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DURATION
15 Day

DEPARTS
1 May 2020

Mexico City

Mexico City, the City of Palaces, the ancient capital of the Mexican empire and the jewel in New Spanish Viceroy's crown, is today one of the biggest, most complex and most beautiful cities in the world. The mere size of the urban spread makes it a city among cities.

Mexico City is a modern, cosmopolitan city situated in an old lake basin that is surrounded by volcanic mountains. The different cultures that inhabited the city during the course of the centuries left an interesting architectural legacy that comprises many different styles. Firstly, there are the pre-hispanic remains that tell of the greatness of the civilizations that settled on this land before the arrival of the Spaniards. Mexican art can be seen through the ruins of the Templo Mayor (The Great Temple), the site where the monolith of the goddess Coyolxauqui was found.

Cuba

In this country that is frozen in time, colourful cars from the 1940s, 50s and 60s decorate the city streets that are lined with an exciting eclectic mix of architecture from the last 500 years. The perfect photo is around every corner, regardless of whether you are a professional photographer or a frantic selfie taker.

The friendliness and openness of its people is renowned the world over and every street corner bar is alive with Cuban music and dance.

Culturally, Cuba is considered part of Latin America. It is a multiethnic country whose people, culture and customs derive from diverse origins. The original aboriginal Taino and Ciboney peoples from the 4th Millennium BC, the long period of Spanish colonialism, the introduction of African slaves, the occupation by the United States from 1902 and the close relationship with the Soviet Union during the Cold War.



**Active Moderate
Level Fitness
Required**

This tour includes active/moderate physical activities and an average level of fitness is required to participate. Passengers must be able to:

- Participate in walking tours without having to stop or sit down to rest for up to 20 minutes
- Walk up an incline equal to a flight of stairs without stopping
- Stand for 30 minutes without needing to sit down
- Walk over uneven ground, tackle cobbled creek crossings & walk through soft sand
- Get on and off transportation multiple times unaided
- Manage your own luggage

CUBA

Vinales



CUBA

Trinidad



Tour Highlights Cuba



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Vintage Car Scenic Tour



CUBA

El Capitolio



Inclusions:

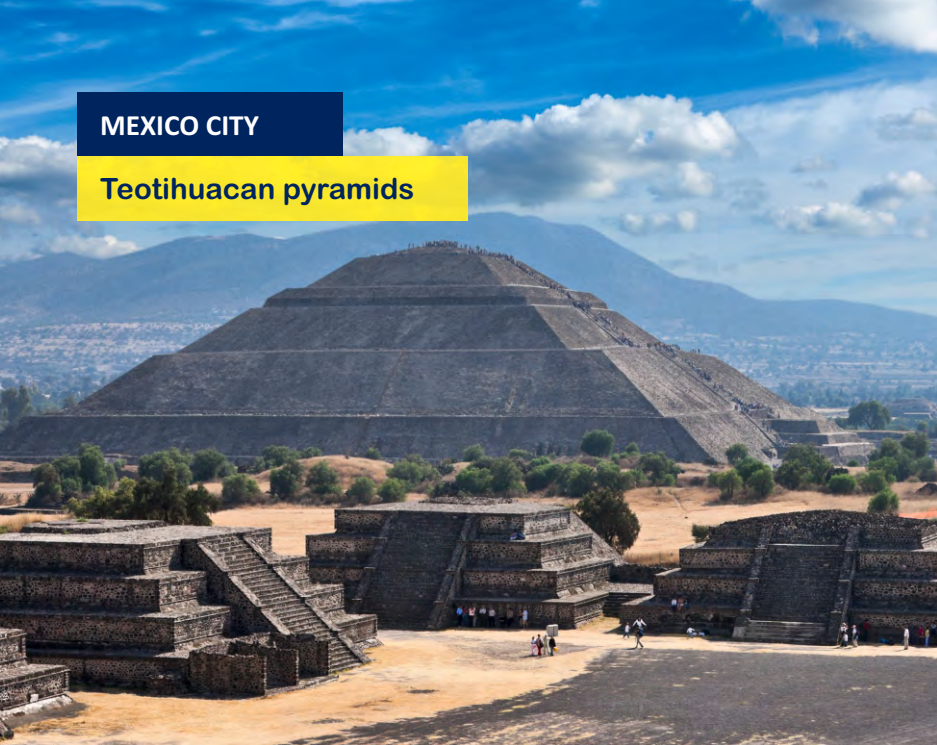
- Return International Economy Class Airfare from Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne
- Australia and Cuba Departure Taxes
- Current Airlines Fuel levy – Subject to change
- Good 3.5, 4 & 5 Star Accommodation
- Standard 23 kg Luggage Allowance+7kg carry on (international flight)
- Meals as per Itinerary
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- Return Airport Transfers from / to hotel
- All Transportation, Daily Tours and Admission Fees as per itinerary
- Professional English Speaking Guide
- On Show Travel Tour Host
- Tipping and Gratuities for Guide and Drivers

