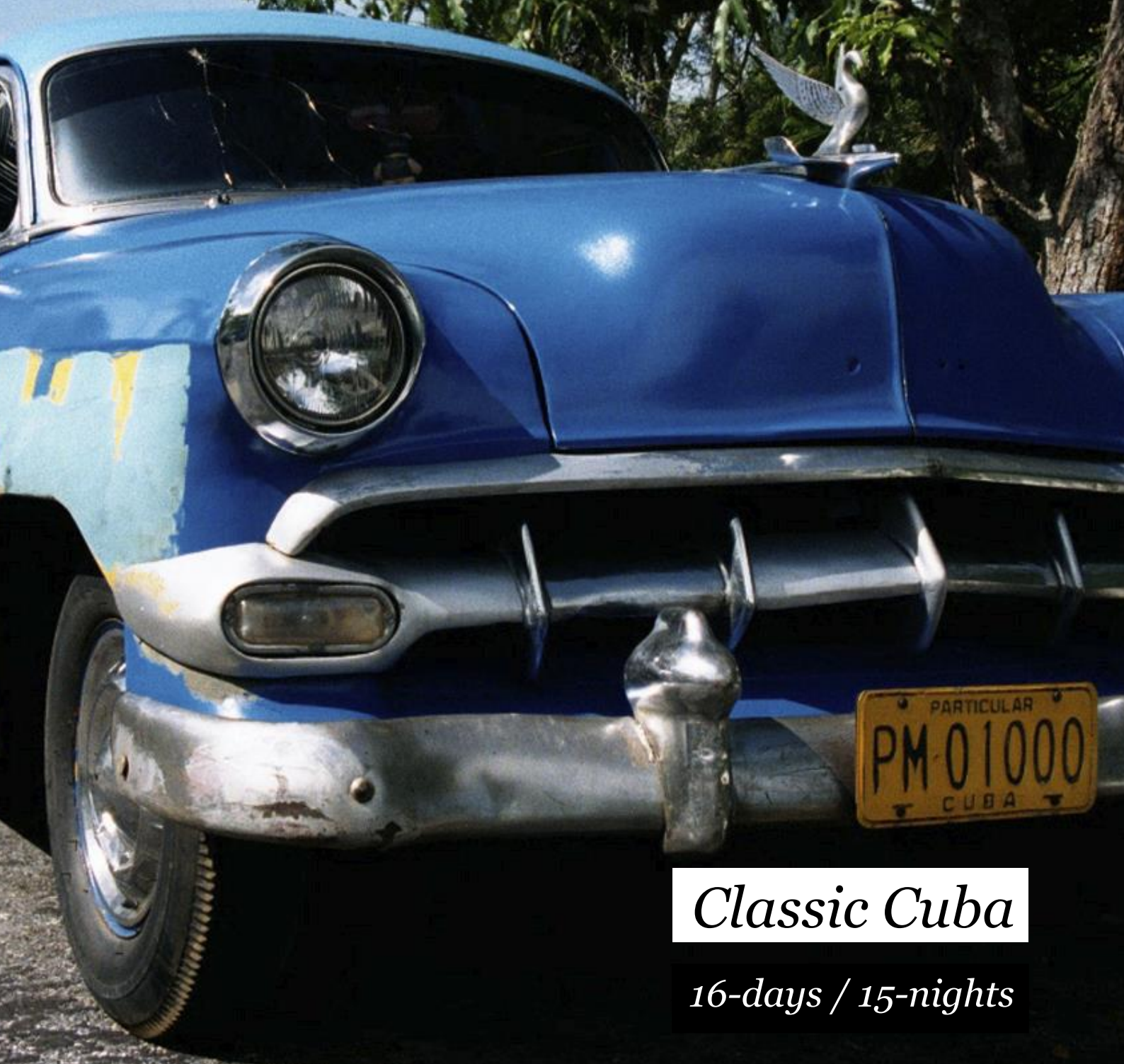


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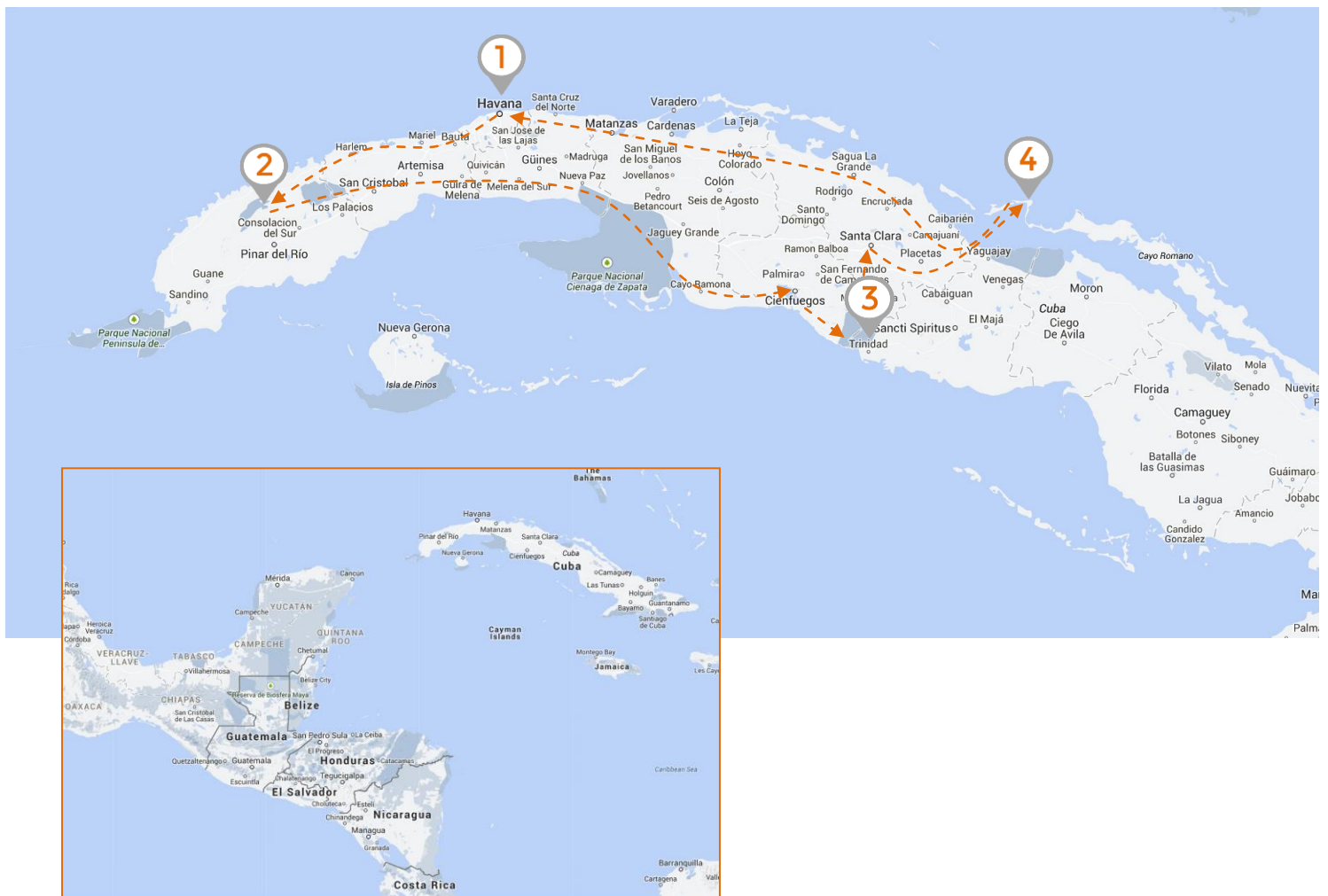
*Classic Cuba*

*16-days / 15-nights*



## Itinerary Summary

No.	Date	Location	Details	Meals	Hotel	Nts
<b>1</b>	Day 01	<b>HAVANA</b>	Arrive in Havana	-	Hotel Florida	3
	Day 02		Morning walking tour of Havana & pm driving tour	BL		
	Day 03		Buena Vista Social Club Show including dinner	BD		
<b>2</b>	Day 04	<b>VIÑALES</b>	Road transfer to Viñales	BL	Los Jazmines Hotel	2
	Day 05		Day at leisure	B		
<b>3</b>	Day 06	<b>TRINIDAD</b>	Road transfer to Trinidad via Cienfuegos	BL	Iberostar Grand Trinidad	3
	Day 07		Morning walking tour & afternoon Sugar Mills Valley tour	BL		
	Day 08		Day at leisure	B		
<b>4</b>	Day 09	<b>CAYO SANTA MARIA</b>	Road transfer to Cayo Santa Maria via Santa Clara	BLD	Melia Las Dunas	5
	Day 10		Day at leisure	BLD		
	Day 11		Day at leisure	BLD		
	Day 12		Day at leisure	BLD		
	Day 13		Day at leisure	BLD		
<b>1</b>	Day 14	<b>HAVANA</b>	Road transfer to Havana	B	Hotel Florida	1
	Day 15	<b>DEPART</b>	Meet your return flights to the UK	B		
	Day 16	<b>UK</b>	Arrive back in the UK	-	-	



## Detailed Itinerary



### Day 01 HAVANA

Depart Gatwick with Virgin.



