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15 Day Conducted Tour

Mexico and Cuba

for **\$7,495** per person twin share

This price includes airport taxes and fuel levies

This great price includes:

- Air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Mexico City with Qantas and American Airlines, plus return international flights from Mexico City to Havana with Aeromexico.
- Three nights accommodation in Mexico City with day tours to places of historical importance.
- A one week tour of Cuba, visiting Trinidad, Cienfuegos, Santa Clara and five nights in Cuba's capital Havana. Cuba is a unique blend of communism and capitalism.
- Cuban visa/tourist card is also included.
- A stopover in Anaheim on the way home, with the hotel located within walking distance of Disneyland.
- Very good accommodation, mainly 3½ to 4 star.
- Prepaid gratuities to the main guides and drivers.
- Services of local tour guides and if there are 15 or more passengers there will be an Australian tour escort.



If you don't have a travel partner but wish to travel at twin share rates we will try and assign you with another person, but this is not guaranteed. For anyone requiring a single room there will be an extra charge of \$1565.

This is a special group tour with a maximum of about 26 passengers.

Tour Departs Australia 5th November and returns 19th November 2020

We try harder to find you the best travel deal

Itinerary for Mexico and Cuba Tour

Included meals are indicated as B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

05.11.20 Australia - Dallas - Mexico City

Depart Brisbane at 10.10am on QF 521, arriving in Sydney at 12.45pm.
Depart Melbourne at 11.00am on QF 436, arriving in Sydney at 12.25pm.
Depart Sydney at 2.40pm on QF 7, arriving in Dallas at 12.55pm the same day (we cross the International Date Line).

All passengers then depart Dallas at 2.40pm on AA 2350, arriving in Mexico City at 5.20pm.

Upon arrival we are met and transferred to our hotel. Mexico City is quickly becoming a must see destination in Central America, with its revamped public spaces, culinary scene and buzzing downtown area. Combined with the city's historic elements, there is much to offer.

Accommodation: NH Centro Historico or similar

06.11.20 Mexico City

(B/L)

Today we visit the Teotihuacan Pyramids and Guadalupe Shrine. The pyramids are located 50 km north east of Mexico City and include the massive Pyramid of the Sun and Pyramid of the Moon, which dominate the skyline of the complex. This was once the country's biggest ancient city and capital of the Aztec people, who ruled over the largest empire in the pre-Hispanic era. Guarded by mountains, this magnificent city is thought to have been founded early in the first century A.D. and reached its peak around 500 A.D., when its influence extended down to Guatemala and as far north as present day Texas. With the help of a local guide, we have time to stroll down the 'Avenue of the Dead'. Uncover its many wonders and imagine what life must have been like nearly 2000 years ago. We also visit the Basilica de Guadalupe, Latin America's most revered religious shrine, where the Virgin of Guadalupe is said to have appeared before an Indian named Juan Diego in 1531 and an image of her was miraculously emblazoned on his cloak. We will have time to explore the New Basilica de Guadalupe (the Old Basilica, built in 1700, is slowly sinking) and to see Juan Diego's cloak. We return to Mexico City in the afternoon. Lunch today is included.

Accommodation: NH Centro Historico or similar

07.11.20 Mexico City – Havana, Cuba

(B)

Today we are transferred to Mexico City airport for our flight to Havana, Cuba with Aeromexico. 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. The city offers all kinds of attractions, hotels, restaurants, universities, modern hospitals, theatres, cinemas, zoo, aquarium, botanical gardens, museums and an incredible nightlife.

Upon arrival in Havana we are met and transferred to our hotel in a classic American car. Located in Vedado, a modern district in Havana, our hotel is considered to be one of the best in Havana and provides an elegant and modern design with Cuban marble and references to the world of cigars and the famous Cohiba brand.

Accommodation: Melia Cohiba or similar

08.11.20

(B/L)

Havana

Every Cuban adventure should include Old Havana. There's more than a bit of magic in a city that has managed to keep thousands of classic cars on the road for more than 50 years, while dancing on in the face of global isolation.

Vintage Chevrolets, Buicks and classic Mercedes line the streets, doubling as unofficial taxis. After wandering the old squares and churches of the cobble-stoned historic centre, hail a classic convertible and go riding along the Malecon, the waterfront boulevard.

