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CAPITAL
Havana

AIRPORT
La Habana International Airport or Varadero International Airport

TIME
GMT - 5 hours

CURRENCY
50 Cuban Peso's = €2.00
€50.00 = 1,332.00 Cuban Peso's

VISAS
Caribbean Collection issues Cuban Tourist Visas for a fee of €25.00pp

VACCINATIONS
No compulsory vaccinations required. Contact The Tropical Medical Bureau on **1850 48 76 74** for further information.

DEPARTURE TAX
700 Cuban Pesos to be paid when leaving the country (approx equivalent US\$25.00).

GETTING THERE
Scheduled airline connections are available via Paris with Air France via Amsterdam with Aer Lingus and Martinair and via Gatwick with Virgin Atlantic.

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO

- A visit to Santa Clara and Che Guevara's Museum
- Head out to cigar country in Pinar del Rio
- Check out the markets in Old Havana
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- City tour of Old Havana

There are few more fascinating destinations in the Caribbean than its largest and most populous island, Cuba - not least because it has been a socialist republic since the 1959 revolution. This last remaining vestige of state socialism, 90 miles (145 km) south of Key West, Florida, was once the last stronghold of Spanish power in the region. Cuba's rich heritage ranges from pre-Columbian cultures to the splendours of Spanish colonialism and the internationally-acclaimed art of today. It is also a place of great natural beauty, with three magnificent mountain ranges, fertile plains where sugar cane and tobacco grow and it also has some of the best beaches in the world. A quarter of Cuba's 11 million people live in and around Havana, which lays claim to being the most beautiful town in the Caribbean. Old Havana, with its square mile of colonial palaces, handsome plazas and charming cobbled alleys was, along with Mexico City and Lima once one of the three richest Spanish cities outside Spain. It has been designated by UNESCO as a city of world heritage.

WEATHER

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
SUN (hrs)	6	6	7	7	7	6	6	6	5	5	5	5
RAIN (mm)	40	40	40	80	160	160	120	160	200	280	80	40
TEMP (°C)	26	26	27	29	30	31	32	32	31	29	27	26

CARIBBEAN COLLECTION



SARATOGA ***** HAVANA

LOCATION: Situated in the heart of the city, within easy access of the Old Quarter, the Saratoga is a grand property established behind the original neoclassical facade dating from the 1930s and stands in a commanding position with spectacular views of the famous Partagas cigar factory, Capitolio building and the Gran Teatro.

THE PROPERTY: The Saratoga has proudly taken over the mantle as the best in Havana, having been carefully renovated with the most discerning travellers in mind who wish to combine culture and enjoyment in this most enchanting of cities. The hotel style echoes the original in many details with its grand entrance, soaring central atrium and French windows with mahogany shutters. The rooftop swimming pool offers further panoramic views over Havana's port and skyline. In the 1930's the hotel was a famous meeting place for the rich, famous and powerful. This sophistication is maintained in the Andalusian styled Anacoona Restaurant and adjoining bar and Mezzanine Bar where you can have your own cigar rolled while you take afternoon tea. General facilities at the hotel include a business centre, gift shop, car hire, laundry service and spa.

ROOMS: 96 rooms, 49 of them junior suites and 7 suites with a view to the street whilst the remaining deluxe rooms offer patio (internal) view. All room types have ensuite bathroom, air conditioning, satellite TV (with DVD and internet access in junior suites and suites), hairdryer, 24 hour room service, laundry service, safety deposit box, telephone and mini-bar.

PRICES (B&B)

Low Season price from €367.00pps

High Season price from €419.00pps
(B&B)

Prices include return airport transfers and 3 nights accommodation per person on the meal plan indicated. We recommend a minimum 3 night stay in Havana to explore the city and its surroundings.

NH PARQUE CENTRAL ***** HAVANA

LOCATION: A modern colonial style property located in the very heart of this historic city. The hotel overlooks Havana's tree lined Parque Central and is within a short walk of all the main sights of Old Havana.

THE PROPERTY: This elegant five star property in a superb location offers excellent standards for guests and is a superb base from which to start exploring this exotic city. Facilities in the hotel include a stunning rooftop swimming pool (plus a separate children's pool) overlooking the city, a Jacuzzi and fitness centre as well as massage and physiotherapy. At the El Paseo restaurant, guests can enjoy international haute cuisine with à la carte service while the Mediterraneo, offers more casual dining and a lavish breakfast buffet featuring all the island's specialities, as well as international cuisine. There are also a selection of bars including its famous cigar smoker's lounge. Be sure to try their Mojito's - the best in Havana! Shops and a business centre are also available.