Not Included:

- Travel Insurance
- Cuba Visa Fee AUD \$106
- Meals unless Specified
- Beverages unless Specified
- Items of a Personal Nature

MEXICO CITY

Teotihuacan pyramids



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Basilica of Guadalupe



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Xochimilco Gardens



Tour Highlights Mexico City

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Palacio de Bellas Artes



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Tlatelolco Church



MEXICO CITY

Zocalo





Tour Itinerary

Day 1, Friday 01 May 2020 - Australia - Los Angeles - Mexico City

Brisbane passengers depart at 11.05am on flight VA7, arrive in Los Angeles at 7.10am

Sydney passengers depart at 9.45am on flight VA1, arrive in Los Angeles at 6.05am

All passengers depart Los Angeles at 9.45am on DL573, arrive in Mexico City at 3.30pm

Day 2, Friday 01 May 2020 Mexico City D

The architects that arrived from Europe during the colonial period applied and shared their knowledge of baroque, neo-classic and other styles of art that were combined with the indigenous styles to create an architecture that is quite unique. Works such as the Metropolitan Cathedral, palaces, mansions and an endless number of sober, sumptuous churches adorn the central area of the city now called the Historic Centre; these extraordinary types of buildings can also be seen in some of the picturesque towns and villages such as Coyoacán, San Ángel, Talpan and Xochimilco that used to be the outskirts of the city but have now become incorporated into the built up areas; in spite of this, they still maintain their provincial atmosphere. Later, after Mexico became an independent country, new districts of the city were built in a Frenchified style and in the art deco and colonial Californian styles.

Modernism was characterized by magnificent skyscrapers that sprung up in districts such as Polanco, Anzures, Del Valle and Santa Fe. The advantage of a mega-city such as Mexico City is that it offers the visitor all sorts of entertainment possibilities during the day and at night. Avenues like Avenida Insurgentes are a true axis of fun and recreation and have spots that cater to all tastes. Mexican culture in all its manifestations can be

admired at the large number of quality museums that can be found in many different parts of the city. These have displays and exhibitions of art and culture ranging from the pre Hispanic (the National Museum of Anthropology) to the Vice Regal (the Franz Mayer Museum) to the modern (the Museum of Modern Art), as well as Mexican traditions such as those in the Frida Kahlo Museum.

On arrival at Mexico City airport, you will be met by your guide and transferred to your hotel.

Afternoon at your leisure and dinner will serve at the hotel tonight.

Accommodation: **Hilton Mexico City Airport.**

Day 3, Saturday, 02 May 2020 Mexico City - Havana

B L D

This morning, the group will make its way to the terminal for the flight with Aero Mexico to Havana

We will depart Mexico City at 10.15am on flight AM451, and we will arrive in Havana at 3.05pm.

