

**Jewish Havana
7 days – 6 nights
Havana, Old Havana, Viñales
Heritage, History, Culture**

Day 1- Wed: Havana

Upon arrival in Havana's Jose Marti International airport you will be met by your guide and transferred to your hotel for check-in. Time to rest and relax until time for dinner at private restaurant. Later witness, the nine o'clock Cannon Blast Ceremony at the San Carlos de la Cabana Fortress, one of the oldest traditions of colonial era Cuba that still takes place. The cannon shot signaled the closing of the city walls during the colonial era. After dinner you will go to "La Zorra y el Cuervo", the best-known jazz club in Havana for a late night jazz session. *Return transportation by taxi is at own cost that is both safe and easily arranged at the show's entrance* Accommodation in your hotel. [D]

Day 2- Thu: Havana (Old Havana & Art tour)

After breakfast start a City Encounter of Havana, a walking tour through Old Havana and its five main plazas, with stops at the residence of the colonial era Captain General of the island, the Havana Cathedral, Obispo Street, the Capitol building, and more. Most of our guests in Cuba start their cultural exchanges with a walking tour of Old Havana. This event is directed by one of our professional English-speaking guides, and gives you a taste of the island in a very interesting activity that feels like stepping into a time machine. Old Havana has buildings and streets that are some of the oldest in the Americas, with some buildings dating to the 17th century. Though the buildings are hundreds of years old, they are still used to house a significant number of Havana's inhabitants. Old Havana features the first church built on the island, a street paved with wooden bricks, palatial residences, and much more! Old Havana is one of the largest, oldest, most authentic colonial areas in Latin America, and houses a significant number of Havana's population. Lunch at a private restaurant. In the afternoon visit the Museo de Bellas Artes currently housed in 2 buildings. One for the international collection (Colección de Arte Universal) in the former Centro Asturiano, a beautiful Spanish Renaissance building dating to 1927 that we'll admire from the outside, exhibits works from important world artists. The other, installed in a modern building across from the Revolution Museum and called the Colección Cubana, harbors more than 30,000, works from Cuban artists from the 16th century to the present day. We'll have a tour of this section led by the curator to browse art of renowned painters such as Lam, Mialhe, Pelaez and Puerto Carrero. In the evening enjoy dinner at a private restaurant and visit "La Fabrica de Arte Cubano," for an art exhibit and live music. *Return transportation by taxi is at own cost that is both safe and easily arranged at the show's entrance* Accommodation in your hotel. [B/L/D]

Day 3- Fri: Havana (Jewish Center & Shabbat dinner)

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel and attend a welcome ceremony at Havana's Jewish Community Center in Vedado, including tour of the facility and brief discussion about the history of the Jewish Community in Cuba, current programs and projects, a question and answer session, and visit to the Beth Shalom Synagogue. Have lunch at a private restaurant before visiting "La Lavanderia", the studio of Cuban artist Rafael Perez Alonso. This afternoon you'll have free time with the car and driver at your disposal. Early evening attend Friday services at Beth Shalom Synagogue followed by a Shabbat dinner including Kiddush. After dinner return to your hotel. [B/L/D]

Day 4-Sat: Havana

Breakfast and free day to rest and relax or to continue discovering Havana on your own. Lunch and dinner are included. [B/L/D]

Day 5-Sun: Havana, Viñales, Havana

Early breakfast before today's full-day tour to discover the UNESCO protected "Valle de Viñales," and its unique rock formations. Tour includes the "Mirador de los Jazmines", the "Cueva del Indio" (the cave of the Indian), - that includes a boat ride through its interior. Visit to a Tobacco Farm and the "Casa del Veguero," - the cigar maker's home. Lunch at a local restaurant before concluding your tour with a visit to the Prehistoric Painting Mural, which illustrates the evolution of life in the "Sierra de los Organos". Return to Havana arriving in time for dinner at your hotel. [B/L/D]

Day 6-Mon: Havana (Jewish Heritage)

Today will be dedicated to Cuba’s Jewish Heritage visiting Havana’s Sephardic Jewish Center, Holocaust Memorial, and the Guanabacoa Cemetery. Lunch at private restaurant. In the afternoon we’ll tour the Old Havana sites related to Cuba’s Jewish Community and the Adath Israel Synagogue.

This evening we’ll have a farewell dinner at a private restaurant and, after, live music at the Buena Vista Social Club. [B/L/D]

Day 7-Tue: Havana, USA

After breakfast be ready for your transfer to Jose Marti International Airport at least 3 hours before your return flight’s departure time. [B]

Note: We will make our best efforts to follow the above itinerary, however we reserve the right to substitute and/or make changes to certain elements of the itinerary including but not limited to routing, restaurants, hotels and activities in the event of unforeseen circumstances. Please note that activity times shown are for reference only and that actual times may differ significantly – everything runs on “Cuban time” and is part of the cultural exchange experience.

[B] = Breakfast | [D] = Dinner | [B/L/D] = Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Your Tour includes:

- Transfers
- Accommodation in Bed & Breakfasts
- All meals (Breakfast, lunch & dinner daily)
- Tours:
 - Hemingway’s Route
 - Cannon Blast Ceremony
 - Old Havana
 - Artistic Route
 - La Lavanderia
- Heritage:
 - Jewish Center
 - Friday Service
 - Shabbat Dinner (Kiddush)
 - Jewish City Tour
- Excursion to Viñales
- All transportation
- English speaking guide

Tour does not include:

- International or domestic airfares
- Taxes and fees related to air transportation
- Cuban entry visa
- Taxes & Medical Insurance
- Excess luggage
- Optional activities
- Personal expenses
- Travel Insurance
- Tips to guides or drivers
- Expenses of a personal nature
- Meals and services not mentioned in the itinerary



Hotels in your Tour

City	Name	Room Type	Tripadvisor
First Class			
Havana	NH Capri	Standard	4
Deluxe			
Havana	Iberostar Parque Central	Standard Modern	4.5

Hotels will be confirmed at time of booking

Tour Prices

Season	Minimum 4 people	
	Double	Single
First Class		
May & Oct	\$2,599	\$3,099
June	\$2,545	\$3,045
Nov01-Dec12	\$2,925	\$3,659
Dec13-Jan02 '18	\$3,255	\$4,235
Deluxe		
May-Oct	\$2,965	\$3,375
Nov01-Dec12	\$3,255	\$3,689
Dec13-Jan02 '18	\$3,785	\$4,215

Prices are per person and may change without notice
 Prices are valid up to January 2018

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