



## Cuba Dance Holiday Thur 15 – Wed 28 March 2012

Join us in Santiago de Cuba, the undisputed home of traditional Cuban music, for a heady cocktail of dance classes with one of Cuba's most famous national dance and music companies, Ballet Folklórico Cutumba, party nights out to the top live bands in Santiago, interesting visits and excursions and plenty of time to relax and recharge your batteries too, all in a relaxed and tropical Caribbean atmosphere. You also have an optional 3 day trekking trip to the famous Pico Turquino national park. Join us for a holiday of a lifetime!

*'All of the dancers were fabulous - very patient, understanding, caring, respectful, keen, professional, great fun and brilliant dancers. Couldn't have asked for anything more. Everything ran really well, with no apparent hitches, even though some changes had to be made. Overall this is the best holiday experience I've ever had by a very long way and I'd love to go back!' AC, March 2011*

### Proposed programme

#### Thur 15 Mar

0940  
1240  
1740

#### TRAVEL TO SANTIAGO DE CUBA

Check in for Cubana flight at London Gatwick airport, South terminal  
Departure for Holguin on direct flight (approx. 9 hours)  
Arrive at Holguin, transfer to Santiago de Cuba (approx. 2 hours). Transfer to homestay accommodation and light supper

#### Fri 16

Morning  
Afternoon  
Evening

#### SANTIAGO DE CUBA

Introduction to dance company and dance classes 0930-1300  
Briefing meeting and short orientation walk around the historic centre  
Meet after dinner for welcome cocktail and night out

#### Sat 17

Morning  
Afternoon  
Evening

#### SANTIAGO DE CUBA

Dance classes 0930-1230  
City tour and visit to El Morro castle at the mouth of Santiago Bay  
Night out for dance/music

#### Sun 18

#### SANTIAGO DE CUBA

Free day to relax and explore

#### Mon 19

Morning  
Afternoon  
Evening

#### SANTIAGO DE CUBA

Dance classes 0930-1230  
Dance Styling/Percussion x 1.5 hours (1<sup>st</sup> of 2 sessions)  
Free evening

#### Tue 20

Morning  
Afternoon  
Evening

#### SANTIAGO DE CUBA

Dance classes 0930-1230  
Free afternoon  
Night out for dance/music

<b>Wed 21</b> Morning Afternoon Evening	<b>SANTIAGO DE CUBA</b> Dance classes 0930-1230 Dance Styling/Percussion x 1.5 hours (2 <sup>nd</sup> of 2 sessions) Free evening
<b>Thur 22</b> Morning Afternoon Evening	<b>SANTIAGO DE CUBA</b> Dance classes 0930-1230 Half day visit to place of local interest in/near Santiago Free evening
<b>Fri 23</b> Morning Afternoon Evening	<b>SANTIAGO DE CUBA (or trekking trip)</b> Dance classes 0930-1230 Free afternoon Night out for dance/music
<b>Sat 24</b>	<b>SANTIAGO DE CUBA (or trekking trip)</b> Free day to relax
<b>Sun 25</b>	<b>SANTIAGO DE CUBA (or trekking trip)</b> Free day to relax
<b>Mon 26</b> Morning Afternoon Evening	<b>SANTIAGO DE CUBA</b> Final dance classes 0930-1230 Free afternoon Final group night out in Santiago
<b>Tue 27</b> Morning	<b>SANTIAGO DE CUBA</b> Free day to relax
<b>Wed 28</b>	<b>Depart Santiago de Cuba</b> <b>-End of Trip-</b>

**TREKKING OPTION – 2 NIGHTS/3 DAYS TO PICO TURQUINO NATIONAL PARK – SUPPLEMENT OF £275 pp**  
Full trekking notes and recommended kit list will be provided on booking

<b>Fri 23</b> Morning 1400	<b>Santiago de Cuba- Santo Domingo</b> Dance classes 0930-1230 Depart with guide for Santo Domingo, gateway to the Pico Turquino National park with short visit to the historic city of Bayamo. Check in to Villa Santo Domingo, dinner
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**Sat 24**                    **La Comandancia/La Platica trekking**  
Full day guided visit to La Comandancia, Fidels secret headquarters in the Sierra Maestra mountains, and also to La Platica, a small forestry community in the national park. Overnight in refuge. Full board

**Sun 25**                    **La Platica – Santiago de Cuba**  
Morning hiking around La Platica, then return to Santo Domingo by jeep/truck to be picked up by the return transfer to Santiago de Cuba, arriving late afternoon.

*Please note that the programme is subject to change, and timings/activities will be confirmed by your tour leader in Cuba.*

### **Cost of ground package is £1,325 and includes:**

13 nights Santiago de Cuba homestay, single room, half board  
24 group Cuban dance lessons with your own professional Cuban dance partner\*  
2 afternoons of dance styling/percussion classes  
1 full day + 2 half day trips with transport and guide (including tips for drivers & guides)  
Accompanied nights out to live music venues  
Caledonia tour leader and local guide(s)

\* Dance lessons can be converted to Spanish or Percussion lessons on request.

**Not included:**

Flights and insurance

Arrival/departure transfers

Tourist Card

Lunches

Entries and drinks for nights out

Pico Turquino trekking option – supplement of £275 pp subject to 4 persons minimum in shared rooms

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