



SMALL GROUP ITINERARY

Havana Jazz Festival Plus

10 Days

Havana • Viñales • Bay of Pigs • Cienfuegos • Trinidad • Santa Clara

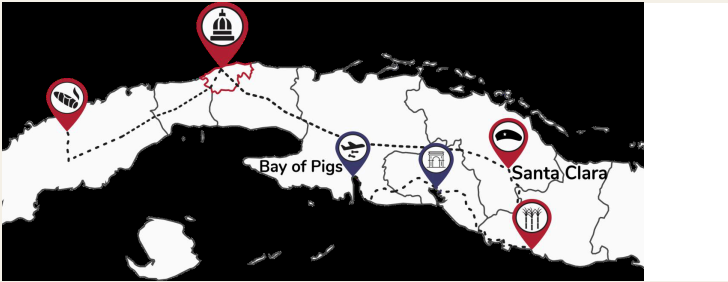
Three days on Cuba's south coast—Zapata, Cienfuegos, Trinidad, Che's Santa Clara—then a Havana week with VIP Jazz Festival access, a Viñales day trip, and the capital's rum, cigars, and rooftop cocktails.

10 Days / 9 nights	6 Destinations	100% OFAC compliant	Max 12 Small group
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One route, many sides of Cuba



Festival Havana plus the south coast—Cienfuegos, Trinidad, and Santa Clara around the jazz dates.

Day 1	Arrival · Havana — Optional nightlife (not included)
Day 2	Bay of Pigs · Cienfuegos · Trinidad — Walking tour · Bay of Pigs · Cueva de los Peces · Playa Girón museum
Day 3	Trinidad — Walking tour · Choose one afternoon: horse + Ancón, or salsa + Ancón
Day 4	Santa Clara · Havana — Che's mausoleum
Day 5	Havana — Walking tour · Classic convertible
Day 6	Day trip to Viñales — Los Jazmines · Prehistoric Mural · Indian Cave · Tobacco farm
Day 7	Havana — Callejón de Hamel · Fusterlandia
Day 8	Havana — Finca Vigía
Day 9	Havana — Partagás · Rum museum
Day 10	Havana · Departure — Airport transfer

Ten days wrapping the Havana jazz festival with a classic west-to-south circuit so the music sits inside a fuller island journey.

Trip milestones

- UNESCO World Heritage sites and living Cuban neighborhoods
- Direct support for independent casas particulares and paladares
- Full-time Support for the Cuban People schedule for US travelers
- Expert local guiding and boutique casas with en-suite rooms

Day 1 • Arrival • Havana

Welcome to Cuba! A member of Cuba 360 will pick you up at the airport, look for our logo with your name on it (or the name of the person in your party who booked the holiday). Next, you will be transferred to your accommodation.

There are several options of places to check out during the evenings. After all, Havana's nightlife is as unique as its culture and history. We'll be happy to arrange some of them for you if you want us to. Here are some of the options:

- Visit the Cuban Art Factory (or FAC as locals call it), a space that joins together good drinks with some of the best Cuban contemporary art (Photography, Sculpture, Interior Design, Fashion, Painting, Music, Film, Theatre, etc.). The Cuban Art Factory only opens on weekends and sometimes closes for special events that happen in Havana.
- Head to San Carlos de La Cabaña fortress and witness the Cannon Shot Ceremony, a unique and picturesque show that has been happening every night for the last 300 years.
- Enjoy a unique show at world-famous Tropicana Cabaret, one of the few bastions of Havana's Las Vegas style nightlife to survive the revolution.

These evening outings are optional extras. We'll happily arrange them if you'd like, but any costs that follow—tickets, cover charges, drinks, or extra transport—are not included in the tour package.

Day 2 • Bay of Pigs • Cienfuegos • Trinidad

Head to Bay of Pigs, the same place where more than 50 years ago an invasion carried out by Cuban exiles and organized by the US government took place. Bay of Pigs is in Zapata Swamp, the biggest natural reserve in Cuba and a place that boasts with wildlife. Some of the nicest features in the area are hidden underwater, making Bay of Pigs a terrific spot for snorkelling and diving.

Our first stop is Cueva de los Peces, a 70m-deep cenote (sinkhole) on the inland side of the coast road halfway between Playa Larga and Playa Girón. It's a pretty spot, as popular with swimmers as snorkelers, for spotting tropical fish.

