



Discover Corps
Unforgettable Vacations With Purpose



CUBA: PRESERVING NATURE'S WONDERS

Visit colorful Havana, organic farms and secluded islands on this Cuban adventure!



MOMENTS THAT MATTER:

- Visit one of Cuba's oldest coffee plantations in the western countryside
- Take a river boat ride through caves and beautiful countryside
- Relax by turquoise waters on a pristine Cuban island
- Meet with locals and learn about life in the picturesque farmlands of the Viñales Valley
- Explore Havana's historic neighborhoods on a guided tour



TRIP AT A GLANCE

Havana / Las Terrazas

Day 1 - Arrive in Havana and travel to the nature reserve of Las Terrazas. Enjoy a relaxing welcome dinner.

Day 2 - Visit a coffee plantation and trek through the pristine countryside

Viñales Valley

Day 3 - Visit an orchid garden and organic farm

Day 4 - Enjoy a beach day at beautiful Playa de Cayo Jutias on Cuba's north coast

Day 5 - Explore the plantations of Viñales in greater depth & learn from the farmers there

Havana

Day 6 - Enjoy a guided tour of Havana's iconic sights & enjoy the bustling city

Day 7 - Discover the winding alleyways and historic architecture of Old Havana

Day 8 - Depart for your return home. ¡Buen viaje!



SIGNATURE
JOURNEY

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OUR PURPOSE

Engage in conservation efforts on the west coast of Cuba, home to some of the best-preserved countryside in the Caribbean thanks to a series of strict environmental policies introduced after the 1959 Revolution. From the colorful reefs off the coast to the biosphere reserves that dot the interior, this is a side of Cuba largely untouched by development. We'll explore the farms, beaches, and landscapes of this region and meet the people who work to preserve it.

Our journey begins in the capital, Havana, before we head west, passing lush green countryside and biosphere reserves along the way. Uncover Las Terrazas, one of Cuba's first eco-villages and coffee plantations. Tour the community and meet with local painters, enjoy a bird watching trek. Further west lies the UNESCO-designated Viñales Valley, where we'll tour organic farms, explore the countryside and visit palm-lined offshore islands.

The trip will culminate with two days' exploration of Havana's iconic sights. Explore the city's most famous squares, try some of its best restaurants, and take a step back in time as you watch vintage cars rumble along the Malecón, Havana's historic and very famous seaside boardwalk.



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HIGHLIGHTS



LAS TERRAZAS

The eco-village and nature reserve of Las Terrazas encapsulates Cuba's pioneering approach to conservation. Built in 1968 as part of a reforestation program, it's a picturesque spot, with the forest cut through by the beautiful San Juan River – you'll explore the area with a guided trek, which is a great opportunity for bird watchers. Las Terrazas is also home to the oldest coffee plantation in Cuba, and learn about the coffee-making process from bean to cup. Take time to savor the bold blend!



THE VIÑALES VALLEY

Perhaps Cuba's most picturesque spot is the serene Viñales Valley, a peaceful area of karst cliffs, fertile farmland and traditional communities. The bounty of this land includes tobacco, bananas, sugarcane and coffee, and you'll get the chance to meet local residents and learn about their life and work. We'll also enjoy lunch at an organic farm, visit a beautiful orchid garden, and explore the Cueva del Indio, an ancient river cave.



OLD HAVANA

Nowhere in Cuba is more evocative than Old Havana, the historic downtown of the country's capital. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is home to colonial plazas networked by cobbled alleys, impressive cathedrals, and the iconic seafront esplanade that is the Malecón. Other highlights include the imposing La Cabaña, an impressive Spanish fortress dating from the 18th century, while cultural attractions include the National Museum of Cuban Fine Arts.





ITINERARY

DAY 1: Arrive in Havana & Travel to Las Terrazas

Arrive in Havana and enjoy lunch at Finca Eddy, nearby the airport. Eddy is a local farmer, and you can interact with locals and learn about the organic farming project. We will then hit the road and head west to Las Terrazas, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve in the heart of the Cuban countryside. There will be a small welcome dinner on the first evening with the local staff, introducing you to the dynamic, yet laid-back vibe of the island. (L,D)



DAY 2: Explore the Countryside and Tour a Coffee Plantation

This morning starts with a treat as we enjoy freshly prepared coffee and vegetarian food sourced directly from the valley. Then, we visit one of Cuba's first coffee plantations, venture out on a guided bird watching trek, and meet with artisans from the small eco-village that continues to thrive here. (B,L,D)



