

City Tour (Old and Modern Havana Areas)

Price: \$150 (per car)

Our City Tour service offers you a tour around the modern part of the city and the historical center. You will be able to walk along the main streets and squares of Old Havana to enjoy the view of the oldest buildings of the capital city and their centuries-old design. In this area, you can also visit popular museums and a cigar factory.

In the modern section of the city you will have a panoramic tour of the most popular neighborhoods (Centro Habana, Vedado and Miramar), making stops at important places: Revolution Square, University of Havana, etc. You will have the use of a vintage car with air conditioning during the tour.



Every day

Duration: 9:00 AM- 3:00 PM

Description of Havana

Any Cuban journey must start in Havana. Her faded beauty is legendary – this is hands down the most winsome city in the Caribbean, and one of the top five scrumptious Latin American honies too. It's also rising up from its ruins: a chunk of the tourist money that has hit the Cuban coffers over the last two decades has been showered on sprucing up Habana Vieja, the old colonial center. Once fortified against the threat of pirates and colonial rivals, the seductive city has risen from the ashes with the painstaking restoration work of city architect Eusebio Leal, who had to bring some restoration artisans out of retirement to realize his dream and pass their wisdom on to the next generation. Cobble streets lead to now immaculately polished Baroque churches, castles and palaces. Plazas have been returned to their former glory, their fountains flowing once more, their facades re-rendered attentively. Along the seafront of Havana, the malecón, the strains of salsa waft from the rebooted sound systems of vintage Cadillac's and Buicks, and the facades of grandiose seafront buildings are being slowly resurrected. Admittedly, the restoration money hasn't quite reached most of the rest of the city yet. Just west of Habana Vieja, the gritty working class district of Centro Habana is a picture of ruined, ruttled beauty, and the well-heeled districts of Vedado and Miramar, west again, are more peeling and faded than salubrious cousins in more solvent cities. Street life in Havana is key: on-the-ground socializing is the top Cuban pastime, whether that's domino playing, gossiping, or arguing loudly about baseball, so from the Havana belles to the beauteous buildings, there is always something to captivate and beguile. There is also something to do in Havana as well. There are realms of museums and cultural spaces, and you can enjoy virtuoso ballet, Afro Cuban dance, flamenco, jazz and timba. After years of boredom on the restaurant scene, a panoply of new private restaurants, paladares, are pushing the envelope on the culinary scene as the government loosens the laws governing small business start-ups. The nightlife is exuberant: think alfresco salsa clubs, plentiful life music venues and troubadour sessions. Just outside town, Las Playas del Este offers a sneak preview of Cuba's legendary turquoise water-and-white-sand beaches. Finally, the hotels are a draw: choose from faded art deco grande dames, colonial bolt holes, contemporary international chains, and a plethora of villas.