Virgin Economy Dep: Gatwick 11:30

Arr: Havana 16:15

Private transfer on arrival to hotel.

#### Hotel Florida



#### 1 x Standard Room on a Bed & Breakfast basis for 3-nights

Located close to Arms Square in the old town, the Hotel Florida is situated amongst small art galleries and attractive museums. Built in 1836, the hotel is a lovely old colonial building and still retains many of its period features from the balconies to interior courtyards, complete with archways and stained glass windows. The Florida's 25 well-appointed rooms are tastefully decorated and the rooms which open out onto the street are excellent for people watching.



### Day 02 HAVANA



#### Private half day walking tour of Havana including lunch at a local restaurant

In the morning your tour guide will meet you at your hotel to start your tour. The tour will be a guided walking tour through the atmospheric lanes and squares of colonial Old Havana, taking in the most important sightseeing points en route: Plaza de Armas, Temple, Palace of the Captain General, Plaza Vieja, Plaza de Armas, Cathedral Square, the Havana Club Rum Museum, and Hemingway's 'Bodeguita' among others. Wandering around the cobbled streets feels like stepping back in time, as much of the city has remained unchanged since Fidel Castro came to power in the 1950s. The decaying, genteel colonial facades of old Havana are now being preserved as UNESCO has recognised the city as a World Heritage Site. A network of narrow streets, overlooked by balconies decorated with intricate patterns of wrought ironwork cross the old city, opening out into small squares fringed by grand houses and glorious churches. Once the tour is finished you will have lunch at the Bodeguita del Medio.



**Day 02 HAVANA ...**



**Private afternoon panoramic city tour by American classic car**

The tour will include the passing the Capitol Building, the Gran Teatro and the Bacardi Building and go via the Prado Boulevard to the famous Malecon, passing the legendary Hotel Nacional and via the Avenida de los Presidentes to the Revolution Square with the portrait of Che Guevara and the monument of national hero José Martí. The tour will include 1950s former upper class residential and diplomatic quarter of Miramar with its former American clubs and beautiful mansions along the Quinta Avenida.



**Day 03 HAVANA**

Day at leisure.



**Shared evening excursion to Buena Vista Social Club Show including dinner**

Walk to Café Taberna from your hotel in Havana to the Buena Vista Social Club performance. The now world famous Buena Vista Social Club group was originally a popular members club in Havana that held dances, musical activities and for musicians to meet and play during the 1940's. The club closed some 50 years later. In the 1990's a recording made by well known Cuban musician Juan de Marcos Gonzales and American guitarist Ry Cooder with traditional Cuban musicians, some of whom were veterans who had performed at the club during the height of its popularity. The film and the member's performances have become well known around the world and this is a chance to see some of the performers in Havana. Take home a copy of their album for lasting memories of Cuba and its music!



**Day 04 HAVANA - VIÑALES**

**Private tour of the Viñales Valley in Pinar del Rio including lunch**

Private excursion to Viñales Valley in Pinar del Rio, where the world's best tobacco is grown. This area has exotic landscapes of valleys crowded with royal palms and farms. En route you will visit a Cigar Factory. Stop at Los Jazmines look-out point for the best view of the Valley In Viñales, visit the Mogotes (Cuba's oldest endemic rock formations) such as the Pre-Historic Mural, where you will have lunch, and the Indian Cave (where you will take a boat ride along its underground river).

Continue to the Viñales Valley and your hotel.

**Los Jazmines Hotel**



**1 x Standard Room on a Bed & Breakfast basis for 2-nights**

Set amongst the rolling hills and mountains, the Los Jazmines has wonderful panoramic views of the Viñales Valley. The 62 air-conditioned rooms and 16 cottages are light and comfortable and all have French doors which open out onto a small balcony. There is a good-sized pool, 2 bars, 2 restaurants and the hotel can arrange Ecotours and horse riding.



**Day 05 VIÑALES**



Day at leisure.