Next, we'll Learn about the history of Bay of Pigs invasion at Playa Girón's museum. This well-kept museum with its gleaming display cases evokes a tangible sense of the history of the famous Cold War episode that unfolded within rifle-firing distance of this spot in 1961. The museum offers two rooms of artifacts from the Bay of Pigs skirmish plus numerous photos of the combat.



Continue south-east to Cienfuegos, one of Cuba's youngest cities, founded in 1819 by French emigrants from Bordeaux and Louisiana, its elegant classical architecture earned it a UNESCO World Heritage Site listing in 2005. Due to its beauty, economical importance and strategical placement, this city has always been known as the pearl in Cuba's south coast.

Have a walking tour around the city and have a look at the local landmarks, including Tomás Terry Theater, one of Cuba's oldest and best preserved. Visit Cienfuegos's Cathedral, Palacio de Valle, Muelle Real, José Martí square and many other iconic spots of the city. Continue to trinidad.

Day 3 • Trinidad

Have a walking tour around the city with the opportunity to visit local museums and art galleries. Wander around the Plaza Mayor, one of Cuba's most charming squares and the center of the town. Stop at the Casa del Canchánchara, a place dedicated to this local drink, very popular around Cuba.

This afternoon, choose one included experience. Each block is in the tour package—no extra cost for these options:

- **Horseback and beach.** Take a horse ride around the countryside of Trinidad, making stops for some coffee, a dip at a crystal-clear river and later for lunch at one of the local farmers' improvised restaurants. The duration of the trip depends on the pace and the duration of the stops; you should expect no less than 3 hours total. Adventure into Playa Ancón, less than 15 minutes from Trinidad. Ancón is known as the best beach on Cuba's south coast. Actually, the Cuban government in partnership with Spanish hotel chains Meliá and Iberostar are heavily investing in the construction of resorts in the area, so now is a good opportunity to enjoy it before it gets too crowded.
- **Salsa and beach.** Enjoy a salsa lesson. If you love salsa, then you sure know there is no place like Cuba to master this contagious rhythm. In a country where people are born with music in their blood, dancing salsa is just part of everyday life. So taking a salsa lesson with one of our virtuous salsa instructors is a must. It doesn't matter if you are a beginner or you already know how to dance, the lesson will be personalized to your skill level. Relax at Ancón beach for the rest of the day.

You don't have to choose now. Let us know which option you'd like up to two days before this day.



Day 4 • Santa Clara • Havana

On your way back to Havana, stop at Santa Clara, a city with a very close connection to Che Guevara. At the final days of the fight for the Cuban communist revolution, back in 1958, a series of combats happened here that decided the course of history. Visit Che Guevara's mausoleum, where his remains are kept, along with the ones of his comrades in arms.

Santa Clara is also known for being kind of an "edgy" city, with a local cultural scene that contrasts with the rest of the country. Santa Clara has the first drag show in Cuba and one of the most prestigious rock festivals in the area.

Day 5 • Havana

Take a walking tour around the heart of Cuba, Old Havana. Discover the magic that hides in every corner of this audacious city. More than 500 years of history make this the perfect place to unleash your curiosity. Hundreds of buildings from the 19th, 18th, 17th, and even 16th centuries spread around the narrow streets of this romantic city. Walk around this open air museum and delight yourself with the infinity of amazing views that go around in every direction, making it impossible not to look and try to capture the moment with your camera.

Wander around all the main squares, all of them with their own special places you shouldn't miss. Also, have a look at the majestic cathedral that stands as an icon of the city, its history and architecture. Discover iconic places like the National Capitol, the Paseo del Prado, the Floridita, La Bodeguita del Medio, the Parque Central, etc.

Jump in a convertible car and explore the more modern parts of the city. Drive through different neighborhoods and discover the highlights of Vedado and Centro Habana. Have a look at the Revolution Square, where Fidel Castro used to give endless speeches in front of thousands of his supporters. Drive by the Colón Cemetery, one of the biggest and most important in the world. Enjoy the breeze at El Malecón, Havana's evocative 7km-long sea drive, a favored meeting place for assorted lovers, philosophers, poets, traveling minstrels, fishers and wistful Florida-gazers. Some of the landmarks we'll see include the American Embassy, the Hotel Nacional, Havana's Forest and many more. **EVENING:** Your guide will keep you posted on the schedule of the Jazz Festival so that you decide the best venues to attend. Also, do keep your VIP ACCESS Jazz Pass at hand to make sure you have complete access to concerts and music events. Since there are several different venues with very diverse options, you are free to choose which ones to attend. Transportation to the venues IS NOT INCLUDED.



