

# Girls On Tour: "Mexico & Cuba" - 27 days



## **Tuesday 9 January 2018 Depart Australia for MEXICO CITY, Mexico (3 nights)**

On arrival into Mexico City you will be met and transferred to our hotel.

## **Wed 10 Jan - MEXICO CITY**

Mexico City lies in the heart of Central Mexico and is the capital of Mexico and the oldest capital city in the Americas. Today enjoy a city tour of the capital and in the evening a welcome dinner to start our exciting adventure. (B,D)

## **Thu 11 Jan - TEOTIHUACAN PYRAMIDS & GUADALUPE SHRINE**

A tour today of the impressive archaeological site of Teotihuacan, located 50km northeast of Mexico City. (B)

## **Fri 12 Jan - TRAVEL DAY - OAXACA, Mexico (2 nights)**

Transfer to Mexico City Airport for your outward flight to Oaxaca. Dinner at the hotel tonight. (B,D)

## **Sat 13 Jan - OAXACA CITY TOUR**

Oaxaca – a World Heritage Site, was once the centre of the Mixtec and Zapotec civilizations. We will walk through the streets of the colonial city centre and then have time to browse the colourful local markets and soak up the bustling atmosphere on the main square. Oaxacan cuisine is famous for its refinement and complexity, and we will learn how to prepare it. Our teacher is a local woman who

learned cooking from her mother and her grandmother before her and we will grab an apron to create a delicious 4 course meal with her help. (B,D)

## **Sun 14 Jan - TRAVEL DAY - TUXTLA, Mexico (1 night)**

You will be collected from your hotel in Oaxaca and transferred to the airport for our flight to Tuxtla. Dinner at the hotel tonight. (B,D)

## **Mon 15 Jan - TUXTLA TO SAN CRISTOBAL CASAS, Mexico (3 nights)**

Today we take a thrilling boat ride down the spectacular Sumidero Canyon, which has towering rock walls reaching up to 1,000 metres high. After this unforgettable experience you will continue on to picturesque San Cristóbal de Las Casas, a colonial town of white stucco walls, red-tile roofs and cobblestone streets. (B)

## **Tue 16 Jan - SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS: CITY TOUR**

We will explore the city centre of San Cristobal de las Casas on foot. We then drive 10km into the Chiapas highlands, to the Tzotzil Indian villages of San Juan Chamula and Zinacantan. We then drive to the nearby village of Zinacantan, with its picturesque church and handicraft market. (B)

## **Wed 17 Jan - SAN CRISTOBAL - Leisure day**

Today is yours to relax and/or explore this enchanting city. (B)

## **THU 18 Jan - SAN CRISTOBAL TO PALENQUE, Mexico (2 nights)**

A drive today to the bustling city of Villahermosa, located on the Grijalva River. The city's main attraction are the its exceptional museums. We will visit the archaeological open-air museum Parque-Museo de La Venta. (B)

## **FRI 19 Jan - PALENQUE**

Discover one of the most important Mayan cities in Mexico on this tour of Palenque. Lunch is also included in the tour. (B,L)

## **SAT 20 Jan - FLORES, Guatemala (2 nights)**

Today we travel from Palenque to Frontera Corozal and then on to Flores by bus with our final destination for today being Flores, Guatemala. (B)

## **SUN 21 Jan - TIKAL FULL DAY**

A private tour today of Tikal National Park, where some 3,000 ancient structures rise from the rainforest floor. (B,L)

## **MON 22 Jan - PLAYA DEL CARMEN, Mexico (4 nights)**

Private transfer from your Flores hotel to Mundo Maya airport for your outward flight. Arrive Cancun and transfer to Playa del Carmen. This is a long flying day but tomorrow will be a free day to rest and recover. (B)

## **TUE 23 Jan - PLAYA DEL CARMEN**

A free day today to enjoy the white sand beaches and pristine waters of Playa del Carmen and Riviera Maya. You may choose to do some optional extras at your own cost or you may just choose to relax and enjoy all that the resort has to offer, it's your choice. (B)

