

# Càlédöñiâ

Languages Culture Adventure

## Cuba Dance/Trekking Holiday 27 October – 10 November 2010

**£1995 pp (13 nights)**

Join us in Santiago de Cuba, the undisputed home of traditional Cuban music and dance, for a heady cocktail of classes, visits and party nights out to the best live music venues in Santiago and a 3 day hiking trip to the Sierra Maestra mountains to visit Fidels secret HQ.

After 11 successful years, our dance and music holidays are well established in Santiago de Cuba. All dance/percussion/music tuition is provided by the Ballet Folklórico 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 and cultural visits and homestay accommodation will provide you with a real insight into Cuban life. All in all, this will be a holiday of a lifetime!



### Proposed programme

#### Wednesday 27 Oct

Morning

Afternoon

#### TRAVEL TO HOLGUIN/SANTIAGO DE CUBA

Check in for Cubana flight at London Gatwick airport, South terminal for departure early afternoon on direct flight to Holguin (approx. 10 hours). Arrive at Holguin and transfer to Santiago de Cuba by coach (approx. 2 hours). Transfer to homestay accommodation and light supper.

#### Thursday 28

Morning

Afternoon

Evening

#### SANTIAGO DE CUBA CLASSES

First day of dance classes including introductions 0930-1300  
Briefing meeting with tour leader, orientation walk around the city centre  
Meet after dinner for welcome cocktail

#### Friday 29

Morning

Afternoon

Evening

#### SANTIAGO DE CUBA CLASSES

Dance classes 0930-1230  
Survival Spanish/Afro Cuban Dance/Percussion 1430- 1600  
Night out to local live music venue with Cuban dance partners

#### Saturday 30

All day

#### SANTIAGO DE CUBA

Full day excursion outside the city to local mountains/fresh water swimming pool. Transport and entries included (not lunch/drinks). Free evening

#### Sunday 31

#### FREE DAY

Day free to explore Santiago at leisure

#### Monday 01 Nov

Morning

Afternoon

Evening

#### SANTIAGO DE CUBA

Dance classes 0930-1230  
Survival Spanish/Afro Cuban Dance/Percussion 1430- 1600  
Group night out to local live music venue

#### Tuesday 02

Morning

Afternoon

Evening

#### SANTIAGO DE CUBA

Dance classes 0930-1230  
City tour with visit to El Morro castle at the mouth of Santiago Bay  
Free evening

**Wednesday 03**

Morning  
Afternoon  
Evening

**SANTIAGO DE CUBA**

Dance classes 0930-1230  
Survival Spanish/Afro Cuban Dance/Percussion 1430- 1600  
Free evening

**Thursday 04**

Morning  
Afternoon  
Evening

**SANTIAGO DE CUBA**

Dance classes 0930-1230  
Free afternoon  
Final night out to local live music venue with Cuban dance partners

**Friday 05**

Morning  
Afternoon  
Evening

**SANTIAGO DE CUBA – SANTO DOMINGO**

Final dance classes 0930-1230  
Depart Santiago for Santo Domingo. Arrive hotel, check in and dinner  
Free evening

**Saturday 06**

All day

**LA COMANDANCIA – LA PLATICA**

Full day guided visit of La Comandancia, Fidels secret HQ in the Sierra Maestra mountains. Picnic lunch and all transport included. Overnight in local mountain refuge with dinner

**Sunday 07**

Evening

**HIKING IN PICO TURQUINO NATIONAL PARK - SANTIAGO DE CUBA**

Guided visit around the community of La Platica. Picnic lunch included. Transfer to Santiago de Cuba and return to homestay in time for dinner. Free evening

**Monday 08**

Morning  
1130

**SANTIAGO DE CUBA - HAVANA**

0730 Transfer to Santiago airport and check in for 0955 flight to Havana  
Arrive Havana, transfer to 3\* hotel. Rest of day free

**Tuesday 09****HAVANA - LONDON**

Free day to explore Old Havana. Group transfer to Havana airport for overnight flight to London Gatwick

**Wednesday 10****END OF TRIP**

Arrive London Gatwick late morning.

**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)  
10 nights Santiago de Cuba homestay, single room, half board  
1 night 3\* hotel in Bayamo/Santo Domingo, twin room, half board  
1 night mountain refuge, La Platica, dormitory style, half board  
1 night 3\* hotel in Havana on last night of the trip, twin room, B&B  
21 Cuban dance lessons with your own professional Cuban dance partner  
3 afternoons of survival Spanish/Afro Cuban/percussion classes  
1 full day trip + 1 half day trip with transport and guide  
Accompanied nights out to live music venues  
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