Day 6 • Day trip to Viñales

Discover Viñales Valley, one of Cuba's most magnificent natural settings. Known for its fertile soil, which along with its natural micro-climate, make the land suitable to grow some of the finest tobacco in Cuba, hence, the world.

Our first stop will be at Los Jazmines, a lookout point from where you can enjoy the beauty of Viñales's landscape. Later, we'll visit the Prehistoric Mural, stunning wall painting on the side of a mountain, and the Indian Cave with a boat trip through a subterranean section of the San Juan river. We'll enjoy lunch at one of the local restaurants, where traditional dishes are made with ingredients that go straight from the farm to the table. After lunch, we'll visit one of the local tobacco plantations where farmers will explain the process of (artisanal) cigar production. This visit is a great opportunity to witness how people live in the countryside, and the good impact tourism makes in their lives. **EVENING:** Remember to keep your VIP ACCESS Jazz Pass at hand to make sure you have complete access to concerts and music events. Transportation to the venues IS NOT INCLUDED.



Day 7 • Havana

Adventure into western Havana and discover Fusterlandia, a huge tilework masterpiece built by local artist José Fuster over the last 20 years. If Gaudí reincarnates and decides to go for a tropical spin, this is it. Fuster's work has covered several suburban blocks with whimsical but highly stylized public art. The centerpiece is the artist's own house, which you can explore as you check on the different galleries where some of his art is sold, including ceramic tiles and paintings.

Wander along the Callejón de Hamel, Havana's high temple of Afro-Cuban culture. A whole street full of mural paintings and shrines. The project started back in the 90's, when artist Salvador González decided to repair the deteriorated facades of houses in the alley and covered them with murals related to the Afro-Cuban syncretism. Sunday is the best day to visit it, since it's when the alley shows its true spirit. That day, the neighbors, dressed up as ancient gods of Yoruba Pantheon, Orishas, welcome visitors and drums go aloud. **EVENING:** Remember to keep your VIP ACCESS Jazz Pass at hand to make sure you have complete access to concerts and music events. Transportation to the venues IS NOT INCLUDED.



Day 8 • Havana

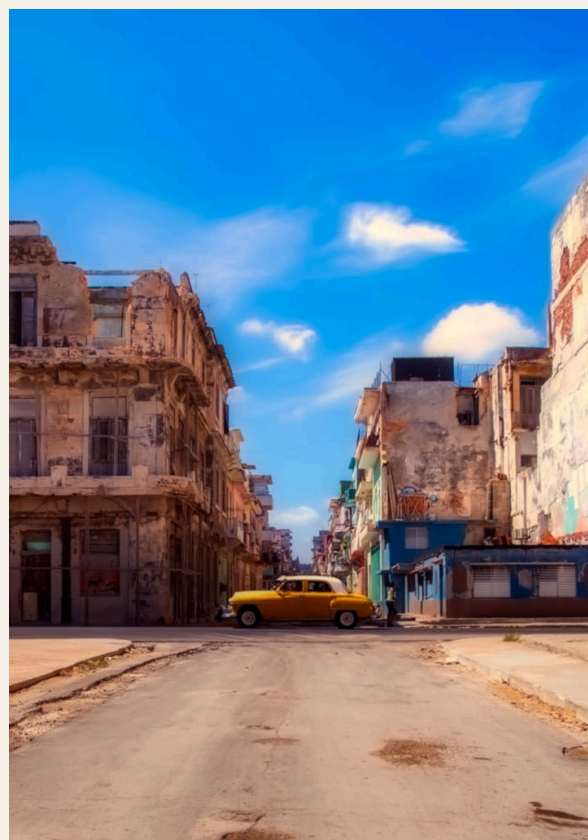
Explore Finca Vigía, a villa on a hill in San Francisco de Paula, 15km southeast of Havana, where the American writer Ernest Hemingway lived continuously for 20 years. When he departed for the US in 1960 soon after Fidel Castro's revolution, he generously donated his house to the 'Cuban people.' It is now a museum and almost unchanged since the day Hemingway left. In the heavily wooded grounds below the house, you'll encounter the swimming pool where Ava Gardner once swam naked, a cockfighting ring and Hemingway's beloved fishing boat, Pilar, grounded on what was once his tennis court.