ROOMS: The 208 rooms and suites are luxuriously furnished. A range of suites are available for a supplement with additional facilities including larger rooms, king sized beds and living rooms. All rooms are furnished to the highest standards

PRICES

Low Season price from €297.00pps
(Continental breakfast basis)

High Season price from €468.00pps
(Continental breakfast basis)

Prices include return airport transfers and 3 nights accommodation per person on the meal plan indicated. We recommend a minimum 3 night stay in Havana to explore the city and its surroundings.



HOTEL NACIONAL ★★★★★ HAVANA

LOCATION: The Hotel Nacional de Cuba is arguably the most distinguished hotel in Cuba. Dating back to the 1930's, this iconic building of Cuba's heyday is set amongst manicured gardens overlooking Havana's famous Malecon yet is easily accessible to points of interest in the area.

THE PROPERTY: Since its doors opened the Nacional has played host to a procession of celebrities from Kings & Queens, politicians, actors and Mafia gangsters all of whom have added their imprint on the character of this wonderful hotel. Modern guests still come to enjoy its colonial ambience, exquisite décor and array of facilities as many of the hotel's original features from the 1930's have been remarkably well preserved. Every Sunday there is a folk show in the beautiful setting of the hotel gardens, where you can also enjoy lunch from the barbecue while nightly you have the Cabaret Parisiën which is famous for its Cuban music and dance (re-confirm times locally). There is a choice of dining on offer from the Comedor de Agular Restaurant, said to be the best restaurant in town, while La Veranda buffet offers an exquisite choice of Cuban and international food. The Hotel also has 6 bars with a wide variety of Cuban and international cocktails.

ROOMS: All 431 standard rooms are spaciouly laid out and offer full air-conditioning, ensuite bathroom with bath and shower, hairdryer, satellite TV, telephone, radio, safety box, mini-bar option, and 24-hour room service. For a small supplement, suites and an executive floor are also available.

PRICES

Low Season price from €209.00ppss (B&B)

High Season price from €252.00ppss (B&B)

Prices include return airport transfers and 3 nights accommodation per person on the meal plan indicated. We recommend a minimum 3 night stay in Havana to explore the city and its surroundings.



PALACIO O FARRILL ★★★ HAVANA

LOCATION: This neoclassical building, located very close to Cathedral Square and the waterfront, was first established in the 18th century by Richard O Farrill, a wealthy merchant from Ireland (O Farrill, a rich trader from county Longford, was linked to the lucrative business of slave traffic and owned several sugar mills). He arrived in Havana in the early 18th century and founded one of the richest families of that period. For several decades, his descendants made great contributions to public administration, economy and culture, and boasted several titles of nobility during Cuba's subsequent colonial period.

THE PROPERTY: A big mahogany door with bronze nails allows entrance to the hotel, where the typical interior patio has a marble staircase that leads to the upper floors. The patio is lit by natural light that enters through a large skylight on the ceiling. Awarded a Class 1 Heritage Degree, the property has been lovingly refurbished floor by floor to reflect all the architectural changes made from the 18th to the 20th century. Formerly a Palace converted into a Hotel this is an authentic corner of Old Havana that prides itself on the level of personal service offered to all guests. There is one main a la carte restaurant on offer as well as an excellent Jazz Bar called Chico O Farrill's (famous 1940's Jazz musician).

ROOMS: 38 rooms including 3 junior suites, all with air-conditioning, shower room, safety deposit box, mini-bar, hairdryer, telephone, alarm clock radio, satellite TV. Each room is styled in period furniture from the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries.

PRICES

Low Season price from €203.00ppss (B&B)

High Season price from €236.00ppss (B&B)

Prices include return airport transfers and 3 nights accommodation per person on the meal plan indicated. We recommend a minimum 3 night stay in Havana to explore the city and its surroundings.



