

Saturday 28 December to Thursday 2 January 2020

Havana extravaganza

Day 1 • Saturday • Hello Havana!

- Arrival at Havana's José Martí International (HAV) airport.
- Transfer to, and check-in at your boutique accommodations are prearranged.
- Enjoy a welcome cocktail, freshen up, and settle in.
- Group arrival dinner with your guide and tourmates at your boutique accommodations.
- Evening exploration with tourmates and time to meet Cubans.

Day 2 • Sunday • Historic Havana and its people

- Greet the day with tasty breakfast at your boutique accommodations.
 - Explore landmarks of modern Havana with your guide, including Plaza de la Revolución, Hotel Nacional de Cuba, and other key historical sites.
 - Human powered bicycle taxi excursion through the streets of Old Havana.
 - Walking tour of the four historic plazas in Old Havana with a local guide. Meet residents and shopkeepers along the way, many of whom are beneficiaries of our humanitarian travel project.
 - Welcome lunch at the private restaurant, Mojito-Mojito.
 - Visit Casablanca neighborhood with Cubans. It is home to the giant marble sculpture "Christ of Havana," and the National Weather Observatory.
 - Return to your boutique accommodations and freshen up.
 - A hidden gastronomical gem. Group welcome dinner featuring an open menu at Paladar Café Laurent.
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- Evening event: Meet with Cuban dancers.

Day 3 • Monday • Cuban cooking and mixology

- Greet the day with tasty breakfast at your boutique accommodations.
- Cooking lessons with renowned chefs of private paladar El Ajiaco. Followed by a group lunch, you helped prepare.
- Walk with Cubans through the fishing village Cojímar, the inspiration for Hemingway's "The Old Man and the Sea."
- Meet with private Cuban artisans and craftworkers at Almacenes de Depósito San José, a giant dream market offering thousands of handmade objects and paintings.
- Meet with workers at the Floridita and the Bodeguita del Medio and learn the secrets of their famous cocktails Daiquiri and Mojito.
- Return to your boutique accommodations and freshen up.
- Dinner not included in tour cost. It's an occasion to sample Havana's stellar private eateries.
- Evening exploration with tourmates and time to meet Cubans.

Day 4 • Tuesday • Museum of the Revolution and marine life

- Greet the day with tasty breakfast at your boutique accommodations.
 - Meet the chauffeurs of Havana's coconut cabs. They're eager to talk and give you a ride through different Havana neighborhoods.
 - Visit the Museum of the Revolution, an occasion to discuss US Cuban relations with locals.
 - Visit Playas del Este, 30 minutes east of Havana. We'll meet locals in this rural seaside community.
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- Lunch is not included. Explore the many families serving delicious homemade food.
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Day 5 • Wednesday • The natural splendor of rural Cuba

- Greet the day with tasty breakfast at your boutique accommodations.
- Day excursion to Las Terrazas in Artemisa province. We'll meet Cubans who will explain the workings of this self-sustaining eco-community.
- Enjoy lunch at the collective eatery La Casa del Campesino – ever popular with tour participants and locals alike.
- Return to your boutique accommodations and freshen up.
- Get to know the innovative mechanics and chauffeurs who lovingly restore 1950s classic American cars during a drive along the Malecón seawall.
- Special group farewell dinner at the private restaurant Los Naranjos, in Vedado.
- Evening exploration with tourmates and time to meet Cubans.

Day 6 • Thursday • Adios Havana

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