Cuban Experience
including Florida and New York

from $9390 per person, twin share
leisurely pace

departing Monday 26 March 2018

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Includes

- Return flights from Australia with Virgin Australia
- Flights within the USA with Delta Air Lines
- 2 nights stay in Miami, Florida
- 12 Day Cuba Cruise aboard the Azamara Quest
- in a Midship Interior Cabin
- 3 nights stay in New York
- Hop On / Hop Off Bus Pass in New York
- AzAmazing Evenings event
- Select standard spirits, international beers and wines
- Bottled water, soft drinks, specialty coffees and teas
- 12 breakfasts, 9 lunches & 12 dinners included
- Gratuities
- Self-service laundry
- Concierge services onboard

Highlights

- Visit the city of Miami, Florida
- The beautiful island of Key West, Florida
- 3 days in the historic city of Cuba
- The colonial waterfront town of Cienfuegos
- The bustling, diverse city of Santiago de Cuba
- 2 days exploring the city of New York

Itinerary

**Australia to Miami, Florida**

**Monday 26 March 2018**

Experience the award-winning onboard experience aboard Virgin’s newly-refurbished Boeing 777s as you cross the Pacific Ocean, then board a connecting Delta Air Lines flight to Miami. A transfer will meet you on arrival in Miami this evening to take you to the Loews Miami Beach Hotel, a luxurious hotel located in the heart of Miami Beach.

_Travellers from Perth will depart on the night of 25th March 2018 and will travel overnight to Sydney, arriving in Miami on 26th March 2018._

**Overnight: Loews Miami Beach Hotel (or similar)**

**Miami**

**Tuesday 27 March 2018**

Enjoy a full day at leisure in Miami. Propelled by Latin rhythms, with a bold style all its own, Miami is a spicy melting pot of cultures. Immense yourself in the colourful Art Deco district, vibrant nightlife, and beaches for sun-worshipers and water sport enthusiasts alike. Go adventuring in the Everglades, looking for ‘gators and manatees, canoeing through mangrove tunnels, or paddling a sea kayak through the “10,000 islands”. Flashy and full of life, Miami is a great place to play.

**Overnight: Loews Miami Beach Hotel (or similar)**
**Miami**

**Wednesday 28 March 2018**

Enjoy a leisurely morning with time to relax by the pool before a transfer meets you to take you to the Port of Miami. Here, you will board the recently-refurbished Azamara Quest to begin your cruise. This intimate 690-guest ship delivers a true boutique hotel atmosphere during your voyage.

**Overnight: Azamara Quest**

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**Key West**

**Thursday 29 March 2018**

Arrive in the beautiful island of Key West at about 8am. Beautifully positioned in the Straits of Florida, Key West is the United States’ southernmost point, located just 90 miles from Cuba. It’s one of the sunniest cities in the country with a "just right" year-round tropical. Meander down Duval Street for its energetic strips of cafés, shops, and bars, or take a walking tour to see some of the island’s best architecture, courtyards, and gardens. Dive or snorkel in the coral reefs and wrecks off Key West, or simply stroll in the footsteps of such famous citizens Ernest Hemingway, Tennessee Williams, and Thomas Edison, who all called Key West home at one point in their storied lives.

**Overnight: Azamara Quest**

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**Havana, Cuba**

**Friday 30 March 2018**

The arrival in Havana this morning marks the start of your 3 day adventure in the city that is old and modern, calm and vibrant, deeply complicated and completely inviting. Cuba is on the cusp of change, and Havana, the crux of the transformation. Catch a special glimpse between a troubled past and an exciting future. Rich in culture, history, sunny skies, and sandy shores, Havana is full of artists, designers, and other creatives, where every art form comes alive. It’s a vibrant place full of life, colorful buildings, urban plazas, and eclectic architecture. It’s a place where warm breezes wash over you and music spills out from every corner. Its cobbled streets are lined with classic cars, Salsa clubs, and maybe an intense game of dominoes. At first glance, Havana seems neglected. But the tattered facades of this city only add to its charm.

**Overnight: Azamara Quest**

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**Havana, Cuba**

**Saturday 31 March 2018**

Enjoy a full day at leisure in Havana. Take a stroll down the Prado, through the historic neighborhood of Vieja Habana (Old Havana), provides a glimpse into the city’s 16th-century heritage. Wander past the pastel hues of Havana’s beloved oceanside boulevard, the Malecón, a quintessentially Cuban experience, and hear thundering waves crash over the wall. Or why not enjoy an authentic Cuban lunch at a local paladar and do a little shopping at the Almacenes San José Artisans’ Market, meeting business owners, workers, and other locals along the way. You can also visit the Havana Club Museum of Rum for a tour (and of course, a tasting!) or explore a local organic farm.

