **Exploring Old Havana:** Find your bearings and step back in time, as you immerse yourself in the iconic, colorful and historic Habana Vieja (Old Havana.) Walk in the footsteps of Havana's colonial past and learn about the rich local culture from your guide.
- 12:00 PM **Lunch:** El del Frente. Inspiring and bright design-centric atmosphere with handcrafted cocktails and excellent modern cuisine.
- 1:30 PM **Vintage Convertible Tour:** Enjoy a tour of the city in an open top vintage car taking in all the main sites including the Havana Almendares forest, Cristobal Colon Cemetery and Hotel National.
- 3:00 PM **Salsa Dancing Lesson:** No visit to Cuba is complete without taking to the floor in a Salsa Club. Our teacher guarantees to have you up and dancing in no time!
- 4:00 PM **Return to Accommodation:** We recommend that you return to your accommodation to rest and freshen up.
- 8:00 PM **Dinner:** Yarini. One of Old Havana's trendiest spots, dine under the stars at this beautiful rooftop restaurant known for craft cocktails and the local artists and musicians that frequently stop by.



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## DAY 3

### Viñales Countryside Excursion: Magical Mountains, Family Tobacco Farm and Cigar Rolling Experience

Located three hours from Havana, Viñales is a beautifully quaint Cuban town nestled among soaring limestone cliffs and tobacco farms. These limestone *mogotes*, combined with Viñales' vibrantly colored casas in shades of orange, green, pink, yellow, blue, red have earned the Valley of Viñales a World Heritage designation.

8:00 AM **Breakfast:** Full breakfast provided at your accommodation.

9:00 AM **Depart for Viñales:** Please be ready to depart by this time.

12:00 PM **Lunch:** Enjoy an authentic and traditional Cuban meal prepared by the family of Andy, your local Viñales expert. Embrace Cuban tradition and get to know real Cuban life through authentic conversations.

1:00 PM **Tobacco Country:** Explore tobacco country like a Cuban farmer! Stop at a working tobacco farm run by a lovely multi-generational family. Learn the special technique and secret family recipe for rolling cigars with a twist. We'll continue into the lush Viñales Valley to our special viewing point, one of the most tranquil places on the planet.

4:00 PM **Return to Havana:** Please be ready to depart by this time.

7:00 PM **Return to Accommodation:** We recommend that you return to your accommodation to rest and freshen up.

8:30 PM **Dinner:** Cocinero, a unique rooftop restaurant located in the remodeled tower of an old oil factory.

Evening **Fabrica De Arte Cubano:** A must-see center of Cuban art, nightlife and entertainment. Enjoy music, dance, film, art and shows under the same roof. Prices are reasonable making it accessible to Cubans.



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## DAY 4

### Cooking Class, Private Art Studio Tour, Local Shopping and Rum Tasting Experience

- 8:00 AM **Breakfast:** Full breakfast provided at your accommodation.
- 10:00 AM **Cuban Cooking Lesson (Lunch Included):** Learn how to prepare a classic Cuban meal with a local chef, who teaches you how to create some of their best dishes in a beautiful setting. Enjoy Cuban cocktails and coffee throughout the experience.
- 1:00 PM **Private Art Studio Tour:** Go beyond the façade to learn about an integral part of Cuban culture: the arts. Get to know two local artists and their inspirations.
- 3:00 PM **Optional Local Shopping :** Support Havana's thriving community of private entrepreneurs, visit shops like Dador, Clandestina and an artisan craft market.
- 4:00 PM **Return to Accommodation:** We recommend that you return to your accommodation to rest and freshen up.
- 6:30 PM **Rum Tasting Experience:** A local expert retired from one of Cuba's top rum brands will lead you in a rum tasting to explain the history and culture of Cuba's iconic drink.
- 8:00 PM **Dinner:** La Guarida, simply the best quintessentially Cuban ambience, serving international food and Cuban specialty dishes.



