

Cultural Cuba

January 23 - 31, 2020

9 Days, 2 Guided Tours, 2 Countries

Onboard the Viking Sky



Day 1, January 23, 2020 - DEPART CENTRAL ILLINOIS

This morning we will depart central Illinois to Chicago O'Hare where we will board our flight to Miami, Florida. Once in Miami we will check into our pre-night hotel. Spend the rest of your evening at leisure. Miami is Florida's sun-kissed city of glimmering high-rises and vibrant culture on scenic Biscayne Bay and the Atlantic Ocean.



Day 2, January 24, 2020 - MIAMI, FLORIDA

After breakfast we will depart for the cruise terminal and board the Viking Sky. Expand your horizons on this comfortable, award winning ship, intimate and thoughtfully created by experienced nautical architects and designers to enrich your interaction with your destination. Get settled into your deluxe veranda stateroom and take time to explore the Sky amid Miami's coastal beauty.

Day 3, January 25, 2020 - SCENIC CRUISING: GULF OF MEXICO

Today we will cruise the azure waters of the Caribbean. Columbus sailed among the West Indies on these waters before making landfall on South and Central America. The ships of European nations raised their sails here in search of land for their Crowns and gold for their coffers. You will have ample time to bask in the legendary Caribbean sun at the Infinity Pool and enjoy your meals al fresco, perhaps sampling a local rum cocktail.

Day 4 - 6, January 26-28, 2020 - CIENFUEGOS, CUBA

Spend the day exploring Cienfuegos with your expert guide, as you get to know this great place and interact with its people. One of Cuba's most authentic and well-preserved cities, Cienfuegos (meaning "100 Fires") was settled in 1819 by the French who made their way here from both their homeland and from their settlements in Louisiana. Soon, the town was booming with the activity of merchants exporting sugar, tobacco and coffee; their riches helped to build a city infused with the spirit of France and its other overseas territories. As we are docked here for two nights, you will have plenty of time to meet the people and discover the city's extensive local music and arts scene. You may also choose to dine at one of the city's leading private restaurants, locally known as paladares.

Included in your package is the Cienfuegos On Foot tour. Explore the streets of Cienfuegos, Cuba's "Pearl of the South". The city's easy-to-navigate streets will take you along wide, tree-lined promenades and to airy plazas as you see local landmarks such as Jose Marti Park and the Teatro Tomas Terry. Interact with local artisans and admire UNESCO World Heritage Site's eclectic mixture of indigenous, Spanish, and French Cultures. Take in the sweeping views of Jagua Bay's sapphire-blue waters while enjoying a refreshing drink on the terrace of the Palacio de Valle.





Day 7, January 29, 2020 - SANTIAGO DE CUBA, CUBA

Explore Cuba's former capital city, also known as the "Cradle of the Cuban Revolution." Monuments that commemorate Santiago de Cuba's rebel leaders can be found all over the city, from Antonio Maceo - who led the fight in Cuba's war of independence - to Fidel Castro. Uncover Santiago's 500-year history on a visit to the Emilio Bacardi Moreau Provincial Museum, featuring a vast collection of artifacts and painting collected by the city's former mayor. Immerse yourself in Santiago's diverse culture, influenced by its early immigrants from Africa, Haiti and Jamaica. Or, get a taste of Cuba's coffee industry with a visit to a national park and UNESCO World Heritage Site coffee plantation, in the heart of the Sierra Maestra mountain range with its gigantic rock formation La Gran Piedra.

Included in your package is the Panoramic Santiago De Cuba Tour. You will discover the rich history and major signs of Cuba's second largest city. Considered the birthplace of the current government, the city is an eclectic mix of African and Caribbean influences. Embark by coach on a scenic drive past pastel-colored homes and colonial-era architecture, from baroque to neoclassical. Stop in the historic city center and begin your walking tour. See Cespedes Park, located in the heart of the city and surrounded by many notable examples of colonial-era buildings, including the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Assumption with its two neoclassical towers.