**Day 06 VIÑALES - CIENFUEGOS - TRINIDAD**



**Private transfer to Trinidad with lunch at ‘Fiesta Campesina’ and a guided tour of Cienfuegos en-route**

Situated on the south coast, Cienfuegos is an attractive, breezy seaport with a Caribbean feel which is often described as the pearl of the South. Many of the city's festivals are based on seafaring activities including yacht regattas and races. Its architecture and development was influenced by french immigrants at the beginning of the 19th century and it is a harmonious blend of fascinating styles.

**Iberostar Grand Trinidad Hotel**



**1 x Standard Room on a Bed & Breakfast basis for 3-nights**

Iberostar's boutique hotel in the heart of this historic UNESCO nominated World Heritage city offers a very comfortable base for exploration of this enchanting area. The Iberostar Grand has been sympathetically designed to blend in with the surrounding 16th century architecture, but has all the modern comforts and service expected of a first -class hotel. It has 35 very well-appointed and tastefully decorated rooms as well as 4 junior suites, some with their own patio. The hotel also has its own restaurant and a smoker's room for those wishing to sample some of Cuba's famous cigars.

**Day 07 TRINIDAD****Private morning walking tour of historic Trinidad (inc lunch at a local restaurant)**

The compact colonial centre of Trinidad is one of the most sublime in Latin America, and the city was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1988. The cobbled streets, terracotta rooftops and pastel coloured houses are easily explored in a morning when the light is good for photography and the temperature is still comfortable. The walking tour is completely flexible as you have a private guide so if you have anything specific you want to see just ask. Typically you will take in the Palacio Cantero, an impressive neo-classical palace owned by a wealthy doctor who used to treat the sugar barons. The building is now the Museo Historico Municipal and has a beautiful courtyard. If you climb the rickety steps to the tower you will be rewarded with beautiful views of the city and the Escambray mountain range which provides a stunning backdrop to the city. The city is situated between the mountains and the Caribbean Sea.

**Private afternoon excursion to the Sugar Mills Valley**

The picturesque emerald valley was once the centre of the sugar trade industry and home to the plantations that brought wealth and prosperity to Trinidad in the 18th and 19th centuries. Today the ruins of estates, sugar mills and other remnants are visited by tourists who are attracted by the history of slavery and the beauty of the valley. The main site is the Manaca Iznaga, a striking 144ft (44m) high tower that was used by plantation owner and one of the wealthiest men in Cuba, Pedro Iznaga, to keep watch over his slaves working in the fields. Visitors can climb the tower for impressive views over the countryside.



**Day 08 TRINIDAD**

Day at leisure.



**Day 09 TRINIDAD - SANTA CLARA - CAYO SANTA MARIA**



**Private transfer to Cayo Santa Maria with lunch and a guided tour of Santa Clara en-route**

In Santa Clara you will have time to take a panoramic tour of this historic city including a visit to Che Guevara's Museum and the memorial at Revolution Square.

**Melia Las Dunas**



**1 x Standard Room on an All-Inclusive basis for 5-nights**

Directly overlooking a beautiful stretch of soft white sand, the Meliá Las Dunas is a good standard all-inclusive resort. As well as occupying a beautiful location, it offers a wealth of amenities and facilities, including an abundance of water sports and extensive daytime and evening entertainment.





**Days 10 - 13 CAYO SANTA MARIA**



Days at leisure.



**Day 14 CAYO SANTA MARIA - HAVANA**

Private transfer to Havana and the Hotel Florida for an overnight stay.



**Hotel Florida**  
1 x Standard Room on a Bed & Breakfast basis for 1-night



**Day 15 HAVANA - DEPART**

Private transfer to airport to meet your return international flights with Virgin.



**Please Note:**  
This flight does not operate daily



VS0164 Economy Dep: Havana 19:05 Arr: Gatwick 08:50 (Day 16)



**Day 16 UK**

Arrive back in the UK.



# Holiday Cost

**from £2,795.00 per person**

10% deposit is required to secure this booking

## **Suggested Itinerary**

- This is just a suggested itinerary which we can amend to fit your exact requirements.

## **Includes**

- International flights as listed.
- All pre-payable airport departure taxes.
- Hotel accommodation as listed.
- Transfers as listed (on a shared basis unless specified as private).
- Meals as listed.
- Excursions as listed (on a shared basis unless specified as private).

## **Excludes**

- Local departure taxes where applicable.
- Tips and gratuities.
- Any future currency surcharges.
- Any future airline fare, tax or fuel surcharges.\*

*\*In the event of airfare /tax increases you will have the option to pay for your airfare in advance to avoid these increases.*

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- All flights, accommodation and services are subject to availability at the time of booking.
- Air fares, taxes, schedules and routings are subject to change until ticket issue.

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