DAY 3: Discover Ecological Farming in the Viñales Valley

Today we discover what is possibly the most enchanting region of Cuba – the Viñales Valley. Huge rocky cliffs line the lush valley that's dotted with small farms and traditional villages. Spend the morning at one of the largest orchid gardens in Cuba followed by a visit to an agro-ecological farm where you will see Cuba's organic farming heritage in practice. Our visit will culminate with a delicious lunch overlooking the valley alongside the staff of the farm, before a guided tour of the town. (B,L,D)



DAY 4: Explore Playa de Cayo Jutias

It's a picture-postcard tropical beach day as we visit Playa de Cayo Jutias, a paradise of white sand, turquoise waters and swaying palms. We'll enjoy a beachside boxed lunch together; you'll be free to relax on the pristine beach or rent a snorkel and explore the sapphire waters of the Caribbean. (B,L,D)



DAY 5: Delve Deeper into the Viñales Valley

We start this morning with a trek through the Viñales Valley, passing coffee, tobacco, sugarcane and banana plantations and meeting local residents. After lunch, explore the Cueva del Indio, an ancient cave with a meandering river flowing right through the cave. A private botanical garden tour followed by a lovely dinner in the center of town will cap off a wonderful five days in the west of Cuba. (B,L,D)





DAY 6: Return to Havana and Take a City Tour

This morning, we'll return to Havana and enjoy a tour of the city's main sites, including the seaside boardwalk known as the Malecón and the downtown Vedado neighborhood. From there, we'll explore Fusterland,, a neighborhood that has been transformed by public art. Finally, we'll check into our *casas particulares*, our home for the next two nights. (B,L,D)



DAY 7: Enjoy a Guided Tour of Historic Old Havana

Today we embark on a guided tour of Old Havana, famous for its colonial architecture, pretty squares and grand cathedrals - like a living museum, history hangs on every corner of Old Havana. Taste the goods at legendary Sloppy Joe's bar, then learn to make some iconic cocktails including the mojito. Tonight, we'll enjoy a special farewell dinner together at one of Havana's most famous restaurants, La Moneda Cubana. (B,L,D)



DAY 8: Return Home

Today sadly marks the end of our Cuban adventure. After enjoying breakfast together, we'll say our goodbyes and transfer you back to the airport for your flight home. (B)



STANDARD LODGING

You will have the unique opportunity to stay in *casas particulares*, or private homes, while in Cuba. Casas are similar to family-run bed & breakfasts (think AirBnB with breakfast). On this trip, spend your time on the west side of the island amongst beautiful limestone cliffs, or *mogotes*, within the town of Viñales. You'll experience breathtaking views of tobacco fields and nature all around.



OPTIONAL EXTENSION: TRINIDAD & CIENFUEGOS



DAY 8: Depart Havana for Cienfuegos and Trinidad

Heading out of Havana, we'll hit the road to Trinidad, visiting the historic site of the Bay of Pigs invasion along the way. Stop for lunch in the French colonial town of Cienfuegos and for a tour this unique town. We'll arrive in Trinidad for a dinner and then an evening at your leisure. *(L,D)*

DAY 9: Guided Tour of Trinidad and Salsa Dancing Class

A guided tour takes us through the colorful alleyways of Trinidad, where the sound of horses' hooves drifts through the air and Spanish buildings line tropical plazas. We'll learn a few steps at a private salsa class, before dinner on your own in the Plaza Mayor, which comes to life each evening with live music and dance. *(B,L)*

DAY 10: Return Home

Today sees the end of your Cuban adventure. We'll say our goodbyes before heading back to Havana to catch our flights home. *(B)*



UNDERSTANDING LEGAL TRAVEL TO CUBA

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

Discover Corps has remained a legal way to travel to Cuba because we operate under the support for the Cuban people license. On June 4, 2019 the Treasury Department released their updated policy ([read it here](#)), which caused many companies to panic. In short, the new regulations stopped the use of the People to People license as a way to legally travel to Cuba, which was one of the top two most popular licenses utilized in the travel industry. This meant:

- Many cruise lines and companies who were operating under the people-to-people license will no longer be able to visit Cuba
- Cruise ships can no longer dock in Cuba
- Commercial flights will continue as always to the island, you just need to make sure you are traveling with a company who operate under a legal license.