Next, we'll show you one of our favorite spots in the whole city, a rooftop terrace in Old Havana. Here, you'll learn how to make a mojito and a canchanchara, two classic Cuban cocktails. There are non-alcoholic options as well. You'll be able to prepare your own and you can drink as many as you like. **EVENING:** Remember to keep your VIP ACCESS Jazz Pass at hand to make sure you have complete access to concerts and music events. **Transportation to the venues IS NOT INCLUDED.**

Day 9 • Havana

Learn about the Rum production in Cuba with a visit to Havana Club's Rum Museum. The evolution and history of the whole process will be explained to you in a guided visit, which includes a tasting of a seven-year-old añejo (aged rum) at the end of the tour, along with the opportunity to buy some of the precious liquid.

Let's have a look at one of Havana's oldest and most famous cigar businesses, the Real Fábrica de Tabacos Partagás was founded in 1845 by Spaniard Jaime Partagás. It was built in response to the increase in demand this industry experienced during the second half of the 19th century. Specializing in full-bodied cigars, today some 400 workers toil for up to 12 hours a day in here rolling such famous cigars as Montecristos and Cohibas. In your visit, you'll learn about the long and refined process of cigar manufacturing.



Dive into San Jose, this former harbor-side warehouse was built in 1885 and is considered the oldest depository in Old Havana. Nowadays the largest handicraft market on the island, Havana's artisans have here an ideal place in which to exhibit and sell their items, mostly functional yet beautiful accessories in the form of handbags, wallets, shoes, sandals and belts; costume jewelry; toys; masks; and ornamental items made of papier-mâché; paintings, sculptures and ceramic items; clothes; humidors and Afro-Cuban percussion instruments, among others. Don't forget to look out for guayaberas, the traditional Cuban men's loose linen shirt. The Center also has a National Patrimony Office that issues the necessary certifications for exporting certain items, such as artwork. EVENING: Your guide will keep you posted on the schedule of the Jazz Festival so that you decide the best venues to attend. Also, do keep your VIP ACCESS Jazz Pass at hand to make sure you have complete access to concerts and music events. Since there are several different venues with very diverse options, you are free to choose which ones to attend. Transportation to the venues IS NOT INCLUDED.

Day 10 • Havana • Departure

Transfer to Havana's International airport. It's time to say goodbye to Cuba, at least for now. It's sad to see you go back to your country, but this adventure together has come to an end. We hope to see you again in our country, until then: Take care, we'll miss you.



Everything travelers need to decide

Included

- **Cuban visa & paperwork.** We'll assist you with the Cuban visa, filling out the D'Viajeros form, and any other paperwork you might need for the trip.
- **Airport transfers.** Door-to-door arrivals and departures when included on your booking.
- **Ground transport.** Air-conditioned vehicles shared with your small group (max 12).
- **Expert local guiding.** Bilingual storytellers aligned with Support for the Cuban People.
- **Boutique casas particulares.** Hand-picked B&Bs; every room has a private en-suite bathroom, air conditioning, and hot water.
- **Scheduled entries & activities** as listed, including any included choice sets named in this itinerary.
- **Meals.** Daily breakfast at the casa and any lunches named in this itinerary. Most lunches and dinners are not included.

Not included

- **International flights.** You choose the routing that works from home—usually into Havana.
- **Most lunches & dinners.** We leave these meals off the package so you have more flexibility.
- **Optional Havana nightlife.** Evening outings such as FAC, the cannon-shot ceremony, or Tropicana can be arranged on request; tickets and related costs are not in the package.
- **Optional extras** marked as not included in the day pages (for example paid beach or hike add-ons).
- **Tips & gratuities.** Tipping is customary in Cuba, but it isn't compulsory—it's optional. As a guide: around 10–15% in restaurants. For guides and drivers, many travelers set a daily amount in the range of about \$1–\$10 per person per day, assigned separately to each. Casa hosts are less likely to receive tips, since they own their own business.

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Prepare your paperwork without the last-minute scramble

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01

Passport & validity

Your passport must be valid for at least six months beyond the start of your trip. Confirm entry rules for every traveler’s nationality. We’ll send casa addresses as dates approach so you can complete arrival forms with the right details.

02

Cuba visa & D’Viajeros

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03

Insurance & booking dossier

Cuban medical insurance is required to enter. U.S. airlines include basic coverage with your ticket. Keep booking confirmations, casa details, and our 24/7 contacts in one file.

04

Copies & airline check

Keep digital offline backups and printed copies of key vouchers. Complete D’Viajeros a day in advance if you can—we’re here to help.

Operator guidance

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