

Viñales Tour

Price: \$225 (per car)

Our Tour around Viñales town offers you the opportunity to visit Pinar del Río, one of Cuba's provinces. Viñales is one of Cuba's great beauty spots. It is a valley, renowned for its tobacco farms called "vegas", and the astonishing "mogotes", giant humped rock formations capped with vegetation.

The tour includes other stops at beautiful places that make this province the perfect place to enjoy nature.



Departure from Havana.

Duration: 8:00 AM- 6:00 PM

Description

To the west of Havana, the rolling green hills of Pinar de Río commence. This is tobacco-growing country, with an old fashioned agrarian economy. Farmers trot down dusty tracks in spurs, plough the rust-red earth with oxen and sow seeds by hand. The valley of Viñales, spiked with karst limestone peaks, is a hypnotically beautiful Eden and its eponymously named little town is one of the best weekenders near Havana. Here, a functioning private-sector tourist economy means that old-fashioned country Cuban life has been spruced up for international consumption (in a good way): the porches are recently painted, the people are cheerful and well fed, and an array of farmyard animal cluck and oink happily in backyard pens. For visitors, biking, caving and horse riding in the valley are the main events. Then you return to your casa particular to enjoy a mojito while rocking on the porch, bookended by a delicious home cooked meal. The nearest beach center from here is little Cayo Levisa to the north. Cabanas (33 of them) pepper the 3km beach of powdery white sand and the waters are lusciously aquamarine. Snorkeling, diving, and slumping on a beach lounge reading Hemingway while slurping mojitos are the required activities or you can join excursions, to distant, more deserted, keys. Mosquitoes can be irritating at night, but that's Cuban beach life for you.