



# THE CUBA LIBRE STORY - FROM COLUMBUS TO CHE AND CASTRO

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## SYNOPSIS

Cuba – the island where dreams clash. It was the gateway to the New World, the port of call for the American underworld, a crossroads for drug smuggling. It has brought us cigars, sugar and rum. And a Socialist Revolution: Cuba stands for schools for everybody, and an eternal struggle for freedom. Cuba may seem synonymous with Fidel Castro and Che Guevara, but its history was shaped by adventurer Christopher Columbus, freedom fighter José Martí, Dictator Fulgenico Batista, Mafia Boss Meyer Lansky and many others. THE CUBA LIBRE STORY tells Cuba's complete history – looking back at 500 years before the Castro Brothers, and ahead at what will come after them. For the first time ever, the Russian state film archives of Krasnogorsk, the Red Army and KGB's film archives and the Cuban State Film Archive ICAIC have granted us access to their Cuban treasures. We tell Cuban history from a transnational perspective, weave together over 50 exclusive interviews with the most important...

## CAST AND CREW

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416 min

### FORMAL CATEGORIES

History, Conflicts, Human Rights

### PREMIERE

Germany (2016)

### PRODUCTION COMPANY

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### FILM LOCATION

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### LINKS / REFERENCE

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