



CUBA CULTURAL TOUR

This is an opportunity to interact with local people via a 100% legally approved by U.S. government, educational, "Support for the Cuban People" cultural tour.

ITINERARY Cuba Cultural Tour

Day 1. Welcome to Havana.

Arrive at Jose Marti International Airport. Your local representative will meet your flight. Transfer from airport to Habana Vieja (Old Havana) to your "casa particular," or Cuban guest house/B&B.,

6:00PM. Evening welcome cocktail. Please arrange to arrive in time for the welcome cocktail at your casa (B&B). It is about 30 minutes from the airport to your casa. Dinner on your own at any of the area restaurants.

Casa: Conde de Ricla, Havana Vieja



Day 2. Habana Vieja – UNESCO World Heritage Site



Breakfast every day at all casas (included).

8:00 AM Breakfast

9:00AM Panoramic guided tour of Havana by classic American Car

11:30 Private walking tour of Old Havana. Experience an educational opportunity to see and understand the unique history, music, art and architecture of Old Havana.

Explore “Cuban Daily Life Today.” Visit food markets and shops.

Lunch at local “paladar”, a private enterprise restaurant in Old Havana (included.)

Continue Old Havana walking tour. Meet with artists at their workshops in Old Havana. Visit the four plazas of Old Havana: Plaza La Catedral, Plaza Vieja, Plaza San Francisco and Plaza de Armas.

Dinner on your own at anyone of the many local restaurants and bars.

Optional: Evening Buena Vista Social Club musical performance in Old Havana.

Casa: Conde de Ricla, Havana Vieja

Day 3. Havana and the F.A.C (Cuban Art Factory)



8:00AM Breakfast

9:00AM Visit Cuban homes. Distribute donations.

Architecture walk Parque Central.

Lunch on your own.

Rest of afternoon free time.

Meet for dinner (included.)

7:30PM Leave for the F.A.C., (Cuban Art Factory), a performance and exhibition venue for Cuban artists.

Evening on your own at the F.A.C. (Cuban Art Factory.)

Casa: Conde de Ricla, Havana Vieja

Day 4. Las Terrazas and Valley of Viñales – UNESCO World Heritage site



7:30AM Breakfast

8:30AM Transfer in airconditioned microbus with guide from Havana to Viñales via Las Terrazas.

Lunch in La Terrazas artist community (included.)

Visit to Los Jazmines scenic overlook in Viñales.

Visit to the Indigenous Cave (Cueva del Indio) and underground river cruise.

Transfer to your casa in Viñales.

Evening free to explore Viñales main street, restaurants and music venues.

Casa: Casa Nevada or similar in Viñales

Day 5. Valley of Viñales



8:00AM Breakfast

9:00AM Hiking in Viñales. Visit to local sugarcane and coffee plantation. Educational opportunity to meet with farmers and understand the growing process. Enjoy a typical Cuban country town.

Lunch at local farm-to-table paladar, Finca Ecologica El Paraiso (included.)

Return to Havana

Evening free.

Casa: Conde de Ricla, Havana Vieja

Day 6. Cienfuegos and Trinidad– UNESCO World Heritage site



7:30AM Breakfast

8:30AM Transfer in microbus with guide to Trinidad via Cienfuegos, the only Cuban city founded by French settlers with the prettiest plaza in Cuba.

Walking tour of Cienfuegos including Teatro Terry

Lunch in Punta Gorda (included.)

Transfer to Trinidad

Dinner on your own.

Evening on your own to enjoy outdoor music venues and the city's nightlife.

Optional: One-hour massages while in Trinidad.

Casa: Casa Osmay y Alberto or similar in Trinidad

Day 7. Trinidad – UNESCO World Heritage site



8:00AM Breakfast

9:00AM Walking tour of the city of Trinidad, the most perfectly preserved colonial city in the Americas and a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Lunch on your own

Salsa lessons

Santeria religion performance.

Cooking lessons and dinner at rooftop restaurant (included.)

Casa: Casa Osmay y Alberto or similar in Trinidad

Day 8 Trinidad and the Sugar Mills Valley – UNESCO World Heritage site



8:00AM Breakfast.

9:00AM Visit to the Sugar Mills Valley

San Isidro Archaeological site.

Lunch by the beach in Ancon Peninsula (included.)

Optional: Snorkeling in Playa Ancon.

Afternoon by the beach.

Return to Trinidad

Dinner on your own.

Evening on your own to enjoy outdoor music venues and the city's nightlife.