**Overnight: Azamara Quest**
Havana, Cuba

Sunday 01 April 2018

A third day to explore the city of Havana. Choose from a variety of optional excursions available on your Azamara cruise. Why not follow in Ernest Hemingway’s footsteps with a visit to his residence, Finca Vigía, then venture off to one of his favorite retreats, the nearby fishing village of Cojimar, the setting for *The Old Man and the Sea*. Havana seems to bask in a golden glow from sunrise to sunset. It’s a snapshot in time, as though time once stood still.

Overnight: Azamara Quest

Day at sea

Monday 02 April 2018

Relax aboard the Azamara Quest as you cruise around the Southwestern shores of Cuba from Havana to Cienfuegos. Browse through the onboard shops with a tasteful collection of merchandise and beautiful jewellery and watches on offer, or simply relax by the pool or in one of the many onboard lounges. There’s plenty to do aboard your Azamara cruise.

Overnight: Azamara Quest

Cienfuegos, Cuba

Tuesday 03 April 2018

The colonial waterfront town of Cienfuegos, known as *La Perla del Sur* (Pearl of the South), sits pretty on the south-central coast of Cuba. Cienfuegos literally translates to "one hundred fires", and the town certainly adds a bright light to this fascinating country.

Clean and laid-back, Cienfuegos is a place whose elegant French charm meets its fiery Caribbean spirit to a refreshing and delightful result. In fact, the names of many of the streets in the old town give a nod to the French origins of the Cienfuegos’s first settlers from Bordeaux and Louisiana, and the town retains a certain French sophistication. Enjoy pleasant breezes as you take in the neoclassical, art nouveau and art deco styles the town has to offer. Discover the stunningly ornate Palacio de Valle along the Paseo del Prado and take in the Arco de Triunfo, the only structure of its kind in Cuba, dedicated to the Cuban independence.

But this lovely town is more than just a pretty picture. Enjoy the short boat ride to cross the castle drawbridge and explore Castillo de Jagua, a 17th-century Spanish fortress. Discover the staggering collection of tropical plants among the 97 hectares of the Jardín Botánico de Cienfuegos, an extraordinary botanic garden, or venture a little further to explore the trails, waterfalls and cascading natural pools of Parque el Nicho. For a little reprieve, relax next to the clear water and sandy shores of Playa Rancho Luna beach, and let the sounds of the Caribbean rejuvenate body and soul.

Overnight: Azamara Quest
Day at sea

Wednesday 04 April 2018

A day to relax onboard as your cruise sails from Cienfuegos to Santiago de Cuba. Why not add to your knowledge with a wide variety of entertaining and interesting enrichment programs? Programs onboard include seminars and lectures by Azamara’s own onboard experts, destination lectures, wine tastings and culinary demonstrations.

Overnight: Azamara Quest

Santiago de Cuba, Cuba

Thursday 05 April 2018

Perched on the Caribbean Sea southeast of the capital of Havana is Santiago de Cuba. The soul of Cuba’s second largest city is bustling, diverse and bursting at the seams with fascinating history and cultural life. The launching pad of Castro’s revolution, home of Don Facundo Bacardi’s first rum factory, and birthplace of myriad forms of Cuban music, Santiago de Cuba is an eclectic mix of influences with a distinct Caribbean spirit and Afro-Cuban culture. Enjoy breathtaking views from Castillo de San Pedro de la Roca del Morro, a legendary 16th-century fort known as “El Morro”, or visit Parque Nacional Alejandro de Humboldt in the Nipe-Sagua-Baracoa Mountains, declared by UNESCO as “one of the most biologically diverse tropical island sites on earth.” Stroll around and take it all in: the rich colonial heritage and sights like the imposing but beautiful Basilica de la Caridad del Cobre. The nights are lively and the days are hot in this intriguing city. Whatever your pace, the streets of this vibrant city definitely have a pulse of their own.

