

Cuba Trip Review  
by participant Bill Barber

The second Wildside Cuba trip was a winner from start to finish. From all the endemics checked off; to our wonderful, hard working Cuban guides; to principal guide, the indomitable Gabriel Lugo; this trip is a must for your Western Hemisphere bucket list.

Our guides found all the target species and more, yet we had ample time to enjoy the unique cultural features Cuba offers, including a tour of the Spanish Colonial city of Trinidad, a full day in Havana and a visit to the Hemingway's estate, which is an amazing place whatever your interest in literature.

Of course, all of us could have spent most of the time looking at the 1950's cars, many in amazingly good condition. The bee hummingbird, the smallest in the world is, itself, worth the trip and is as close to a guarantee as a tour can offer.

Don't underestimate staying in the bed and breakfast particulares if your expectation for eco tours is the typical lodge in the cloud or rain forest. This is a not to be missed opportunity to relate to Cubans and staying in particulares in Old Havana is a special experience.

This was my sixth trip with Wildside and my second with Gabriel. He told me that, despite the hurricane damage, his Puerto Rico trip is doable and all the expected species can be found. Check that one out, as well as Wildside's third Cuba trip in 2019.