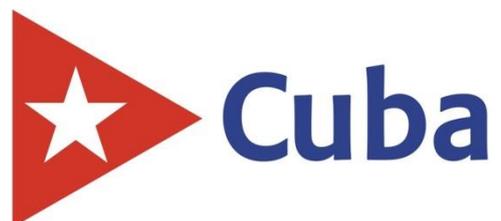


# Technical Visit

*Pinar del Rey*

*Varadero*



The Ministry of Tourism of the Republic of Cuba is pleased to invite you to visit Pinar del Rio, the land of the best tobacco in the world.

Few landscapes exhibit such natural beauty as Pinar del Rio. Blessed by nature, it boasts two of the six World Biosphere Reserves existing in the island, one of them being the Viñales Valley, listed by UNESCO on its World heritage List as a Cultural Landscape, as well as being a National Monument.



Pinar del Rio, occupies a privileged position in our insular geography. Its area amounts to 10,931 square kilometers. It is the westernmost province of the island of Cuba and is characterized as an ecological area, rich in flora, abundant wildlife and is noted for its system of caverns. Among the unique features that abound throughout the region are mountain valleys, ancient hillocks, and archaeological sites of undoubted historical interest.



The area is also characterized by karst plains and the significant presence of endemic fauna and flora, including colonies of the cork palm--a living fossil--cobia trees and fragrant orchid gardens. It has numerous attractive caves and underground rivers such as San Andrés, Los Portales and the Gran Caverna de Santo Tomas, a National Monument, some 45 km of galleries, and hot springs whose waters have therapeutic mineral qualities.



### **Viñales Valley**

Among its many natural treasures, the most iconic is the famous Viñales Valley, listed by UNESCO as a Cultural Landscape in the World Heritage List, constituting an emblematic landscape of Cuba, located in the Sierra de los Órganos. Here, as if expertly combined by a painter on a canvas, we find a polychromatic scene of tobacco plains, crop fields, peasant huts and unique flora and fauna of unparalleled beauty.



For lovers of nature tourism this destination is ideal for hiking, bird watching, cycling, spelunking and wilderness adventures. There are attractive sites for trekking, mountain biking, camping and horseback riding.



### **Mural de la Prehistoria**

Contact with a bygone era thanks to art and popular creation is another of the possibilities offered Pinar del Rio. This work occupies one of the steep slopes of a hillock in the Viñales Valley, 80m high and 120m wide. As a whole, the gigantic painting depicts the bio-geological evolution of the area which is one of the oldest in Cuba.



## Finca el Paraíso



Description of the visit to Pinar del Rio.

Departure from hotels in air-conditioned bus with driver and guide.

Mid-way stop along the way at the "Las Barrigonas" inn for a welcome cocktail and an explanation by a specialized guide about the potential of Pinar del Rio in the economic and tourist development of the island.

Continue the tour with visit to tobacco plantations, meeting the "Hombre Habano" and detailed explanation by a specialist on the Tobacco Route as an attractive tourism product within the locality.

Departure to Viñales Valley, visit to the Mirador de Los Jazmines, visit the Mural de la Prehistoria and points of interest within the Viñales region itself.

Visit and lunch at the "El Paraíso" eco-farming estate.

After lunch, continuation of the tour and visit to the distillery that makes Guayabita del Pinar rum, a typical drink of the Pinar del Rio region.

Return to Havana hotels.

The Ministry of Tourism of the Republic of Cuba is pleased to invite you to visit Varadero, one of the ten most famous beaches in the world.

Extending over some 22km along the Hicacos Peninsula, the northernmost point of the island, the resort area of Varadero is considered as the main spot to enjoy sun and beach tourism in Cuba.



In addition to its beach-of highest quality and suitable for the practice of water sports - its attractions are complemented by a spectacular natural environment and facilities for the holding events, playing golf, skydiving, incentive trips, weddings and honeymoons.



Varadero is a free port, and has three international marinas equipped with the technical requirements necessary to receive multiple vessels, and it is near the only underwater park in the country, Cayo Piedras del Norte.



Varadero offers opportunities for diving and snorkelling; swimming with dolphins in Varadero itself or in nearby Rancho Cangrejo. For those seeking adventure there are parachute jumps; flights in ultralight aircraft; helicopter tours, jeep safari along the banks of the Canímar River, or the possibility of tourism its waters by boat and even horseback riding to archaeological sites.



Description of the visit to Varadero.

Departure from hotels for exclusive route in air-conditioned bus with driver and guide.

Stop along the way at the Mirador de Bacunayagua to have a cocktail drink.

Continuation of the tour and arrival at Varadero Beach with reception at the Casa del Ron and Casa del Habano.

Visit to Marina Gaviota.

Continuation of the tour to Hotel Melia Las Americas, visit to Golf Varadero and lunch at the Mansión Xanadú restaurant, located within the course.

Stop and visit to the Bodeguita del Medio.

Return to Havana hotels.