Overnight: Azamara Quest

Day at sea

Friday 06 April 2018

Enjoy a full day aboard the Azamara Quest as you sail around the northern coast of Cuba and back to Miami. Why not spoil yourself with an oceanfront massage in the onboard Sanctum Spa, or take advantage of the extensive menu at the Azamara Spa. Alternatively, you can enjoy one of the live performances of full-stage musical revues, classical soloists, bands and other entertainment in the onboard cabaret nightclub.

Overnight: Azamara Quest

Miami to New York

Saturday 07 April 2018

Enjoy breakfast aboard the Azamara Quest this morning before leaving the cruise and being transferred to Miami International Airport. Here, you will board your Delta Air Lines flight to the city of New York. A transfer will meet you on arrival to take you to the Sheraton New York Times Square Hotel, a 4-star hotel located close to Times Square, the heart of New York.

Overnight: Sheraton New York Times Square Hotel (or similar)
**New York**

**Sunday 08 April 2018**

A full day at leisure to explore the many sights in the city of New York. We have included a 48 hour pass aboard the Gray Line Hop On Hop Off Bus to help you explore the city. With 39 stops across the city and 4 separate loops, you can hop on and hop off at your leisure in the Downtown, Uptown, Brooklyn and Bronx districts. You can visit iconic locations such as Madison Square Garden, the Empire State Building, Union Square, One World Trade Center, the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, Central Park, Yankee Stadium and the Guggenheim Museum. Your pass also includes the Night Tour to take in the city's lights from iconic attractions.

**Overnight: Sheraton New York Times Square Hotel (or similar)**

**New York**

**Monday 09 April 2018**

Enjoy a second day at leisure in New York. Why not spend the day discovering some of the many attractions on offer, relax in Central Park, then watch one of the world’s famous Broadway shows that are located just near your hotel. Ask us for more details about tickets to some of Broadway’s best shows or tickets to sporting events in New York.

**Overnight: Sheraton New York Times Square Hotel (or similar)**

**Depart New York**

**Tuesday 10 April 2018**

Sadly, it is time to depart the USA today for your flight back to Australia. A transfer will meet you at your hotel to take you to the airport for your late afternoon with Delta Air Lines to Los Angeles. Then, board your connecting Virgin Australia flight back to Australia.

**International Date Line**

**Wednesday 11 April 2018**

Today is spent crossing the International Date Line on your journey to Australia.

**Arrive in Australia**

**Thursday 12 April 2018**

Arrive back in Sydney this morning and collect your bags to clear immigration and customs. Connecting passengers to Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne and Perth will need to proceed to the domestic terminal for their onward flight.
BOOKING CONDITIONS

Price from Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth or Sydney: $9,390
Single Fare: add $1,095

Bookings: A $3,500 per person non-refundable deposit is due at the time of booking. The balance owing on your booking is due no later than 15 December 2017. For bookings made after 15 December 2017, full payment is required at the time of booking.

Fares: All fares are quoted in Australian Dollars and are inclusive of GST. Prices are current at the time of printing this brochure and are subject to change without notice. Items of personal nature such as laundry, taxis, telephone calls, excess baggage charges, drinks, room service, postage and faxes are not included in the price of your holiday.

Airfares: A surcharge may apply due to airfare availability or increases in airport taxes and levies. Fares are subject to change with or without notice and can only be guaranteed once full payment is received.

Payment: Holiday Wonders advise we can accept credit card payments for our tours; however, a 1.9% credit card fee applies.

Accommodation: Accommodation is based on twin share. All rooms are subject to availability. Accommodation prices are subject to change without notice. Alternative hotels of a similar standard to those outlined in packages within this brochure may be used without notice.

Cancellations: The following fees will apply for any booking cancellations: After booking confirmation – loss of deposit, 101-130 days before departure – 15% of total booking value plus flights (or deposit, whichever is higher), 71-100 days before departure – 50% of total booking value plus value of flights, 41-70 days before departure – 75% of total booking value plus value of flights, Within 40 days of departure – 100% of total booking value Within 90 days of departure – 100% of total booking value

Travel insurance: We strongly recommend that passengers purchase travel insurance. Please ask us for more details.

Luggage: A check-in baggage allowance of 23kg per person is included. You can also take a small carry-on bag (up to 7kg).

Tour activities: All tour activities that are confirmed are subject to weather conditions and may therefore change.

Visas: Australian passport holders must obtain an ESTA for the USA at least 72 hours prior to departure. A visa for Cuba is required but can be obtained onboard your Azamara cruise.

Included meals

- breakfast
- lunch
- dinner