## **WED 24 Jan – CHICHEN ITZA**

Discover the magic and beauty of the Mayan world on this full-day





excursion to one of Mexico's best preserved archaeological site, Chichen Itza. (B,L)

**THU 25 Jan - TULUM & CENOTES TOUR**

Today we travel to what are considered the most beautiful Mayan ruins, Tulum, which overlook the rugged coastline of the Caribbean Sea. There is an opportunity to swim on one of the most beautiful beaches in the Caribbean. From here we will explore some of the Cenotes (Sen-ot-ays) in the area which are limestone caves with crystal clear waters, fish and turtles! (B)

**FRI 26 Jan - TRAVEL DAY - HAVANA, Cuba. (3 nights)**

**INCLUSIONS**

- International flights from Australia with Qantas
- Flights within South America with regional airlines
- Full time tour escort and professional English speaking guides throughout
- 3 and 4 star accommodation
- All breakfasts, 5 lunches, 6 dinners including cooking class in Oaxaca
- All touring and transfers as shown
- All entries and National Park fees as shown

**EXCLUSIONS**

- Tips & gratuities
- Other meals not on itinerary
- Porterage at hotels
- Travel insurance and personal costs

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Cost - \$13,629\* twin share ex Bne  
Single supplement \$1,850

\* based on minimum group of 10

Departure Transfer: - Transfer from Playa del Carmen to Cancun for flight to Havana, Cuba.

Balance of day free. (B)

**SAT 27 Jan - HAVANA PANORAMIC CITY TOUR**

Enjoy a panoramic city tour through modern Havana, riding in a vintage vehicle of your choice. Travel through neighbourhoods 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. (B)

**SUN 28 Jan - HAVANA, VINALES VALLEY**

Today your local guide will take you on a tour of the Vinales Valley in Pinar del Rio - where the world's best tobacco is grown. En-route visit a Cigar Factory. We will visit the valley's famous Mogotes, including the Pre-historic Mural, which reflects the geological history of the Sierra de la Organos, and the Indian Cave, where you can take a boat along the underground river. After lunch you will have some free time to explore Vinales. Dinner is included this evening. (B,L,D)

**MON 29 Jan - TRINIDAD, Cuba (2 nights)**

On our way to Cienfuegos we visit the "Fiesta Campesina", your first contact with the endemic flora and fauna of Zapata Peninsula. Continue via Ciénaga de Zapata to Cienfuegos where you tour Cienfuegos' main streets and avenues. Visit the local landmarks and the Purisima Concepción Cathedral. The trip continues to

Trinidad, Cuba. The remainder of the evening is free at leisure. (B,L)

*\*Please note that our stay in Trinidad, Cuba is in homestay accommodation.*

**TUE 30 Jan - TRINIDAD WITH TOPES DE COLLANTE MOUNTAINS**

Wander through the historical centre of Trinidad, a city full of remarkable colonial architecture classified as UNESCO World Heritage Site. Tour around Plaza Mayor and Museo Romantico. Stop at La Canchanchara bar to taste a Cuban cocktail made with rum, lemon and honey. Next travel to Tope de Collantes, a natural park nestled in the Escambray Mountains with beautiful flora and fauna. (B)

**WED 31 Jan - HAVANA, Cuba (2 nights)**

Today we travel back to Havana, along the way you will stop in at Santa Clara for lunch and a city tour including entry to the Che Guevara Mausoleum. (B)

**THU 01 Feb - HAVANA, Cuba**

Today is a free day to explore, shop or relax. Tonight our farewell dinner to mark the end of an amazing adventure! (B,D)

**FRI 02 Feb - DEPART FOR HOME**

Transfer to the airport in a vintage car for your outward flight from la Havana. (B)

**SAT 03 Feb - IN FLIGHT**

**SUN 04 Feb - Arrival into Australia**