This morning we will get acquainted with Cuba's capital city by taking a guided walking tour through the crumbling splendour of the UNESCO World Heritage Listed Site, Habana Vieja (Old Havana). Wars and revolution have done little to damage its heritage, making it one of the finest examples of a Spanish colonial city anywhere in the Americas. We will enjoy a walk along Havana's busiest street 'Calle Obispo' and tour around the four most fascinating squares in Old Havana; Plaza de la Catedral, Plaza Vieja, Plaza de Armas and Plaza San Francisco de Asis.

Next we enjoy a panoramic tour in an American vintage car around the 'modern' part of Havana, including Revolution Square.

After an included lunch, we will visit the fishing community of Cojimar, where Ernest Hemingway celebrated his Pulitzer prize in 1953. Later we stop at 'Morro-Cabana' fortress on the other side of the bay for a great panoramic view of the city and the harbour of Havana.

The remainder of the day is at leisure. You may wish to consider taking in a cabaret show at Havana's Tropicana nightclub, which boasts more than 200 performers, a fabulous orchestra and acrobatic feats. As the sun sets, Havana comes alive with a vibrant nightlife that hints at the glamorous playground Cuba once was. International stars including Edith Piaf, Josephine Baker, Marlon Brando and Ernest Hemingway jetted in for sunny weekends and boozy nights at the Tropicana cabaret show under the stars.

Accommodation: Melia Cohiba or similar

09.11.20

(B/L)

Havana – Vinales - Havana

Today we will travel to the west of Cuba to see the small village of Vinales in the Pinar del Rio province. Vinales is located in a valley of the same name. It possesses some of Cuba's most dramatic landscapes and is the world's best tobacco growing region. The beautiful, fertile valley is surrounded by unusual limestone outcrops known as Mogotes. A visit here is a great way of gaining an insight into life in rural Cuba. We will visit a working tobacco farm, where the local farmers hand roll cigars. Next we will be served a traditional Cuban lunch. In Vinales there is an included visit to the Mural de Prehistorica, where a history of evolution is painted in bright colours on the side of a Mogote. Afterwards we return to Havana.

Accommodation: Melia Cohiba or similar

10.11.20

(B)

Havana - Cienfuegos – Trinidad area

This morning we travel approximately four hours south east of Havana to Trinidad. Along the way we will see several spectacular Caribbean beaches. We may even stop at a small town along the way called 'Australia.'

We stop in Cienfuegos where we have a guided tour of this laid back maritime city known as the 'Pearl of the South'. We walk through the city's well preserved colonial centre and learn about its proud musical tradition and its famous musicians such as Benny More.

Afterwards we follow the panoramic coastal road to the Trinidad area for a two night stay. Our beachfront accommodation is located on the Ancon Peninsula, and a twenty minute drive from downtown Trinidad.

Accommodation: Hotel Memories Trinidad Del Mar or similar

11.11.20
(B/L/D)

Trinidad

Trinidad is often referred to as the soul of Cuba and is usually considered one of the main highlights of the island. This morning we are transferred to the downtown area of Trinidad and commence a walking tour of the main sights of the city. The city was founded in 1514 by the Spanish conquistador Deigo Velasquez and became a major centre for trading sugar and slaves for almost 200 years. The wealth generated by the land owners during this region's dark past is reflected by the well-restored colonial architecture which is found in Trinidad's colonial centre and was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1988. After walking the cobble-stoned colonial heart of Trinidad, we have the afternoon at leisure at the hotel. Lunch and dinner today are included at the hotel.

Tonight you may wish to visit one of Cuba's classic venues, Casa de la Musica. This informal outdoor gathering has a good mix of tourists and locals and is a great chance to listen to live music and watch some salsa dancing.

Accommodation: Hotel Memories Trinidad Del Mar or similar

12.11.20
(B/L)

Trinidad – Santa Clara – Havana

Today we head back to Havana. En route we stop at the town of Santa Clara, a key centre in the Cuban Revolution. Upon entering Santa Clara there is a huge statue of Ernesto Che Guevara, to commemorate his death and that of the revolutionaries that died along with him in Bolivia. There is also a museum here dedicated to his amazing life (entrance at own expense). We enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before continuing on to Havana for an overnight stay.

Accommodation: Melia Cohiba or similar

13.11.20
(B/D)

Havana

Today is at leisure to enjoy the city life at your own pace and wander the streets for some last minute shopping.