The people to people license allowed these companies to hire government agencies to help plan activities, hire guides, and stay in government-run hotels. Because of Discover Corps unique focus, this was never the way we approached travel to Cuba.



SUPPORT FOR THE CUBAN PEOPLE: HOW DOES IT WORK?

This license truly ensures that you are traveling with the intention and itinerary planned that will help support Cuban micro-entrepreneurs. Discover Corps has always operated under the belief that travel should be an exchange, where we leave the destination a little bit better than we left it. For this reason, our five Cuba itineraries have always been operated responsibly with the intention to make the world a better place – in Cuba, for us that means supporting individual Cuban individuals and businesses, and help grow the private sector in the country. We do this by:

- Staying at casas particulares, or privately owned bed and breakfasts.
- Eating at local paladars, or privately owned restaurants
- Spending 8 hours per day engaging in activities that support the people of Cuba. For Discover Corps, this includes hands-on learning at a local music and arts center, visiting local artist studios, volunteering at a center for special needs children, connecting with local farmers in Viñales Valley, supporting local dance troupes, and more
- Hiring guides and drivers who do not work for a government agency.

You still need to travel with a tour company in order to travel to Cuba legally, and it is important that you have your paperwork organized. Discover Corps will be able to keep the proper paperwork (receipts and your itinerary) on file for you and help you obtain the correct Cuban visa so you can travel to Cuba stress-free. If you ever have any questions, don't hesitate to let us know! Also check out our [Cuba FAQs webpage](#) for more information.



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8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

PRICING

ADULT: \$3,695 **CHILD: \$3,495**

OPTIONAL EXTENSION **ADULT: \$1,295** **CHILD: \$1,195**

The above prices reflect the price of double occupancy. Single Room Supplements are \$500 per person and \$295 per person for the extensions. If you are a solo traveler and would like us to match you with a roommate of the same gender, please book as double occupancy. Child prices apply to those 16 years younger at the time of travel sharing a room with an adult.

SEE WEBSITE FOR CURRENT LIST OF DEPARTURE DATES

RECOMMENDED FOR

- Adults & children ages 8+
- Travelers who are comfortable with EASY physical activity

RESERVE YOUR TRIP TODAY

Trips are limited to 16 travelers and do fill. Reserving a trip with Discover Corps is easy. Simply visit our website and fill out the online registration form and pay a \$365 deposit and \$30 non-refundable booking fee per person. If you have any questions or would like to speak to a Travel Specialist, call/text us at (619) 758-3030 or e-mail us at info@discovercorps.com

CUSTOM / PRIVATE GROUPS

Have a group of 6 or more? We can operate a trip for your group. Whether it's a family reunion, corporate group, alumni association or a professional or student organization, we'll make it easy and turnkey for your group to have an incredible experience.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- All meals, including drinks
- 7 nights lodging in casas particulares
- Pure bottled water while touring
- Expert Discover Corps Guide there to support, lead and inform you throughout the trip
- Reliable in-country transportation with experienced drivers
- Turnkey pre-departure support from preparing for your trip to arrival back home
- \$50,000 emergency medical evacuation insurance
- 24-hour Discover Corps emergency hotline while traveling

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- One dinner (on extension only)
- Tips for Discover Corps guide and driver
- Cuban visa
- International airfare
- Laundry services, room-service, or phone calls

RETURNING ALUMNI?

We like to reward those who travel with us again and again. Enjoy a \$250 discount off our trip if you are a returning Discover Corps traveler.

PAYMENT PLANS

Discover Corps offers monthly payment plan options for all of our trips. Contact us anytime, before or after booking, to sign up for a monthly payment plan or with any questions:

Although unlikely, prices, dates, and accommodations subject to change with a 60 day notice from Discover Corps.



Our Mission

Discover Corps' mission is to inspire travelers to become advocates for our planet's natural wonders, cultural treasures, and local communities through immersive and sustainable travel experiences.



OUR DESTINATIONS

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| ALASKA | JAMAICA |
| AUSTRALIA | JAPAN |
| BALI | KENYA |
| BAJA | MOROCCO |
| BHUTAN | OAXACA |
| COSTA RICA | PERU |
| CUBA | SOUTH AFRICA |
| EGYPT | TANZANIA |
| GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS | THAILAND |
| GREECE | UGANDA |
| GUATEMALA | VIETNAM |



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