Havana is Cuba's capital and the largest city in the Caribbean. It is Cuba's political, cultural and economic hub. Founded in 1519, Havana was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1982. There is something for everyone in Havana with its eclectic mixture of architectural styles, from neo-classical, art nouveau to colonial and art deco. The city offers all kinds of attractions, hotels, restaurants, universities, modern hospitals, theatres, cinemas, zoo, aquarium, botanical gardens, museums and an incredible nightlife.

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On arrival at José Martí International Airport, you will be met by our local representative who will accompany you to the coach where the driver will be waiting to transfer you to your hotel.

This afternoon is at your leisure.

Welcome Dinner will be served at a Cuban Family Restaurant "Paladar"

You will be picked up from your hotel and transferred to the restaurant. A "paladar" is a small private restaurant where international and Cuban food is prepared by a local family. A visit to a paladar is an opportunity to meet locals and learn about their life on this fascinating island.

Accommodation: **Raquel Hotel.**

Day 4, Sunday 03 May 2020 Havana

B L D

Half Day walking tour of Old Havana

Old Havana, World Heritage Site (UNESCO, 1982), is Havana's most historically rich and oldest part. In this walking tour you will discover the rebirth of a colonial and baroque city, as magical and marvellous as its legends are. The tour will take you to Plaza de Armas, Plaza de San Francisco de Asis, Plaza Vieja and Plaza de la Catedral. you can also wander through the small gift shops selling handmade souvenirs and photographs of the magnificent buildings.

Afternoon Salsa Dance - Move your hips and feet at the pace of Cuban music for 90 minutes with the assistance of a qualified instructor in Old Havana.

Suggestions: Comfortable Clothes and Shoes.

Tonight dinner at the Traditions of the 1950's: Buena Vista Social Club at Café Taberna.

Enjoy a night out at Café Taberna Beny Moré in the heart of the old town, listening to the music of a great band reminiscent of the 1950's music. Excellent dancers accompany the band to let

you have a glimpse into Cubans great dancing skills. A set menu meal is included with two drinks.

Includes: Entrance Fee, Dinner and a Welcome Cocktail
Suggestions: Semiformal dress required.

NOTE: Please be advised that you may have to walk from your hotel to the Venue as cars are not permitted within the Historical Center in Havana...Hotel is not too far from the restaurant.

Accommodation: **Raquel Hotel.**

Day 5, Monday 04 May 2020

Havana - Las Terrazas

B L D

This morning enjoy a panoramic city tour through modern Havana in a vintage car. Travel through neighborhoods such as Central Havana, Vedado and Miramar. You will ride past the Capitol Building, Revolution Square, Hotel Nacional and the University of Havana among others. Entrance to one Museum is included as well as a complimentary drink in one of the private restaurants at the suburbs.

Suggestions: Comfortable Clothes and Shoes.

Transfer Out: Havana - Las Terrazas, You will be met at your hotel and transferred to Las Terrazas.

Distance: 82km

Duration: Approximately 1.15hrs

Tonight dinner will be served at the hotel

Accommodation: **La Moka.**

Day 6, Tuesday 05 May 2020 Las Terrazas - Havana

B L D

Full day tour of Vinales

Travel by road from your hotel to Pinar del Río Province through the spectacular Sierra del Rosario and stop for a short while at Cafetería Las Barrigonas to visit a small tobacco plantation. Visit



a cigar factory in the city of Pinar del Rio and learn about the manufacturing process. Discover the beauty of Viñales and take in the spectacular views from Los Jazmines lookout. Spend some time touring the town of Viñales and Dos Hermanas Valley. Amuse your eyes with the Prehistoric mural and board a boat that will take you along the underground river in the Indian cave. A typical Cuban lunch at a local restaurant is included.

Tonight dinner will be served at a local restaurant

Accommodation: **Raquel Hotel.**

Day 7, Wednesday 06 May 2020 **Havana- Santa Clara - Trinidad** **B L D**

Today you will be picked up from your hotel in Havana and transferred to Santa Clara.

