

# Western Cuba by e-bike

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## 7 Days / 6 Nights

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On an e-bike is the perfect way to get to know the beautiful nature, sights and everyday life of Cubans in Western Cuba. Havana, the capital city is discovered on foot, by vintage car and e-bike. This trip also includes stays in the Unesco Biosphere Reserve Las Terrazas, in the Viñales Valley with its tobacco plantations and the imposing “Mogotes” (limestone cliffs), as well as on the beautiful island of Cayo Levisa. A typical Cuban party in the countryside is the culmination of this 7-day journey.

What’s special:

- max. 12 participants per group (Seat in)
- New top modern e-bikes
- Almost untraveled roads in the midst of beautiful nature: a paradise for cyclists
- Stay at Hotel Moka, the only sustainable hotel in Cuba
- Away from tourist crowds during lunch in the fishing village of Puerto Esperanza
- Stay on the “Robinson Crusoe” island Cayo Levisa
- Cuban party with suckling pig, music and dance

### Day 1: Arrival Havana

Reception and greeting at the airport and transfer to your Casa Particular, where our warm hosts will receive you.

### Day 2: Havana

After a delicious breakfast, a classic American car will pick you up at your Casa Particular. Drive along the world famous waterfront of Havana – the Malecón – to Old Havana. Walking tour through the streets and squares of Old Havana, visiting many important places of interest: Plaza de Armas, Temple, Palace of the General Captains, Cathedral Square, Plaza Vieja, Hemingway’s “Bodeguita”. In the afternoon pick up your e-bikes and take a panoramic tour through modern Havana (Vedado and Miramar). First stop will be at the revolution square with the portrait of Che Guevara and the monument of José Martí. Continue along the legendary Colón cemetery to the river Almendares and Miramar’s villa district where many mansions can be admired. Later, visit the legendary Hotel Nacional, to enjoy a refreshing cocktail with a great view over the Malecón and the Atlantic Ocean before returning to your Casa Particular.

— approx. 15 km, flat

### **Day 3: Havana – Las Terrazas (80 km)**

This morning you will pick up your e-bikes in the district of Vedado, then ride out of the capital towards the west, where after a few kilometers, the sea is already visible. Along the coast, the journey continues to Mariel, where in 2010 the largest construction project since the beginning of the revolution began: the port of Mariel and the special economic zone of the same name. Then, head up the beautiful green landscape towards the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve Las Terrazas. Upon arrival in Las Terrazas lunch at the former coffee plantation Buenavista, a restaurant with a beautiful view over the plain. In the afternoon visit the sustainable community of Las Terrazas, a social and biological project in the heart of the Sierra del Rosario.

— approx. 80 km, flat, later hilly

### **Day 4: Las Terrazas – Viñales (120 km)**

Today get an early start: this long stage leads to the tobacco province Pinar del Río through the small mountain range of the Sierra del Rosario. Along the way, pass by small villages and experience rural life in Cuba. The almost traffic free streets amidst subtropical plants are a paradise for cyclists. As a reward for the effort, there is always a wonderful view. On your way, enjoy a lunchbox meal, in the middle of the green. In the late afternoon arrival in Viñales.

— maximum 120 km, hilly

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### **Day 5: Viñales – Puerto Esperanza – Cayo Levisa (120 km)**

In the morning, visit a tobacco farmer and receive explanations on the process of turning a tobacco plant into a cigar. Then, take a tour through the Cueva Santo Tomás, one of the largest cave systems in the Caribbean. Afterwards, continue through a wonderful tobacco, sugar cane and palm landscape until the coast in Puerto Esperanza. In this local fishing village, barely untouched by tourism, you will enjoy lunch. In the afternoon, short bus ride to Palma Rubia, where you will take the ferry to the small island of Cayo

— approx. 70 km, slightly hilly

### **Day 6: Cayo Levisa**

A day at the beach. There is only one hotel with small bungalows on this small island, no cars and no roads.

### **Day 7: Cayo Levisa – Havana (185 km)**

After breakfast, return to the mainland and continue by bus to Havana. In the capital pick up your e-bikes again and head on a rural expedition which provides insight into the everyday life of the Cubans in which much production is still done by hand. Short visit to the suburb of El Cano, a place still untouched by tourism. As it will become apparent on a walk through the village and a visit to a ceramics workshop, the majority of the inhabitants living here earn their money from pottery amongst other things. The discovery tour continues with visits to a centre for research and development of medicinal plants, to a garden of decorative plants and finally, a factory workshop for the preservation of agricultural products. The tour ends with a visit to a “finca”, on which bananas, avocados, lettuce, mint and much more are grown. These products are sold daily at one of the many farmers markets in the city. On a walkabout tour, an employee of the “finca” will provide explanations and insights into the state-run agricultural system. End this discovery tour with a small “fiesta campesina” and delicious Creole food with mojitos and soft drinks.

— approx. 25 km, flat

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## **Seat in round trip in English, German, French or Spanish**

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Price Seat-In Tour

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