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## DAY 5

### Depart for Trinidad, Cienfuegos Tour and Lunch, Dinner in Trinidad

- 8:00 AM **Breakfast:** Full breakfast provided at your accommodation.
- 9:00 AM **Depart for Cienfuegos**
- 11:00 AM **Lunch and Tour in Cienfuegos:** Explore the historic French town of Cienfuegos. Spend a few hours this afternoon seeing the beautiful town and eat a delicious local lunch.
- 3:00 PM **Depart for Trinidad:** Continue along your journey towards Trinidad, one of Cuba's oldest cities, that remains lined with cobblestone streets and beautiful colonial architecture.
- 5:00 PM **Arrival in Trinidad:** Check in to your accommodation freshen up.
- 7:30 PM **Dinner:** Enjoy dinner on the island at Plaza Mayor.
- Evening **Optional Salsa Dancing:** After dinner, you'll have the option to partake in salsa dancing in the town square with locals!



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## DAY 6

### Coffee Farm, Waterfall Hike, Lunch, Afternoon at the Beach, Dinner in Trinidad

- 8:00 AM **Breakfast:** Full breakfast provided at your accommodation.
- 9:30 AM **Coffee Farm:** Visit the home of Rosa, a humble countryside farm where you can learn authentic ways of producing coffee and growing plants and herbs. Experience an authentic cultural interaction and learn about Cuban resilience and survival.
- 10:30 AM **Waterfall Hike:** Enjoy a trip to Topes de Collantes. Wear your bathing suit to take a dip in the cool waters below the cascade and prepare for a hike of moderate difficulty (no climbing but plenty of breaks may be helpful).
- 1:30 PM **Lunch:** Embrace the peaceful sounds of the surrounding nature at El Manantial, an eco-lodge and restaurant serving a variety of traditional Cuban dishes.
- 3:30 PM **Afternoon at the Beach:** Trinidad is known for its beautiful beaches. The turquoise waters where you can swim, enjoy a mojito, and engage in meaningful interactions with locals.
- 8:00 PM **Farewell Dinner:** Enjoy dinner at Ojo de Toro, a fantastic seafood restaurant with unparalleled views of the ocean.



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# DAY 7

## Departure from Trinidad to Havana, Island Farewell

9:00 AM **Breakfast:** Full breakfast provided at your accommodation.

10:00 AM **Depart for Havana** (*stop for lunch on drive*)

5:00 PM **Departure Flight from Havana** (suggested time)



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# SUPPORT FOR THE CUBAN PEOPLE

## TRAVEL LICENSE LEGAL COMPLIANCE NOTE

Authennial, LLC d/b/a/ CUBA CANDELA (“the Company”), a U.S. entity incorporated in the State of Delaware, is a person subject to U.S. jurisdiction authorized to provide travel services in connection with travel-related transactions involving Cuba, pursuant to the Cuban Assets Control Regulations, 31 CFR 5 Part 515.

The Company holds a general license authorization to provide travel services pursuant to §515.572(a)(1) (“General licenses – Authorization to provide travel services”).

The Company maintains a policy to comply with required reports and recordkeeping pursuant to §515.572(b)(1) and §515.572(b)(2) (“Required reports and recordkeeping”), including retaining for at least five years from the date of the transaction a certification from each customer indicating the section of 31 CFR 5 Part 515 that authorizes each customer to travel to Cuba. In the case of a customer traveling under a specific license, the specific license number or a copy of the license is maintained on file. Additionally, the Company retains the names and addresses of individual travelers with all other information required by §501.601—such records which must be furnished to the Office of Foreign Assets Control on demand pursuant to §501.602.

On behalf of its customers, the Company makes travel-related transactions authorized by general license pursuant to §515.560(a) (“Travel-related transactions to, from, and within Cuba by persons subject to U.S. jurisdiction”), including all transportation-related transactions ordinarily incident to travel to, from, and within Cuba, including the acquisition of Cuban visas authorized pursuant to §515.560(c)(1) and all transactions ordinarily incident to travel within Cuba, including payment of living expenses and the acquisition in Cuba of goods for personal consumption there authorized pursuant to §515.560(c)(2).

The Company’s customers engage in a full-time schedule of authorized activities while in Cuba, pursuant to the following general license category:

§515.574(a) (“Support for the Cuban People – General license”)

With respect to travel authorized by §515.574(a), the Company’s customers comply with all applicable requirements including those stated in §515.574(a).

The Company maintains a strict policy to not conduct, facilitate, engage in, or permit its Customers to engage in, tourism to Cuba. For the avoidance of doubt, the Company does not engage in tourism to Cuba. The Company maintains a strict policy to prohibit tourist travel to Cuba.