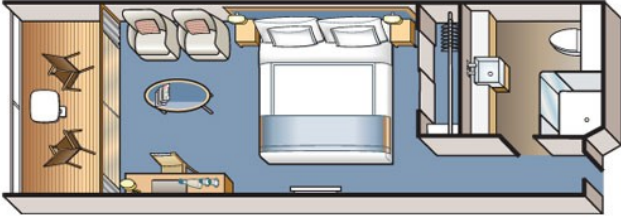
Day 8, January 30, 2020 - CRUISE THE CARIBBEAN SEA

As you sail the sapphire blue waters of the Caribbean north back towards Miami, take advantage of the many amenities onboard the Viking Sky. You might take in an enrichment lecture on board, or sip a cocktail and enjoy the view through the two-story panoramic windows of the Explorers' Lounge.

Day 9, January 31, 2020 - DEPART FOR HOME

This morning we will disembark the Viking Sky. We will be transferred to the Miami Airport where we will board our flight back to O'Hare. After claiming our luggage we will then be transferred back to Central Illinois.

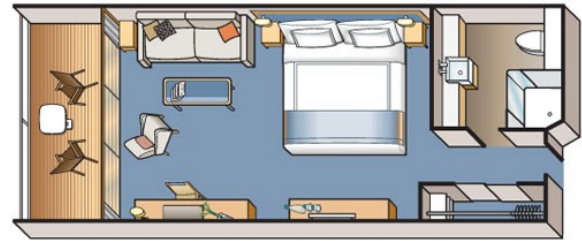




Deluxe Veranda Stateroom

\$3,999.00 per person

- Size including private veranda: 270 sq ft
- 11:00 AM embarkation/2:00 PM stateroom access
- 1 guaranteed priority reservation at each alternative
- Restaurant: 60 days prior to departure



Penthouse Veranda Stateroom

\$4,399.00 per person

- Size including private veranda: 338 sq ft
- 11:00 AM embarkation/1:00 PM stateroom access
- 2 guaranteed priority reservations at each alternative
- Restaurant: 70 days prior to departure
- Complimentary pressing & shoe shining
- Welcome bottle of champagne

Both stateroom categories include the following amenities: King-size Viking Explorer Bed with luxury linens & pillows, Free Wi-Fi, 42" flat-screen interactive LCD TV with complimentary Movies on Demand, Mini-bar with soft drinks, water & snacks (replenished once daily), large private bathroom with spacious glass-enclosed shower, heated bathroom floor & anti-fog mirror, 24 hr room service, and Purified water refilled daily.

Price Includes:

Round-trip transfers from Central Illinois to O'Hare, round-trip airfare from Chicago O'Hare, airport/pier transfers, pre-night hotel in Miami, 7 night cruise accommodations, 2 shore excursions, beer, wine & soft drinks at meals, and port charges/taxes.

Payments & Reservations:

- A non-refundable deposit of \$500.00 per person is required to confirm your stateroom
- Final Payment is due June 21, 2019

Not Included:

Shipboard Gratuities (approx. \$14.00 per person, per day), trip cancellation insurance, optional excursions, and other items of personal nature.

Trip Cancellation Insurance:

Direct Travel highly recommends travel insurance which provides reimbursement coverage for trip cancellation, trip interruption, travel delay, emergency medical/dental (secondary), emergency medical transportation, and baggage coverage. This optional trip insurance is available at a rate of **\$340.00** per person. This insurance must be purchased by June 21, 2019.

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Stateroom Requested

Deluxe Veranda Stateroom \$3,999.00 *Penthouse Veranda Stateroom \$4,399.00*

Travel Insurance: We highly recommend travel insurance.

Yes, please add Travel Insurance to my package for an additional \$340.00 per person.

No, I do not want Travel Protection. PLEASE SIGN IF YOU HAVE ELECTED NOT TO PURCHASE INSURANCE. Direct Travel has recommended that I purchase travel protection insurance. I have been made aware of the cancellation fees associated with my trip, and I understand that if any unforeseen circumstance (including medical emergencies) should occur and I do not have insurance, I would not be covered.

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