

# Càlédöñiâ

Languages Culture Adventure

## Cuban Dance Holiday - Festival del Caribe 30 June – 14 July 2010

£1995 pp (13 nights)



Our 11<sup>th</sup> annual Cuba Dance holiday in July is this year timed to coincide with the 30<sup>th</sup> Festival del Caribe, featuring international performers from Curacao and the Brazilian state of Pernambuco. Culminating with the spectacular Fiesta del Fuego where an effigy of the devil is burned on a huge bonfire, this 2 week trip will provide you with firsthand experience of this annual celebration in addition to a heady cocktail of daily Cuban dance classes, accompanied nights out to the places where local people really know how to have a good time, cultural visits with our bilingual guide and homestay accommodation.

All dance/percussion/music tuition is provided by the Ballet Folklorico Cutumba, one of Cuba's most famous national dance and music companies. Uniquely, each participant has their own professional Cuban tutor for each class. Afternoon Survival Spanish lessons or Afro Cuban dance or percussion classes are also included.

### Proposed programme

#### Wednesday 30 June

1235

2045

#### TRAVEL TO SANTIAGO DE CUBA

Meet at London Gatwick to check in for direct flight to Holguin (approx. 10 hours) departing at 1535.

Arrive at Holguin airport and private group transfer to Santiago de Cuba, homestay accommodation and light supper.

#### Thursday 01 July

Morning

Afternoon

Evening

#### SANTIAGO DE CUBA - CLASSES

Dance classes 0930-1230

Short welcome meeting and orientation walk around main city squares

Meet after dinner for welcome cocktail in local live music venue

#### Friday 02

Morning

Afternoon

Evening

#### SANTIAGO DE CUBA - CLASSES

Dance classes 0930-1230

City tour by coach with specialist guide

Meet after dinner for accompanied night out with Cuban partners

#### Saturday 03

All day

Evening

#### SANTIAGO DE CUBA – GUIDED EXCURSION

Fully guided excursion with transport outside of the city to mountains/beach/fresh water pool. Lunch not included

Possible group activity for Festival del Caribe - to be confirmed

#### Sunday 04

#### SANTIAGO DE CUBA – FREE DAY

Free day to explore Santiago, visit local live music venues, see street events or relax by one of the local hotel pools

#### Monday 05

Morning

Afternoon

Evening

#### SANTIAGO DE CUBA - CLASSES

Dance classes 0930-1230

Group dance styling/percussion/survival Spanish x 1.5 hours

Accompanied night out to local event

#### Tuesday 06

Morning

Afternoon

Evening

#### SANTIAGO DE CUBA - CLASSES

Dance classes 0930-1230

Visit to El Morro castle at the mouth of Santiago Bay or similar visit

Free evening

<b>Wednesday 07</b>	<b>SANTIAGO DE CUBA - CLASSES</b>
Morning	Dance classes 0930-1230
Afternoon	Free afternoon
Evening	Night out for music/dance at Festival del Caribe
<b>Thursday 08</b>	<b>SANTIAGO DE CUBA - CLASSES</b>
Morning	Dance classes 0930-1230
Afternoon	Group dance styling/percussion/survival Spanish x 1.5 hours
Evening	Free evening
<b>Friday 09</b>	<b>SANTIAGO DE CUBA - CLASSES</b>
Morning	Dance classes 0930-1230
Afternoon	Free afternoon
Evening	Accompanied night out to the 'Quema del Diablo', the final event of the Fiesta del Fuego
<b>Saturday 10</b>	<b>SANTIAGO DE CUBA – FINAL CLASSES AND NIGHT OUT</b>
Morning	Final dance classes 0930-1230
Afternoon	Free afternoon
Evening	Final night out with Cuban partners to live music venue
<b>Sunday 11</b>	<b>SANTIAGO DE CUBA – FREE DAY</b>
	Free day and evening to relax and explore
<b>Monday 12</b>	<b>TRAVEL TO HAVANA</b>
0730	Transfer to Santiago airport and check in for direct flight to Havana departing 0955.
1130	Transfer on arrival to hotel in Old Havana, twin rooms, B&B x 1 night. Rest of afternoon free.
Evening	Optional group dinner and night out (costs not included)
<b>Tuesday 13</b>	<b>HAVANA AND TRAVEL TO UK</b>
	Free day for last minute shopping/ sightseeing/optional walking tour of Old Havana (10-15 CUC\$ per person)
1945	Transfer to Havana airport to check in for return flight to UK departing at 2320
<b>Thursday 14</b>	<b>END OF TRIP</b>
	Arrive London Gatwick approx. 1335

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE ABOVE PROGRAMME MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE SO PLEASE CHECK ALL TIMINGS WITH YOUR TOUR LEADER WHEN IN CUBA!**

**Cost of full package is £1,995 and includes:**

Return international flights on Cubana Airlines (Gatwick to Holguin/ Havana to Gatwick)  
 12 nights Santiago de Cuba homestay, single room, half board  
 1 night 3\* hotel in Havana on last night of the trip, twin room, B&B  
 24 Cuban dance lessons with your own professional Cuban dance partner  
 2 afternoons of group survival Spanish/dance/percussion classes x 1.5 hours  
 1 full day trip + 1 half day trip with transport and bilingual guide  
 Accompanied nights out to live music venues and Festival del Caribe events  
 Domestic flight from Santiago to Havana  
 Group airport transfers  
 Cuban tourist card  
 Caledonia tour leader and local guide(s)

**Not included:**

Insurance / Airport transfers if not flying on group flights / Entries and drinks for nights out/ Tips