This evening we have a farewell dinner at La Guarida Restaurant.

Accommodation: Melia Cohiba or similar

14.11.20
(B)

Havana – Mexico City

Today we are transferred to Havana airport for our flight to Mexico City with Aeromexico. Upon arrival in Mexico City we are transferred to our hotel for an overnight stay.

Accommodation: Hotel Galeria Plaza Reforma or similar

15.11.20
(B)

Mexico City – Los Angeles - Anaheim, USA

This morning we will further explore magnificent Mexico City, built by the Spanish on the ruins of Tenochtitlan, the Old Aztec capital. The city's historical heart is its vast central square, or El Zocalo. On our tour we will have the opportunity to visit the square, along with the Metropolitan Cathedral, which is the largest church in all of Latin America. We will also visit the National Palace, which hosts Diego Rivera's murals depicting the history of Mexico and is one of the oldest government seats in the world. Following this we are transferred to the

airport for our flights to Los Angeles.

All passengers depart Mexico City at 3.45pm on American Airlines flight AA 2546, arriving in Los Angeles at 6.00pm. Upon arrival we are met and transferred to our Anaheim hotel for a two night stay.

Accommodation: Red Lion Hotel Anaheim

16.11.20 Anaheim

(B) Today is at leisure to explore Anaheim. The hotel is located within walking distance of Disneyland. There are also buses available that can take you to the many different theme parks and shopping centres in the nearby area.

Accommodation: Red Lion Hotel Anaheim

17.11.20 Anaheim - Los Angeles - Australia

(B) This morning is at leisure. We have a 6pm late checkout from our hotel rooms, and are then transferred to Los Angeles International Airport for our flights home. Sydney passengers depart Los Angeles at 10.30pm on QF 12, arriving in Sydney at 8.35am two days later on the 19.11.20. (You re-cross the International Date Line).

Melbourne passengers depart Los Angeles at 10.50pm on QF 94, arriving in Melbourne at 9.50am two days later (19.11.20).

Brisbane passengers depart Los Angeles at 11.20pm on QF 16, arriving in Brisbane at 7.15am two days later (19.11.20).

18.11.20 In flight

19.11.20 Australia

Your flights arrive into Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane this morning.

Note: This itinerary is to be used as a guide only and is subject to changes due to unforeseen weather conditions, permits etc or other matters outside our control. Also, it is likely that the proposed hotels within Cuba will change, as hotel confirmations can be very problematic.

Tour Difficulty Ratings & Advice

To ensure that you select the right tour for you, Macleay Valley Travel has provided a clear set of tour difficulty and fitness recommendations for our tours. The ratings, from 1, being the easiest, to 5 the most strenuous, will give you a good idea of what is reasonably required for you to be able to participate on each tour. Most tours require a moderate to good level of fitness, however there are others that are quite challenging. For your enjoyment of the tour, and also the enjoyment of your fellow travellers, please consider whether or not the suggested difficulty level for the tour you are interested in is compatible with your health and fitness.

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Tour Difficulty Level 4

This tour rating typically involves an above average level of physical activity, such as ascending stairs, getting into a bathtub shower, being responsible for your own luggage at airports and hotels, walking distances of up to 2 kilometres at a time over uneven ground and/or cobblestone streets. Walking tours of considerable distances should be expected on tours with this rating as well as early departures and long days. Unfortunately this tour rating is not recommended for individuals who cannot walk unaided.



Conditions for Macleay Valley Travel's Mexico and Cuba Tour

Deposits and Payments - A non-refundable deposit of \$600 per person is payable within 7 days of booking. This deposit is not refundable should you later cancel. The balance is payable in full 10 weeks prior to departure. Macleay Valley Travel often has to adhere to strict payment deadlines and your booking on the tour may be cancelled if final payment is not received by the due date, with no refund applicable.

Refunds and Cancellations - Cancellations after final payment will result in a refund limited to whatever we can recoup from the airline.

Airline Tickets - Please note that any changes made to airline tickets once they have been issued will likely incur high cancellation and/or reissue fees. These fees are typically set by the airline and are outside of our control.

Insurance - Adequate travel insurance is essential. We can arrange this for you if desired. Macleay Valley Travel offers Suresave Travel Insurance. Please note that we can only process your travel insurance when we have received full payment for the insurance and the signed Suresave Travel Insurance application form. Until this time the travel insurance may not be processed and will not be valid. Macleay Valley Travel will bear no responsibility for any consequences that may occur as a result of an incomplete insurance application.

