## BARACOA



### Day at Maisí

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Little visited, this north eastern most tip of the island offer a lunar style landscape and sandy beach with a 4 km trek to the man in the cave. Nice to get off the beaten track.



### Visit Alejandro de Humboldt Park/ Balcon de Iberia

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Alejandro de Humboldt Park is the greatest protected area of biodiversity in Cuba and in any of the islands of the Caribbean. It was declared under World Heritage with one of the most variable ecosystems, of great beauty. You can walk for 4 km and swim in the small but beautiful river.



### Visit Humbold National Park

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#### The coffee route

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Wonderful way to trace the history of the coffee planters who fled Haiti after the revolution and settled here high above Santiago. The remains of these stunning houses and accompanying stories are a fascination way to visit the country side and get off the tourist track.



## Trekking in Balcon de Iberia

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This 3 hour trek to a wonderful waterfall is the first part of a 4 day trek taking you from the coast of Baracoa to Guantanamo province. Camp under the stars if you decide to do the longer trek or have a fairly energetic afternoon walk through Humbolt park with a knowledgeable guide from Flora y Fauna, the Cuban environmental agency.



### Visit Yumuri <u>fishing village</u>

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Along the way you will have the opportunity to enjoy the natural beauty present at all times in this city rewarded by nature. A stop is made on the hill La Niña Bonita, a beautiful natural view of the Cuban landscape, the Yunque and Sleeping Beauty. You will get acquainted with the important coconut production in Baracoa. The following stop is made at the place where you will discover how farmers prepare their own traditional chocolate . Next head to The Germans Path to take pictures. On arrival at Yumuri enjoy a peaceful boat ride along the river to El Cayo, to walk to the bathing area. Free time for swimming in the river. Lunchat any of the beach restaurants of the area.



# Exchange and lunch at El Eden permaculture farm

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Family permaculture farm 25 km from baracoa town where meals can be arranged by appointmen using the freshest organic farm to plate ingredients.



### Juncal-Rencontra Nature Trail

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The tour begins at La Colmena locality, Popular Council of Mabujabo, to which we arrive by an easy access road surrounded by coconut, coffee and banana plantations, which goes through the Reencontra, a territory enclave at the bank of Duaba River. As we march on, we find an exuberant flora, mainly with Pomarrosa, Yagrumo, Royal Palm, Pinton Florido, Jobo, Majagua and varied fruit trees, such as mangoes, orange and tangerine.

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### Visit to Río Toa

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During the trip you can observe rural life in this region, industrial area and historic sites, making you feel part of the peoples history and customs. Visit the trail of cocoa at Finca Duaba. On arrival at Rancho Toa, boat trip across the fastest flowing river in Cuba; 120 km long with 71 tributaries. Visit the monument that marks the original site of the landing of Antonio Maceo in Duaba. An hour Leisure to swim in the river or Duaba beach.



Departure in 4x4 jeeps to the start of the trail. Ascend El Yunque Mountain, the highest point of Baracoa in about 3 hours with your local guide, admiring the varied flora and fauna, including Cocotrina Yunquesis, a unique palm species. Free time by a small waterfall. Lunch at Duaba farm. Departure to Rancho Toa to enjoy a boat ride along the mightiest river in Cuba. Difficult hike. Minimum pax: 2.



Baracoa is the home of chocolate growing and production in Cuba. Pay a visit to a private cacao farm and learn all about this important crop. Try your hand at making, eating and drinking chocolate, a local specialty.



## Excursion "The waterfall"



Found beside the road which joins Baracoa to the municipality of Moa. Here one may walk to the Yunque and take a delicious bath in the crystal-clear waterfall.



You will depart in a four-by-four vehicle the 35km to Yumuri. During the ride, you will have the opportunity to stop at the La Nintilde; a Bonita hill, a natural viewpoint of the Yunque and La Bella Durmiente (the Sleeping Beauty).



The town often gets passed over but en route from Baracoa it's a great and easy stop to organise a visit to these two cultural institutions and see the local dance troupes in rehearsal. These dances syles are unique to Guantanamo and a great way to learn more about the area.



Departure from the hotel to Alejandro Humboldt Park. Hike the trail El Yunque without ascending it and swim in the waterfall. By the Park exit we will head to Duaba Villa a place surrounded by cocoa plantations ideal for knowing different varieties of plants that are cultivated in the area on aprox a 45 m journey under the shade of the cacao. Departure to Rancho Toa with lunch and boat ride across the mighty river of Cuba. After lunch transfer to Maguana to enjoy beach time. Return to the city. Minimum pax: 5.



It is a 3 km trail path. During its first km, we go through a small intermountain valley where trees such as Royal Palms, Acana and a centennial Ocuje can be observed. In the second kilometer, very close to the river we can see accumulation of stones of diverse composition that drifted there due to the current from the mountain where the river is born. The walk ends with a refreshing bath in a natural pool.



Visit the Catholic Church, the local museum inside a fort, and Hotel Castillo, now incorporated into the first fortress built to defend the city from Corsairs and Pirates. There you can see an extraordinary panoramic view of the city. Then visit La Punta fortress on the edge of the bay.

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# Festival and lunch at El Guirito

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The village of el Guirito shot to fame earlier this year when it appeared on Cubas version of Strictly Come Dancing: Bailando en Cuba. The small community, outside Cubas original 16th-century capital, Baracoa, resurrect the sample musical rhythms of *nengon* and *kiriba*, which predate son. Slow *nengon* is danced in a circle; *kiriba* is a little faster and more freestyle. The appeal of El Guiritos melody making is itssnapshot of a 19th-century country dance with women in full skirts and men in traditional Cuban guayabera shirts accompanied by musicians in a rustic village setting. A feast of pre-Columbian Taíno dishes such as bacan a tamale of crab meat, mashed banana, annatto and coconut milk and spitroast pork fuels the party.