

Camagüey

The province of Camagüey is one of the most attractive tourist destinations for the visitors who decide touring all around Cuba. The capital city, founded in 1514, has a broad historic center including a section that has been declared World Heritage Site by UNESCO since 2008. It is remarkable for being a labyrinthine web of streets, its many bell towers and the presence of big terracotta jars known as tinajones. The beaches of Camagüey are concentrated on the north coast, in the municipalities of Nuevitas and Esmeralda. Santa Lucía Beach is the main destination of sun and beach, a place where nautical activities are decisively client's favorite activity. The beaches of northern Esmeralda are located in totally virgin keys, where a large-scale tourist infrastructure is planned and the first hotel is about to open. Vast plains characterize the countryside scenery. Two clusters of low mountains stand out in the flat landscape: Sierra de Cubitas, to the North, and Sierra de Najasa, to the South. The basin of Máximo River is also notable.



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2 Rancho King



The Rancho King Tourist Farm, just half an hour from Santa Lucía Beach, is the ideal opportunity to get acquainted with Cuban countryside manners. Lovers of rural environments, specifically rodeo and horsemanship fans, will find this a perfect choice. You can not only watch skillful riders performing but also show your own talent in guiding the reins of a horse. You can also visit a farmer's house and take a closer look at our traditional way of life. The finale includes a meal made up of delicious roast pork accompanied by a Cuban musical show.



6 Ecological Reserve Limones-Tuabaquey

Located in Sierra de Cubitas, not so far up to the north, approximately at one hour ride distance, we find the ecological reserve Limones-Tuabaquey, considered the largest and best preserved site of the two forest areas existing in the province. A small circuit totaling some 3km into the woods allows visitors to descend to a cave where aboriginal pictographs can be found, it is possible to walk through a pass open in the mountain and take a look at the Hoyo de Bonet, a sinkhole 80 meter deep and 300 meter wide. There are also more than 75 bird species.



7 Crocodile Breeding Center

In the northern municipality of Minas, less than an hour's journey from Camagüey is the Crocodile Breeding Center, a place where you can see these reptiles grow: from a few inches when they are newborns, to more than two meters in adulthood. Go throughout the facility accompanied by expert guides and try feeding the reptiles yourself standing in the safe area in the middle of the pond. In addition to a detailed explanation of the characteristics of these imposing animals, you can take a boat trip down the Máximo River followed by a typical Cuban countryside meal if that is your wish.



5 Los Cangilones



The prevalence of large plains does not prevent the area from having significant natural attractions. In fact it is quite the opposite: the rivers flowing through these endless prairies have formed a spectacular panorama of canyons, creeks, caves and natural pools carved in limestone, with the Cangilones del Río Máximo the most outstanding. Here, nearly 300 meters of slabs form a unique landscape in which the water current flows placidly across the polished rock surface. In the surrounding there is a great amount of archeologically relevant caves, you can visit the home of a descendant of Cuban aboriginal people as well as the wall of Máximo River dam.



8 Sierra del Chorrillo



At Sierra del Chorrillo, Najasa municipality, is located the Rancho La Belén, a tourist farm famous for its stallion horse display. Two options through the forest make it possible to experience different sensations: a horse ride that includes a visit to a cave; or a walk for bird watching, among which are parrots and Cuban trogons. At the facility you will find comfortable rooms, a swimming pool and a sample of exotic animals of different parts of the world. Also in this area you can see a real natural curiosity: the fossil wood deposits, tree remains that have been petrified.



3 Cayo Cruz



OPENING SOON! Cayo Cruz, in the Esmeralda municipality, is a developing sun and beach tourist space where several hotels and an international marina are built. The white sand beaches are of high quality and are therefore expected to be among the great tourist attractions of the province. It is possible to combine the stay in sun-and-beach hotels of with a visit to a unique place: the batey (town) around the old sugar mill Jaronú (Brasil). Get information at the travel agency bureaus about this emerging tourist destination in Camaguey.



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Tourist information centers

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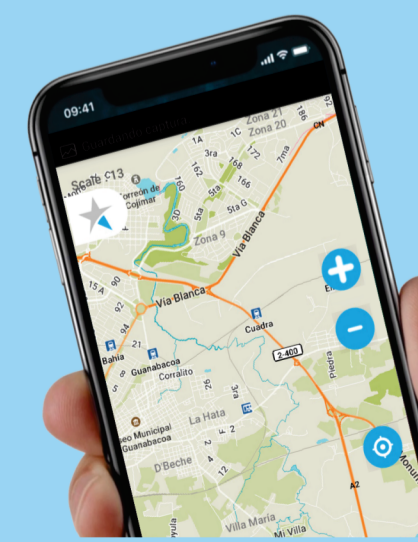
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9 Santa Lucía Beach

Santa Lucía Beach is the main sun-and-beach destination in Camagüey. Its proximity to one of the largest coral reef formations in the world makes it different from other beaches on the north coast of Cuba. More than 1000 rooms in hotels ranking among 5 and 3 stars allow visitors has a pleasant stay on this beach in which its shallow waters are ideal for all types of nautical activities, including fishing, catamaran boating and diving in 35 dive sites The diving center's instructors present a unique and exhilarating show at the entrance of the Nuevitas Bay channel where they feed bull sharks underwater with their bare hands.



4 Playa Bonita

One of the most beautiful places in the vicinity of Santa Lucía Beach is Playa Bonita, in Cayo Sabinal: a practically unspoiled setting that is reached by means of a fun excursion that includes a snorkeling session of approximately one hour, open bar on board the catamaran and a lunch based on seafood. Disembarking on the key is an adventure and the landscape will make you feel the explorer of a new world. Upon returning you can learn about the way of life of an attractive marine species in its own habitat: the starfish.

10 Cayo Ballenato del Medio

From Santa Lucía Beach you can visit Ballenato del Medio Key, a natural environment in the bay of Nuevitas. Upon entering the canal that gives access to the bay, you can see Fort San Hilario, an old defensive construction built centuries ago. The sail along the bay has as its final destination a small key with a viewpoint at one of its ends. The iguanas that live there are accustomed to human presence and can easily be portrayed. An endemic species, a small lizard with a leaf-shaped tail, also inhabits the key.



1 Camagüey City Historic Center



The historic center of Camagüey is a sui generis place in the Caribbean environment: its streets are irregularly distributed in the style of an old city with Muslim-Andalusian influence and each of its foundational squares is marked by the presence of a church that stands out in the urban layout. In the courtyards of the oldest houses there is always a tinajón, a large clay vessel that eventually became the symbol of the province. In 2008 it was declared Cultural Heritage of Humanity by UNESCO.



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Theater	Gas station	Restaurant
Church	Diving site	Bar
Hotel	Sunken ship	Night club
Museum	Beach	Camping base
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- 1** Plaza de la Soledad
- 2** Plaza de los Trabajadores
- 3** Plaza del Carmen
- 4** Parque Agramonte
- 5** Plaza San Juan de Dios
- 6** Parque José Martí
- 7** Casino Campestre