

# PRIVATE PLAN

## *Cuba Cruise Program from Cienfuegos*

DAY	PLACE	PROGRAM
1	Havana - Cienfuegos	We meet at 11:00 am at the Melia Cohiba Hotel lobby for a drink and a free transfer by bus to Cienfuegos. After a 3 hour drive through Cuba's central regions we reach Cienfuegos and embark the yacht between 15:00 and 16:00. Welcome briefings and cocktail, safety drill. Welcome dinner. Overnight in Cienfuegos.
2	Casilda - Trinidad	Early morning arriving into the port of Casilda. Our full day optional excursion brings us to Trinidad, a Spanish colonial settlement once built on huge sugar fortunes. Trinidad, is a UNESCO World Heritage site. A meticulously well-preserved Spanish colonial city, with its rich architecture, cobblestone streets, palaces and plazas it is sometimes referred to as the "museum city of Cuba". There will be stops for visits to local artists and home studios, the Museum Romantico or the Architecture Museum. After lunch, we will drive to the nearby Sugarmills Valley (Valle de los Ingenios) also a UNESCO World Heritage site. Overnight at sea to Cayo Largo.
3	Cayo Largo	Early morning arrival in Cayo Largo. Cayo Largo was formed by limestone, formed over millions of years from the remains of marine organisms, much like the ones that form coral reefs. Our optional excursion will take us to the Sea Turtle Breeding Centre and Endangered Species Protection program. We will then join coral reef experts for an amazing 2 and a half hour guided snorkelling experience. Protected from strong sea currents, the seabed is varied and unspoiled, with an abundance of underwater caves, valleys and steep, gorgonian-encrusted walls. We return to the ship for lunch and sail to Maria la Gorda, Bahia de Corrientes. Overnight at sea.
4	Maria La Gorda - Bahia de Corrientes	Morning arrival in Maria la Gorda, Bahia de Corrientes. Today our optional excursion will take us to the "Guanahacabibes" National Park, one of the country's largest nature reserves. Meet with the naturalists and locals. The peninsula was one of the last refuges of aboriginals fleeing from the Spanish conquistadors and also holds some 140 archaeological sites linked to the life of aborigines, who were known as Guanahatabeyes. You will meet with environmentalists at the CITMA Environmental Research Station as well. Enjoy lunch before continuing your exploration of the park with local community members and scientists to see the results of the Endangered Species Protection Projects and Environmental Education Programs. Alternatively you can spend the day at nearby beach snorkelling and enjoying the sun and the sea. Overnight at sea to Havana.
5	Havana	Early afternoon arrival in Havana. Half day optional afternoon excursion in colourful and vibrant Old Havana, founded by the Spaniards in 1519 in the natural harbor of the Bay of Havana and now a UNESCO World Heritage site. Enjoy a guided exploration on foot through Old Havana streets and squares. We will stop to see the scale model of the Old City, to the "Gaspar Melchor de Jovellanos" Workshop/School for artisans and craftspeople specializing in monuments restoration. Overnight in Havana.
6	Havana - Valley of Viñales	Today you will take the optional full day excursion with lunch in the Pinar del Rio province. We will go inland to visit the Valley of Viñales, one of Cuba's most scenic regions. You will be amazed by a unique landscape and by the "magotes", dramatic rock formations and by the 18th century city of Vinales all of which contributed to make the Valley a Unesco World Heritage site. Overnight in Havana.
7	Havana - Las Terrazas	Optional Havana city half day excursions or optional excursion to the Artemisa Region outside Havana. We will drive by bus to the UNESCO designated Biosphere Reserve Las Terrazas, in the mountainous Sierra del Rosario area. This is perfect chance to discover this beautiful region including an old/colonial 18th century coffee plantation and also observe life in rural Cuba with visits to the local family doctor, nurse, clinic, an elementary school, community museum, local artists homes and studios. Captains Farewell Dinner. Overnight in Havana.
8	Havana	Morning arrival. Disembarkation after breakfast from 9:00 to 9:30 am.