

# CUBA

## BIRDING & CULTURAL TOUR

January 29 – February 8, 2020

11 Days / 10 Nights

**\$4795**

Single Supplement: \$1069



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### JAN 29 - WEDNESDAY : ARRIVAL SANTA CLARA / TRANSFER TO CAYO COCO

- Meet and greet at the Santa Clara airport around 1 PM. One arrival transfer for the group.
- Lunch on arrival in a paladar in Santa Clara
- Drive to Cayo Coco – approximately 3 h 50 minutes
- Check into your rooms at your all-inclusive hotel in Cayo Coco
- Dinner at the all-inclusive hotel
- Overnight at Hotel Sol Cayo Coco or similar

Meals Included: L, D

### JAN 30 – THURSDAY: CAYO COCO / CAYO PARENDON GRANDE / CAYO GUILLERMO

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Birding in Cayo Paredon Grande
- Lunch at the hotel
- Birding in Cayo Guillermo
- Dinner at the all inclusive hotel
- Overnight at Hotel Sol Cayo Coco or similar

Meals Included: B, L, D

## **JAN 31 – FRIDAY: CAYO COCO / BANAQ / TRINIDAD**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Birding in Cayo Coco – Cueva de los Jabalies
- Lunch at hotel in Cayo Coco before departure
- Drive to Trinidad – 3 h 40 min approximately
- On the way, stop in Lomas de Banao in search for endemics
- Check into your casas in Trinidad
- Dinner at casa on arrival
- Overnight at casas in Trinidad

Meals Included: B, L, D

## **FEB 1 SATURDAY: TOPES DE COLLANTES/ TRINIDAD/ ANCON PENINSULA**

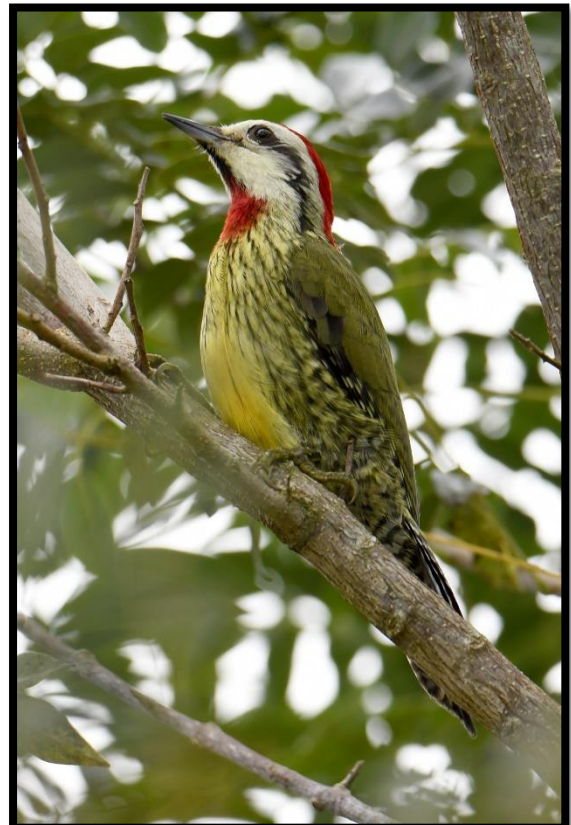
- Drive to Topes de Collantes
- Birding Topes de Collantes
- Hike to a waterfall
- Visit a coffee house and enjoy some gourmet coffee
- Lunch in a paladar in the mountains
- Drive back to Trinidad
- City tour of Trinidad – if the group wishes
- Look for aquatic birds in the Ancon Peninsula
- Dinner at paladar
- Overnight at casas in Trinidad

Meals Included: B, L, D

## **FEB 2 – SUNDAY: EL CUBANO/CIENFUEGOS BOTANICAL GARDENS/ CIENAGA DE ZAPATA**

- Check out early with breakfast to go
- Birding at Parque el Cubano
- Continue to Cienfuegos
- Birding at Cienfuegos Botanical Gardens – before 10 AM (opportunity to see the Gundlach's Hawk)
- Time permits, tour the city center of Cienfuegos
- Lunch at Paladar El Lagarto in Cienfuegos
- Depart for Playa Giron/Playa Larga – 1 h 45 minute drive approximately
- Check into your casas
- Dinner at your casa
- Overnight in casas in Playa Girón/Playa Larga

Meals Included: B, L, D



### **FEB 3 – MONDAY: BERMEJAS/ CIENAGA DE ZAPATA**

- Early departure for Bermejas – early breakfast or breakfast to go
- Birding in Bermejas with local guide Orlando Ramirez
- Lunch where it's convenient in the area
- Birding in Las Salinas and Soplillar
- Dinner at paladar or casa
- Overnight in casas in Playa Girón/Playa Larga

Meals Included: B, L, D

### **FEB 4 – TUESDAY: ZAPATA/HAVANA/SOROA**

- Box breakfast
- Drive to La Turba for birding
- Depart for Havana
- Enjoy lunch at Paladar Divina
- Visit Hemingway's Finca Vigia
- Check in at your casa and have dinner there
- Overnight at Casas in Soroa

Meals Included: B, L, D

### **FEB 5 – WEDNESDAY: SOROA/ VIÑALES**

- Early departure for Viñales
- Breakfast to go or in Viñales
- Birding in Viñales with Nils Navarro (subject to availability)
- Visit a tobacco farm
- Have lunch at a local organic farm
- Return to Soroa
- Dinner at your casa or a local paladar
- Overnight at casas in Soroa

Meals Included: B, L, D

### **FEB 6 – THURSDAY: SOROA / LAS TERRAZAS / HAVANA**

- Early departure for birding at Finca La Cortina
- Return to casa for breakfast and check out
- Depart for Las Terrazas
- Birding in Las Terrazas with local guide Otis (subject to availability)
- Coffee at casa de Maria ○ Lunch in Las Terrazas
- Visit the community, time permits
- Depart for Havana
- Check into your accommodations for 2 nights
- Dinner at paladar
- Overnight at La Reserva or similar

Meals Included: B, L, D



## **FEB 7 – THURSDAY: SOROA / LAS TERRAZAS / HAVANA**

- Optional: Early morning departure to see sunrise in Old Havana
- Breakfast at La Reserva
- Walk through Old Havana historic squares to visit locals
- Lunch at paladar in Old Havana
- Afternoon visit to the local art market
- Panoramic classic car drive around Havana
- Drinks at the iconic Hotel Nacional
- Dinner at a famous paladar (La Guarida or San Cirstobal)
- Enjoy a tribute show at the Buena Vista Social Club
- Overnight at La Reserva or similar

Meals Included: B, L, D

## **FEB 8 – SATURDAY: HAVANA/USA**

- Breakfast at your accommodations
- Transfer to the Havana airport approximately 2.5 h prior to scheduled flight departure. We have flexibility on the departure transfers times out of Havana, in case some guests wish to depart on different flights.

Meals Included: B

Tour program arrival and departure recommendations are based on current flight schedules and subject to change.