



Group with biologist Maikel Cañizares



57' Chevy at the Havana Airport



Valle de los Ingenios in Trinidad, Cuba



Cuban Tody

11 Day Cuban Cultural Experience & Endemic Bird Study



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Cost: \$3,879 USD **

Deposit: \$500

Length of tour: 11 days / 10 nights

Group Limit: 6-10 participants

****Prices, Dates & itinerary subject to change**

2020 Dates: February 13 - 23rd

Includes:

*Transportation and Professional driver in Cuba

*Professional bilingual acclaimed bird guides

*Lodging at Casas (B&B style)

*Meals in Cuba from lunch Day 1 to breakfast Day 10

Meals include:

1 non-alcoholic beverage, 1 cafe, & 1 dessert

*All Water during entire tour



Not Included:

*Airlines & domestic airport shuttle

*Tips to guides & service providers

*Alcoholic beverages

*Any soda/alcoholic beverages in personal fridges at Casa Particulares

*Items of personal use

(Laundry, Phone, Internet, Gifts)

Single supplement (\$325)

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Cuban Pygmy-Owl



Cuban Solitaire



Studying Bee Hummingbird

Experience Cuba's Culture and its Flora and Fauna

Join Angel & Mariel, two Cuban-American guides, for an exciting cultural and endemic bird study tour of Cuba's western providences. On this tour we immerse ourselves in the island's culture, traditions, music, and its flora and fauna. This tour is designed to support the island's emerging private sector; you will mostly stay at *casa particulares* and dine at family-owned *paladares* or at the *casas* where you are treated as part of the family.

On this tour we will explore the country's capitol, *La Habana*, a colonial city that dates back to the early 1500's. A city with rich architectural history influenced by Spanish, Italian, Greek, Roman and French cityscapes. This electric mix of architectural styles and vintage cars will transport you back to Cuba's golden age, a time when Havana was the "Pearl of the Caribbean." We will walk along the famed *Malecon*, Havana's famous promenade and visit many historical sites such as the Capitolio, Cuba's version of the White House. Our travels will also take us through two of the country's most diverse and dramatic ranges: the Sierra del Rosario, and Sierra de los Organos. Here we explore the beautiful and magical karst landscape of mogotes— the towering, lushly vegetated, round-top limestone monoliths that dominate the Organos Mountains. We will also explore the diverse wetland region of the Zapata

Peninsula, Cuba's richest and most ecologically important region. We'll be staying in Playa Larga during our time in Zapata, here our houses will be located along the historic Bay of Pigs. From here the trip begins heading northward and wraps up at Cayo Coco, these previously uninhabited and relatively unexplored offshore islands were connected to the mainland by an 18+ mile causeway completed in 1989. These barrier islands and keys provide unique opportunities for restricted species that are only found on the country's north-central Atlantic coast.

Although our itinerary is packed with cultural experiences, we will have ample opportunities to see many of Cuba's endemic bird species and subspecies!

Testimonial: "Nature is Awesome provides a complete experience – endemics and migrants, local guides, great local food, and culture. Mariel and Angel are the perfect guides and tour arrangers for me. I traveled with them to Cuba and I enjoyed their thorough planning, conscientiousness for guests, AND excellent choices in activities and food so much that, when I saw that they were going to Panama, I signed right up even though Panama was not on my wishlist. Silly me – it was great and I saw 193 life birds in 2 weeks."

-Susan Soloyanis, Cascade CO 02/2018



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