

DISCOVER CUBA

WESTERN CARIBBEAN & CUBA CRUISE



Departing Sunday February 10th 2019 for 9 Days / 8 Nights

Join us aboard MSC Cruises... the only cruise line offering a 7-night itinerary from Miami, featuring two days in Havana on one of the largest and most modern cruise ships calling Cuba. In addition to Cuba we enjoy an exciting itinerary including Jamaica, Cayman Islands and Mexico.

For your pleasure we include a pre-cruise overnight in Miami and round trip air from Rapid City, SD. The tour is fully escorted from Rapid City, SD by an ABS Travel Group Escort whose role is to ensure your vacation is 'hassle free' throughout.

Have you always wanted to travel to Cuba? Book now before this fabulous Cruise Vacation sells out...!



Day to Day Itinerary:

Day 1 - Home Airport to Miami, Florida

After checking-in at your designated departure airport, please go directly through to the departure gate so you don't get caught in a long line for security. When you arrive in Miami, FL proceed to the baggage re-claim area and an ABS Travel Group Representative will be there to meet you. Once all bags have been re-claimed, you will be directed to your transportation for transfer to the hotel near Miami Airport for overnight.

Overnight Miami, FL – no meals included today

Day 2 - Miami & Transfer to your Cruise Ship

Mid-morning we transfer to your floating home for the next 7 nights. Once on board it's time to explore this beautiful vessel... A buffet style lunch is available in the buffet restaurant and dinner tonight is in the main dining room. We set sail at 7.00pm... Let the festivities begin... enjoy.

Overnight aboard ship – Lunch and dinner included with some in between snacking if you wish!



Day 3 – A full day at sea

A full day at sea allows you to surface at whatever time you feel like it... relax on a sunbed explore this unbelievable ship or join in one of the many fun activities planned during the day... as always, the choice is yours.

Overnight aboard ship – All meals aboard ship included



Day 4 – Montego Bay, Jamaica – 1.00pm to 7.00pm

Our ship will dock in Montego Bay, Jamaica which is located along the northwest coast of Jamaica, it is one of the most important cities of the island; it is thought that Christopher Columbus anchored his ships here in 1494 when he “discovered” Jamaica on his way from Cuba; he called the new country Santiago. The lively city center is dominated by Gloucester Avenue, the main street or “Hip Strip”, where tourists and locals stroll and investigate different bars; in the center, one can also admire the St. James Parish Church, an 18th century religious building in Georgian style surrounded by a lush tropical garden. Along the same street, there are also the Court House and the colorful Craft Market: it is impossible to leave without buying a souvenir from at least one of the different stands full of local crafts, from clothes to woven straw hats and jewelry.

Overnight aboard ship – All meals aboard ship included



Day 5 – George Town, Cayman Islands – 8.00am to 3.00pm

You are welcomed by the port of George Town. George Town is the capital of both the island and of the country, it is a traditional Caribbean city with colorful wooden houses that alternate with newer buildings. The houses on the narrow George Town streets are interspersed with artisan workshops, where you can find some rarities to take home as a reminder of your MSC cruise in the Caribbean Sea. You can take a plunge into the history of the island at the dual-purpose National Museum of George Town: you can both explore samples of the most interesting endemic flora and fauna, and trace the long and tough inhabited history of the island. If you want to learn about the lives of the first European colonists, an excursion to Bodden Town located five kilometers from the capital is ideal. In this former capital of Cayman Islands, you can visit the Mission House, a building used as a family residence by teachers and missionaries during the 18th century. As an alternative, visit the Queen Elizabeth II Botanical Park located, in the east of the island. Here, if you are lucky, besides the riot of tropical plants you may also encounter the extremely rare blue iguana. Lovers of shopping will also find great satisfaction in the Cayman Islands: the entire country is duty free. You just have to choose what interests you the most among the myriad of watches, liqueurs, jewelry and porcelain. There is even a museum of curiosities. Not far from Turtle Farm, sits the Cayman Motor Museum, which exhibits the incredible collection by the Norwegian businessman Andreas Ugland. His “pearls” include the original Batmobile and Batcycle from the Batman TV series, a replica of the 1886 Benz Patent-Motorwagen, considered the first car in the world, and another seventy rare cars and motorcycles.