PARADISUS PRINCESA

DEL MAR ^{★★★★+} VARADERO (All inclusive)

LOCATION

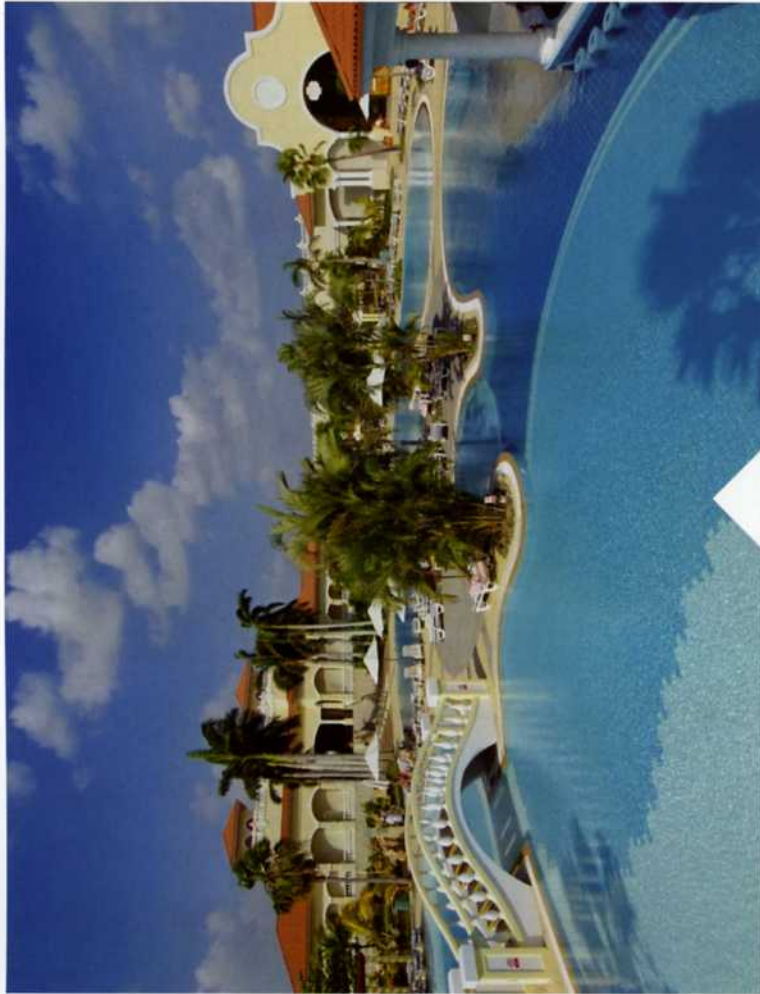
The all-inclusive Paradisus Princesa del Mar Resort Hotel & SPA (only for adults over 18) is situated in Matanzas province, in one of Varadero's best beach areas. It is only 30 mins away from the Airport and 10 mins from Varadero city.

THE PROPERTY

The Paradisus Princesa del Mar was designed to be an ultra all-inclusive resort and is one of the most elegant and beautiful resorts in Cuba. This attractive low rise resort is built in colonial style on a glorious stretch of beach and offers the chance to relax in sophisticated peaceful surroundings. The resort offers an immense multitude of choice of activities for all ages and tastes. For those who like good food the resort boasts eight gourmet speciality restaurants offering French, Italian, Japanese and Caribbean cuisine among others, and guests have access to 10 full-service bars, including a one-of-a-kind cigar bar. After over indulging there is a huge swimming pool(s), 7 Jacuzzi's, fitness centre, massage & physiotherapy (extra cost), tennis courts (4 all floodlit), sauna, steam room, outdoor sports (volleyball, basketball, shuffle board, table tennis, aerobics, billiards, darts), beach sports, water sports (pedal boats, sailboats, kayaks, snorkelling, windsurfing, catamaran, waterskiing, banana boat and scuba diving) and multi-sports court.

ROOMS

The hotel offers 360 junior suites, 40 luxury suites and 32 extra luxury suites with a variety of views, as well as 2 honeymoon villas. Each is tastefully styled reflecting the hotels position as the top property in Varadero. All rooms include air conditioning, king size beds, hairdryer, clock radio, coffee maker, mini-bar, full bath, telephone, ceiling fan, satellite TV, CD player, safety deposit box, ironing facilities, living area and balcony or terrace.



PRICES

Low Season price from €1548.00pps
(All-inclusive basis)

High Season price from €1889.00pps
(All-inclusive basis)

All prices quoted are per-person inclusive of flights and transfers for a 7 night stay on the meal plan indicated.