At the central part of Cuba, Santa Clara stands out as a legendary and history- rich place due to its monuments and centenary buildings. A city of outstanding history and the site of important battles that gave triumph to the Cuban Revolution. During today's journey you will visit places of significant Cuban historical value such as Memorial Ernesto Guevara, Monumento al Tren Blindado (Bullet-Proof train), Plaza Leoncio Vidal and Boulevard de la Ciudad.

You will be met at your hotel and transferred to Trinidad.

Trinidad is located 106 kilometers south of Santa Clara and about 90 km from Cienfuegos, and is a relic of the early days of the Spanish colony. The city was founded in 1514 and the explorer Diego Velaquez used it as a base for expeditions into the "New World". Cortes set out from here for Mexico in 1518, but despite this early start it

remained a haven for smugglers until the late 18th century. Smugglers brought slaves and gold from British Jamaica, but all this changed in the early 19th century when a slave revolt in Haiti caused French planters to flee to Trinidad.

"Plaza Mayor" is the center of the town. The cathedral "Iglesia Parroquial de la Santisima Trinidad", built between 1817 and 1892, is the largest church in Cuba. The "Museo Romantico" located on Calle Hernandez 52, next to the church, has an excellent exhibition of romantic-style porcelain, glass, paintings and ornate furniture, belonging to the Conde de Brunet family, dating from 1830 to 1860.

The museum "Municipal de Historia" is on street Simon Bolivar 423, an attractive building with some displays, but it offers a good view of Trinidad from the tower.

Dinner will be served at a local Paladar restaurant.

Accommodation: **Iberostar Grand Hotel.**

Day 8, Thursday 07 May 2020 **Trinidad** **B L D**

Full day Special Trinidad Tour with Topes de Collantes Mountains.

Your day will split into walking through cobble streets among local villagers and visiting the Escambray mountains. You will be taken to Trinidad city's most popular visitor attractions such as Plaza Mayor, the Museo Romantico and la Canchanchara bar for a taste of the homonymous cocktail prepared with rum, lemon and honey.

A delicious lunch will precede your ascent to Topes de Collantes

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country resort to admire its natural diversity and taste a stimulating locally-produced coffee at Casa del Café. Take some pocket money with you and buy a coffee bag there, whether for preparing at home or giving as a present, this is a purchase you won't regret.

Suggestions: Comfortable Clothes and Shoes

Dinner will be served at the hotel tonight

Accommodation: **Iberostar Grand Hotel**

Day 9, Friday 08 May 2020 Trinidad - Cienfuegos

B L D

This morning after breakfast you will be met at your hotel foyer and transferred to Cienfuegos. Spend half a day unveiling the secrets of Cienfuegos city, the so-called Pearl of the South. Enjoy a panoramic tour through the National Monument (La Punta), El Palacio de Valle and El Paseo del Prado. Stroll along the boulevard to visit the monument to one of Cuba's most treasured musicians, Beny Moré. Make the most of your time in the city's heart by visiting the Cathedral as well as the Thomas Terry Theatre, one of Cuba's oldest and most beautiful theatres.

Dinner will be served at a local restaurant

Accommodation: **Meliá San Carlos**

Day 10, Saturday 09 May 2020 Cienfuegos - Havana

B D

You will be picked up from your hotel in Cienfuegos and transferred to your hotel in Havana.

Arrive in Havana in the afternoon, lunch is at your own expense today. You have the whole afternoon at your leisure to explore the beautiful Havana old town.

The hotel that we stay at this evening is the most premium and

iconic in Havana. A 5 star hotel like no other. Explore the fantastic facilities that this hotel has to offer.

Our Hotel is situated in old Havana and there are many cafés, bars & restaurants in the surrounding area. Take this opportunity to visit the local craft markets or take the Club Havana distillery tour, or simply experience more of the magic that makes our hotel so special.

