

Weekend in Havana Tour

5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS

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MIAMI

DAY 1

Your trip begins in Miami at the Hotel Pullman Miami Airport, where your small group of traveling companions will gather for an important early evening briefing and cocktail reception.

Meals | Enjoy dinner on your own and at your leisure

MIAMI / HAVANA

DAY 2

Following breakfast at the hotel, we'll board our charter flight to Havana. After clearing immigration and customs, you'll begin your experience right away with a visit to La Plaza de la Revolución (Revolution Square), one of the world's largest city plazas, where the monument to Jose Marti overlooks the city.

Then, it's off to lunch at La Bodeguita del Medio, a bar and restaurant made famous by Ernest Hemingway, and arguably the birthplace of the mojito, the drink he favored. After lunch, you'll experience the artistic side of Havana with a visit to Callejón de Hamel, a unique street in Centro Habana featuring hundreds of art displays and public music performances. After, we'll check in to our hotel in the heart of Havana, and meet up again for an orientation program. This evening, we'll celebrate your arrival with a welcome dinner at the hotel.

Meals | Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

HAVANA

DAY 3

This morning, you'll meet with students and professors from La Escuela Taller Gaspar Melchor de Jovellanos to learn about the school's effort to preserve Cuba's cultural and architectural heritage. Later, get a snapshot into the lives and work of Cuban photographers at Fototeca in Havana, which houses one of the city's few darkrooms and is a photographer hub.

On your way to lunch, you'll continue your walking tour of Old Havana's cobblestone streets and sixteenth-century Spanish colonial architecture. After lunch, you'll have a very special visit in Centro Habana with a friend and self-taught Cuban artist who opens his home to teach neighborhood children the art of papier-mâché. We'll wrap up the day by visiting the famous Abdala recording studio, where famous musicians, including Nat King Cole and the Buena Vista Social Club, recorded some of their best music. Tonight, you'll dine on your own at a paladar, a private, family-owned restaurant. Your insightCuba tour leader, who is an expert in the dining scene, will make the best recommendations.

Meals | Breakfast, Lunch

HAVANA

DAY 4

We'll kick off the day by meeting the editor of a popular Cuban newspaper for a presentation on Cuban social issues, economic reforms, and the impacts of U.S.-Cuba policy in Cuba.

Afterwards, we'll gather with Cuban farmers at Vivero Organopónico to learn how organic farming efforts provide food to urban areas and how Vivero is taking the lead in regarding farm-to-table dining. For lunch, we'll enjoy an authentic Cuban sandwich at Sloppy Joe's, a legendary bar in Havana. After lunch, you'll visit with an internationally known choral group and finish the day at a local farmers market where you'll see firsthand Cuba's dual currency at work.

In the evening, share your favorite stories about your time in Cuba with your travel mates during a farewell dinner.

Meals | Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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DAY 5

After breakfast, bid farewell to Cuba as you board your flight home.

Meals | Breakfast

A significant portion of your in-country programming is customized for each group to maximize your cultural experience. Many of the places we visit are not tourist destinations and are thus not always available. Therefore, this program should be considered as a sample only – please keep in mind that your particular tour may vary. Final itineraries are sent to guests one to two weeks prior to departure.