Passports - All travellers require a current passport with at least 6 months left on it at the end of the tour. Non-Australian passport holders require a re-entry visa for Australia. A visa waiver is required for travel through the United States of America at a current cost of USD \$14 per person. Australian passport holders who have visited Iran, Iraq, Sudan, Syria, Yemen, Venezuela or North Korea on any occasion since 2011 are not eligible for a US visa waiver and will instead need to apply for an actual visa through the US Consulate. A Cuban tourist card is included for Australian passport holders on this tour, which is used as a visa. No visas are required for Mexico if you are travelling on an Australian passport. Please note that visa prices and regulations are imposed by the respective governments of each country and are subject to change.

Basic Tour Price and Taxes - Air taxes and fuel levies are included in the basic tour price if the tour is paid in full on or before the due date on the final invoice. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to charge for any increase in air taxes and fuel levies if the tour is not paid in full by the due date.

Not Included in the Cost - All items of a personal nature such as telephone calls, drinks, excess baggage, tips, meals, (except those specified in the itinerary), travel insurance etc. Similarly, credit card payments (Visa/MasterCard) can only be accepted if 1% is added to the price to help defray the heavy merchant fees charged to us by the credit card companies. There is a 2.75% surcharge for American Express.

Breakaway Fee - All fully inclusive prices are based on group travel and any deviation from the set itinerary will incur a breakaway fee. The breakaway fee for most deviations including a post-tour extension on this tour is \$115 per person, plus any applicable increase in airfare and taxes. Please inquire with our office for specific prices on any extensions.

Health and Fitness - Macleay Valley Travel recommends that the passenger is reasonably healthy and/or fit to participate in this tour. Persons with a disability requiring special assistance must be accompanied by a companion. Macleay Valley Travel and their representatives cannot provide this service. The Health & Fitness Questionnaire located on the last page of this itinerary needs to be completed in full by each passenger and accompany your booking form. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to accept/decline or terminate a passenger's participation in the tour under certain circumstances.

Accreditation - Macleay Valley Travel is a fully accredited travel agency under the AFTA (Australian Federation of Travel Agents) ATAS - AFTA Travel Accreditation Scheme. As such, you are assured of a consumer focused and quality assured business, ensuring professional conduct and ethical business practices. We are happy for any prospective traveller with us to check us out with your local Consumer Affairs (Fair Trading) department.

Twin Share Bookings - If you do not have a travel partner, but wish to travel at twin share rates, we will try and assign you with another traveller but this is not guaranteed. We assign passengers by their gender, on a first come, first served basis and do not assign twin share passengers according to their age, profession, interests etc. There are risks with sharing a room with a person you do not know, and Macleay Valley Travel accepts no responsibility if you are incompatible with your assigned room mate. Additionally, if you are assigned a travelling companion to share with and they cancel off the tour prior to making the final payment, then you will either be required to pay the single room supplement or we will try our best to assign you with another twin share passenger, if one is available.

Limitation of Liability - As Macleay Valley Travel acts only as agent for the Airlines, Hotels, Coach Companies etc., providing accommodation, transportation and other services, Macleay Valley Travel shall not be liable or responsible for death or injury to any person or loss or damage to any property including baggage arising out of or connection with any transportation, accommodation or other services, or resulting directly or indirectly from acts of God, fire, breakdown in machinery or equipment, acts of Government or other authorities, de jure or defacto wars, whether declared or not, hostilities, civil disturbances, strikes, riots, thefts, epidemics, quarantines, medical or customs regulations, delays or cancellations caused by changes in schedules or itinerary, or over bookings or defaults or for any causes beyond Macleay Valley Travel's control or any loss or damage resulting from improper or insufficient passports, visas or other documents and neither Macleay Valley Travel, and its servants or employees shall be or become liable or responsible for any additional expenses or liability sustained or incurred by the tour member as a result of the foregoing causes. Additionally you must meet the entry requirements for each country you visit. Macleay Valley Travel will not be liable if you are denied entry to a country for any reason, including a past criminal history. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to decline bookings made for any group tour. Any tour booking confirmation is conditional, contingent on our view of the ability of a person to be able to participate in a tour without the likelihood of conflict between members of a tour whether perceived or actual.

Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to modify the itinerary or the accommodation if circumstances make this necessary, provided that the amended itinerary is of equal value or greater value than that of the original program.

MACLEAY VALLEY TRAVEL - BOOKING FORM

PLEASE PRINT DETAILS CLEARLY IN BLOCK LETTERS AND ALSO

A PHOTOCOPY OF YOUR PASSPORT MUST BE SENT WITH BOOKING FORM

Name of Tour : _____ Departure Date: _____

Passenger 1 (as written in passport) _____

Title: **Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss. Dr.** _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Passenger 2 (as written in passport) _____

Title: **Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss. Dr.** _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Postal Address: _____

_____ **PostCode** _____ **Email** _____

Telephone / Fax Number: _____ **Mobile** _____

Passport Number: _____ Expiry Date: _____

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Passport Nationality: _____

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(Passport must have 6 months validity from the time of tour completion)

Single room / Twin Beds or Twin Share / Double bed: (Room type is subject to availability)

Circle which airport you wish to depart from: SYDNEY / MELBOURNE / BRISBANE

Any existing medical conditions? Passenger 1: _____ Passenger 2: _____

Special Dietary Requests – Passenger 1: _____ Passenger 2: _____

Optional Extensions: _____

Would you like to receive details of our travel insurance?: YES / NO (Please Circle)

In case of emergency, please notify :

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please return this sheet with your non-refundable deposit of \$600 per person and the health & fitness form.

DECLARATION. I have read and understand fully the booking conditions and I accept them.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

A copy of passport is required to verify spelling of name. If this is not provided and the information we have for the airline is incorrect and ticket is issued, then the airline will charge a reissue fee.

HEALTH & FITNESS QUESTIONNAIRE

Macleay Valley Travel strives to make our tours enjoyable experiences for all passengers, however some countries and tour services lack the standards that you can typically expect in Australia.

To help ensure your personal safety and enjoyment on tour, please answer the following questions. The information you provide will be treated confidentially and will be used to check that the transportation, accommodation and facilities on tour are suitable for you:

- 1. Do you have any allergies? Yes / No
If yes, please provide details and severity: _____
- 2. Can you walk 500 metres to 1km in distance comfortably and unaided? Yes / No
- 3. Can you negotiate uneven, undulating and sometimes challenging terrain? Yes / No
If no, please provide details about these limitations: _____
- 4. Do you use a mobility aid? Yes / No
If yes, please provide details: _____
- 5. Are you travelling with a companion or carer who is able to provide all the assistance you need to enter buildings, disembark and embark ships, aircraft, coaches, small boats and assist you on excursions? Yes / No
If yes, please provide the name of your carer/companion and your relationship to them: _____
- 6. Are you taking any medical equipment to assist you? Yes / No
If yes, please provide details: _____
- 7. Do you suffer from any condition which may cause you to experience memory loss or become disoriented? Yes / No
If yes, please provide details: _____
- 8. Are you asthmatic or do you have other breathing difficulties? Yes / No
If yes, please provide details (travelling to high altitudes is not recommended): _____
- 9. Do you require supplementary oxygen? Yes / No
- 10. Are you currently taking medication? Yes / No
If yes, are you able to administer your own medication? Yes / No
- 11. If you have any other medical information that is not covered in the previous questions, please provide a description here: _____

The information you supply us will be passed onto relevant travel suppliers who will do their best accommodate you. However, it is very important to remember that meeting your needs cannot be guaranteed, especially when travelling to third world countries.

DISCLAIMER

I confirm that the information provided on this questionnaire is both true and correct and I understand that there is no guarantee that all these needs will or can be met. I agree that Macleay Valley Travel may offer a recommendation with regard to fitness to travel, based on the information I have provided. I also understand that this information may be passed onto those responsible for supplying the land arrangements for my travel, and that my information will not be communicated to any party which is not directly responsible or otherwise associated with my travel arrangements. I further confirm and agree that should I choose not to disclose information which subsequently requires me to return or be returned home from a tour or cruise, Macleay Valley Travel is not responsible for any costs associated with cancellation penalties, airfares, land transportation or any other related hardship. Please note that a refund for lost touring cannot be claimed. I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to update the information I provided to Macleay Valley Travel immediately should my circumstances change.

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Signature: _____

Date: _____

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