Casa: Casa Osmay y Alberto or similar in Trinidad

Day 9. Trinidad to Santa Clara



7:30AM Breakfast.

8:30AM Transfer via microbus with guide Trinidad to Santa Clara.

Lunch in Santa Clara (included.)

Afternoon on your own to explore Santa Clara, one of Cuba's most historic cities.

Dinner on your own.

Evening on your own to explore the town of Santa Clara.

Casa: Casa Suite Florencia or similar in Santa Clara.

Day 10. Santa Clara, Matanzas and Havana

7:30 Breakfast

8:30 Transfer to Matanzas, called the “Athens of Cuba” due to its many Cuban writers and poets.

Walking tour of Matanzas

Return to Havana

Lunch on your own in Havana

Afternoon free in Havana

8:00PM Farewell dinner (included.)

Casa: Conde de Ricla, Havana Vieja



Day 11. Return to home country

Transfer in taxi from your casa in Old Havana to international airport.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING YOUR VISIT TO CUBA

Preparing for travel

You will be traveling to Cuba under the “Support for the Cuban People” category consistent with U.S. government regulations.

The trip will be an opportunity for learning and interacting with the Cuban people. You will also have an outrageous amount of fun and take outstanding photos.

What to bring

- Valid passport – with 6 months validity remaining.
- Tourist card, also called “Cuban visa.”

If you are a U.S. citizen born outside of Cuba* and traveling to Cuba from the U.S. you can purchase your pink tourist card (sometimes called a Cuban visa) for Cuba at the counter of the airline you are flying with or [online](#). The price of a tourist card varies from \$50 to \$100. If you are traveling to Cuba from anywhere other than the U.S., you will need a green tourist card.

- If your credit card is issued on a U.S. bank, you must bring cash. Credit cards and bank cards issued on U.S. banks won’t work in Cuba. You must bring enough cash to last the length of your trip. If your accommodation, all breakfasts, most meals and transportation are already paid for, factor that in when you decide how much cash to bring.

Additional travel requirements

You will need to purchase travel insurance separately. **Travel insurance for this tour is a requirement.** [Here is a site](#) that compares travel insurance companies and policies.

You will need a health certificate to enter Cuba. You can request the form [here](#). Click on the English version on the upper right. Once you submit the form you will receive a QR code. Show the QR code on your phone or print it out and hand it in on arrival in Havana.

***For Cuban-born travelers**

If you were born in Cuba, you will need a special visa which takes about 5 to 6 weeks to process and for you to receive. Travel agencies that offer flights to Cuba can provide this service.

What to pack for Cuba

- Wide-brim hat.
- Sunglasses.
- Loose breathable material: T-shirts, shorts, sundress.
- Products not readily available in Cuba like, sunscreen, feminine hygiene products, toiletries, over-the-counter-medications, insect repellent.
- Cuba is extremely informal. You should try to dress down.

You will visit charities and are encouraged, but not required, to bring donations. These include:

- Used clothing.
- School supplies such as pens, pencils, notebooks, crayons.
- Soap, aspirin, toiletries, batteries, plastic containers.

Round-trip airline ticket prices change frequently. Check with your airline.

What's included:

Private, fully-dedicated bi-lingual guide throughout.

Airport transfers.

"Casa particular" accommodation.

All breakfasts, most other meals.

In-country transportation. Most of Old Havana is walkable.

Classes and exhibitions where applicable.

Entrance fees to venues on the schedule.

What's not included.

- International flights.
- International airport departure tax if applicable.
- Any visa required.
- Services and activities not mentioned in the itinerary.
- Meals and drinks not mentioned in the itinerary.
- Expenditure of a personal nature.
- Personal travel insurance.
- Optional activities.

How much money will you need?

Generally, people feel \$30 to \$80/day is ample since most expenses are covered.

Optional tips to fully dedicated guide, \$5 to \$10/day/person.

Optional tips to bus driver, \$3 to \$6/day/person. He is with the tour 5 days.

Optional entrance to Buena Vista Social Club show and drinks, \$45/person.

Optional floor show with drinks at the Cabaret Parisien, \$35/person.

Payments

- Deposit \$400. Pay deposit [here](#).

Single Supplement, \$550.00. Pay single supplement [here](#). Every effort will be made to match solo travelers with other same-gender solo travelers, if requested, based on availability on a first come, first served basis.

- Deposit is refundable, minus \$50 processing fee, until 90 days before the start of the tour.
- You will receive a link to make the final payment due 60 days before the start of the tour.