Overnight aboard ship – All meals aboard ship included

Day 6 – Cozumel, Mexico - 10.00am to 6.00pm

A forty-kilometre-long island directly off the coast from Playa del Carmen, Isla Cozumel is a renowned cruise-ship call: nearly every day, up to ten cruise ships dock at one of the island's three dedicated piers, all just south of the only town, San Miguel. If you fancy a museum, the attractive Museo de la Isla de Cozumel has small displays of the flora, fauna and marine life of the island, as well as a good collection of Maya artefacts and old photos. There's a certain appeal in wandering the relaxed inland blocks of San Miguel, away from the piers, spotting Maya ruins and birds. Midway across the island, San Gervasio is the only excavated Maya site on Cozumel. With several small temples connected by sacbeob, or long white roads, it was one of the many independent city-states that survived the fall of Chichén Itzá, flourishing between 1200 AD and 1650 AD. As part of a larger nature reserve the site is worth a visit for the numerous birds and butterflies you can spot early in the morning or late in the day. Another place to visit is Xcaret, a surprisingly pleasant theme park: it offers all the Yucatán's attractions in one handy place, with a museum, a tropical aquarium, a "Maya village", a beach, some small authentic ruins, pools and more than a kilometre of subterranean rivers down which you can swim, snorkel or float. On the other hand, neighbouring Xplor is dedicated to ziplines and other outdoor adventure.

Overnight aboard ship – All meals aboard ship included

Day 7 & 8 – Havana, Cuba – 1.00pm arrival & docked overnight, departs 5.00pm next day

Havana certainly has an irresistible charm... You will be immediately struck by the city's sensuality. It's buildings have sinuous lines, and its colors and spiced aromas are intoxicating. The aroma of the city's famous cigars floats through the air, beaches of sugary hues smoothly transition into transparent waters of the sea, music accompanies the captivating movements of the Caribbean dances, and cars from a different century create a moving exhibit in the streets of the city center: sailing with MSC Cruises to Cuba will let you to touch this fascinating world with your own hands. We have included 2 tours in Havana (afternoon Day 7 & morning Day 8) as you will not be allowed off the ship unless you are on an authorized tour. A special Insurance policy is mandatory for Havana, Cuba and we have also included this in the package price. Should you wish to book pre-book an evening tour in Havana and experience the vibrant night life please call as soon as possible and ask for further information when making your reservation.

Overnights aboard ship – All meals aboard ship included



Day 9 – Arrive Miami, FL – 7.00am

This morning after breakfast it's time to leave this floating resort and head to the airport for the return flight home...

Breakfast included

Your Choice of Staterooms Onboard:

Interior Stateroom

\$2,895 per person double occupancy sharing an Inside Stateroom



Ocean View Stateroom

\$2,995 per person double occupancy sharing an Ocean View Stateroom



Balcony Stateroom with Ocean View

\$3,595 per person double occupancy sharing an Ocean View Stateroom with Private Balcony



Itinerary at a glance

Price: from \$2,895 (pp based on double occupancy)

Starts: Sunday February 10th 2019

Ends: Monday February 18th 2019

What's included?

- Round trip flights from Rapid City to Miami with transfer to the hotel & overnight
- Transfer to the ship and then 7 nights aboard MSC Armonia including 2 half day tours
- All Air taxes, Port Taxes, Government Taxes, Cuban Visa & Cuban Insurance
- Cruise Gratuities for Stateroom Attendant and main Dining Room Staff
- All main meals and entertainment aboard ship with 4 Ports of Call
- Airline baggage fees paid (1 suitcase per person, up to 50lbs)
- Fully Escorted

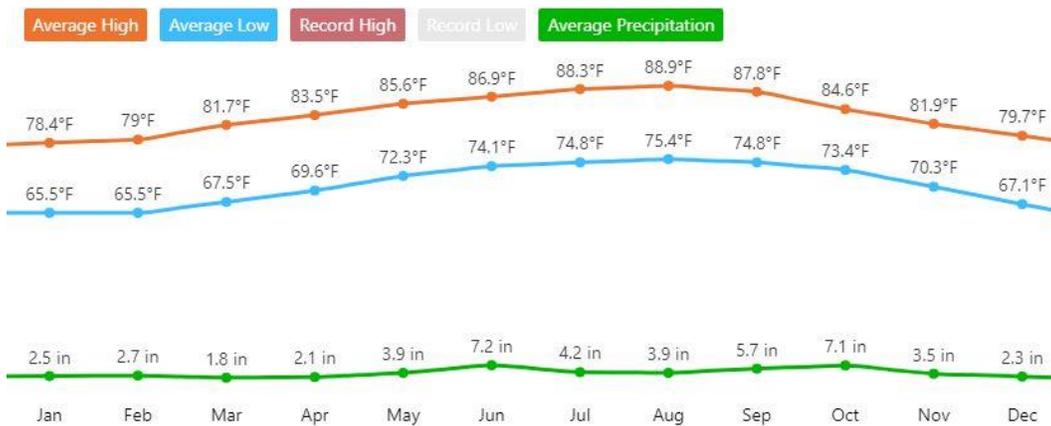
How to Book

- Holding deposit due of \$1,000 per person.
- Final balance due by November 15th 2018

What you'll need

- A camera is a must. Swimwear & summer clothing!
- Passports are required for this tour (note a Passport Card WILL NOT be sufficient, full Passport is required with at least six months validity remaining)

Weather



August is on average the **WARMEST** month.

January is on average the **COOLEST** month.



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