Dinner will be served at the hotel tonight.

Accommodation: **Gran Hotel Manzana Kempinski La Habana**

Day 11, Sunday 10 May 2020 Havana - Mexico City

B L D

This morning is at your leisure, take this opportunity to relax and have a swim at the hotel and take in the specular view from the swimming pool area. The pool is located on the roof top. In the afternoon, you will be met at the hotel foyer and transferred to the José Martí International Airport.

Havana departs at 3.05pm on flight AM452, arrive Mexico City at 5.20pm

On arrival at Mexico City airport, you will be met by your guide and transferred to your hotel.

Dinner will be served at the hotel tonight.

Accommodation: **NH Centro Historico Hotel**

Day 12, Monday 11 May 2020 Mexico City

B L D

Full Day City Tour, Shrine of Guadalupe & Teotihuacan Pyramids

Visit the plaza of three cultures; historical site where the last battle between the Aztecs and Spanish took place and symbolizes the merge of three cultural eras represented by the Aztec ruins; we will also visit the Tlatelolco Church and the Building of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Then we continue to the Basilica of Guadalupe; where we will see the original image of the virgin of Guadalupe. You will hear story of how the image was stamped on the mantle of Juan Diego and see the ancient basilica located on Tepeyac Hill. Then we will make our way to the highway and go directly to see the ruins of Teotihuacan; the city of the gods. This is where we can admire the breathtaking pyramids of the Sun and of the Moon; walk along the avenue of the dead; see the palace quetzal-mariposa and the temple of the feathered serpent; Quetzalcoatl the City tour where you will see the Zocalo and the National Palace

Dinner will be served at the hotel tonight.

Accommodation: **NH Centro Historico Hotel**

Day 13, Tuesday 12 May 2020 Mexico City

B L D

Full day tour

This morning we will pick you up at the hotel and commence the tour. We will pass one of Mexico City bullrings; the "Parque Hundido" and the "Insurgentes Theatre"; the Olympic stadium and continue to "Xochimilco Gardens".

We will board a Trajinera (a kind of boat) that take us for a ride through the channels of "Xochimilco Gardens". We will continue to Coyoacan neighbourhood which became very popular because of its colourful and colonial architecture heritage. Here we will visit the church of Saint John the Baptist. Free time to walk in the Plaza Hidalgo and enjoy the cafes and visit the popular market nearby.

ABOUT XOCHIMILCO:

The zone of Xochimilco, 28 km to the south, is the only remaining reminder of the Lacustrine landscape of the Aztec capital, where the conquistadores destroyed the monuments and drained the canals. On the edge of the residual lake of Xochimilco (the southern arm of the great dried-up lake of Texcoco where the Aztecs had settled on a group of islets linked to solid ground by footbridges), and in the midst of a network of small canals, are still some Chinampas, the floating gardens that the Spanish so admired. This half-natural, half-artificial landscape is now an 'ecological reserve'.

Farewell Dinner will be serve at the hotel tonight.

Accommodation: **NH Centro Historico Hotel**

Day 14, Wednesday 13 May 2020 Mexico City – Las Angeles - Australia B

Your guide will meet you from your hotel foyer and transfer you to Mexico City International Airport.

All passengers depart Mexico City at 4.35pm on DL574, arrive in Los Angeles at 6.40pm

Brisbane passengers depart at 10.30pm on flight VA8, arrive in Brisbane at 5.30am (15/05/2020)

Sydney passengers depart at 11.45pm on flight VA2, arrive in Sydney at 7.30am (15/05/2020)

Day 15, Friday 15 May 2020 Australia

We arrive back in Australia today. Your unforgettable Mexico & Cuba Tour ends.





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- i. 1st deposit for this tour is \$800 per person and is due within 7 days of booking.
- ii. Final payment is due on 90 days (07/02/2020) prior to departure.

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- Less than 90 days prior to departure 100% of the tour package price.

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