

Havana Jazz Festival 2018
6 days – 5 nights
Havana, Viñales
Music, Culture, Relaxation, Fun

Day 1 - Jan 17: USA, Havana

Board your flight at New York's JFK Int'l Airport for your flight to Havana. Upon arrival at Jose Marti International Airport you be welcomed by our VIP Service that includes differentiated assistance, location, speed of baggage delivery and formalities for immigration and customs control. You'll also have access to the VIP lounges enjoy a welcome cocktail.

Then meet with the tour guide who will transfer you to your hotel in Havana. The rest of the day is at leisure. Meet in the lobby of your hotel. Transfer to welcome dinner at the famous La Guarida Paladar. Overnight at the hotel. [D/E]

Signature evening event: The Jazz Plaza 2018 kicks off today. We will participate in the Opening of the 33rd Havana Jazz Festival. Your guide will hand out your All Access Jazz Pass and show you to the best seats at the designated theatre (quite likely the Mella Theatre or the National Theatre of Cuba). Please, guard the Jazz pass dearly as it is not replaceable and grants you access to all Jazz venues in the city.

Return transportation by taxi is at own cost, and is both safe as well as easily arranged at the entrance.

Day 2 - Jan 18: Havana

Visit Callejón de Hamel a traditional Afro-Cuban quarter of Old Havana. Then enjoy a walking tour through the old city and its five main plazas, with stops at the residence of the island's Captain General during the colonial era, the Havana Cathedral, Obispo Street, the Capitol building, and more. This tour provides the opportunity for cultural exchanges and gives you a taste of the island 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! Lunch at Doña Eutimia Restaurant.

In the afternoon, visit the Havana "Museo de Bellas Artes," that includes the national Cuban Museum of Art and the International Museum of Art, both located in old Havana. The national and international branches of the Cuban "Museo de Bellas Artes" feature the highest quality artwork on the island, in strikingly different settings. The international branch is housed in the ornate former "Centro Asturiano," which houses a society of Spaniards from the province of Asturias who resided on the island, and is located steps away from the capitol building. The national branch is housed in a strikingly looking modern building, considering that it was built before the revolution in the 1950's. Overnight at the hotel. [B/L/D/E]

Signature evening event: Time to relax and refresh yourself before dinner at Starbien Restaurant or similar followed by the second night of the **Havana Jazz Festival 2018**. Your guide will keep you posted on the schedule of the Jazz Festival so that you decide the best venues to attend. Keep your ear on the ground for the unscheduled Jazz sessions that usually unfold during this night. Also do keep your ALL ACCESS Jazz Pass handy to make sure you have complete access to concerts and music events. *Return transportation by taxi is at own cost and is both safe as well as easily arranged at the entrance.*

Day 3 - Jan 19: Havana (Hemingway) & Abdala Studios

After breakfast your guide will meet you for a special tour tracing the daily life of Ernest Hemingway. Visit of Hemingway Room at Ambos Mundos Hotel where Hemingway rented a room between 1932 and 1939. His room had views of Old Havana and the harbor that he often frequented to go fishing on his yacht Pilar. It was in this hotel that Hemingway began writing For Whom the Bell Tolls. Enjoy a mojito in the Roof Garden with an amazing view of Havana and don't miss the opportunity to take photos at Hemingway's spots. Later visit his 2 preferred bars: the down-to-earth-earnestly-popular La Bodeguita del Medio and the more upscale, yet authentically Cuban, La Floridita Bar and enjoy a special Daiquiri, Hemingway's preferred drink. Lunch at Rum Rum de La Habana.

Visit Abdala music studio where the great musicians of Cuba (and many from Latin America) record their songs. Abdala was built in 1998 and has grown into a world-class studio. The project has hands-on support

from renowned troubadour Silvio Rodríguez. We'll meet and talk with the staff, engineers and recording artists and learn the intricacies of sound recording. You can take a tour in the record studios and interchange with some specialist.

The rest of the afternoon is at leisure so you can enjoy Cuba your own way. In the evening join your guide for another fantastic dinner at Cha Cha Cha Restaurant . Overnight at the hotel. [B/L/D/E]

Signature evening event: tonight marks the third night of the **Havana Jazz Festival 2018**. Your guide will keep you posted on the schedule of the Jazz Festival so that you decide the best venues to attend. Keep your ear on the ground for the unscheduled Jazz sessions that usually unfold during this night. Also do keep your ALL ACCESS Jazz Pass handy to make sure you have complete access to concerts and music events. *Return transportation by taxi is at own cost and is both safe as well as easily arranged at the entrance.*

Day 4 - Jan 20: Havana (Vintage Cars, Rum Experience)

Today you'll have a free morning that you may dedicate to shopping or to discover facets of Havana that you had in your agenda. Lunch at Ivan Chef Justo Restaurant.

Afterwards, Join your guide for a "Rum experience", a walking leisurely through Havana to visit the Rum Museum where you'll have the opportunity to sample fine Cuban rums. The Rum Museum includes a replica of a colonial era rum distillery and a presentation of the culture and tradition of Cuban rum production. The Museum also displays art works by contemporary Cuban artists. Some free time to rest and relax before you will get picked up by vintage car for a ride around town through the posh neighborhoods of Vedado and Miramar, through the Malecón, stopping by the new US Embassy, and ending at your restaurant for dinner. Get ready for some fabulous photo ops! Malecón, Havana's well known 5-mile long drive along the sea was built in early 20th century as avenue it saw houses of all styles Neo-Classical, Art Nouveau and Modern, popping along the way and became the "official meeting point" for all Cubans, rich and poor. Enjoy your last delicious Cuban dinner at Río Mar Restaurant or similar. Overnight at the hotel. [B/L/D/E]

Signature evening event: tonight marks the fourth night of the **Havana Jazz Festival 2018**. Your guide will keep you posted on the schedule of the Jazz Festival so that you decide the best venues to attend. Keep your ear on the ground for the unscheduled Jazz sessions that usually unfold during this night. Also do keep your ALL ACCESS Jazz Pass handy to make sure you have complete access to concerts and music events. *Return transportation by taxi is at own cost and is both safe as well as easily arranged at the entrance.*

Dec 5 - Jan 21: 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 and enjoy your dinner in one of the best restaurants in Havana: the Otramanera! Overnight at the hotel. [B/L/D/E]

Signature option – Horse riding tour: Visit a real tobacco plantation and other crops farms, inside the country in the heart of National Park, talk with farmers, visit a Mirador (lookout point) over the valley without tourists. The tour includes a 3-hour ride with stops at Vega Tobacco, later at Coffee and Honey House and, finally, at the lookout where real Cubans farmers will prepare a Criollo lunch.

Signature evening event: attend the **closing ceremony of the 33rd International Jazz Festival of Havana 2017**. Please, do not forget your All Access Jazz Pass. *Return transportation by taxi is at own cost and is both safe as well as easily arranged at the entrance.*

Day 5 - Jan 22: Havana, USA

Unfortunately all good things have an end! We hope this unique Havana vacation left wonderful memories to share with your family and friends for many years and you decide to come with us again to discover another unforgettable Cuban insertion! Your guide will pick you up to take you to the airport at the convened time so you can complete your departure formalities in good time and board your flight back home! [B]

[B] = Breakfast | [D/S] = Dinner and Show | [B/L/D/E] = Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner and Signature Event

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.

Your Tour Includes:

- VIP assistance on arrival
- Round trip transfers between airport and hotel
- 5 nights accommodation in Havana
- Meals
 - Breakfast daily at the hotel
 - All lunches and dinners at famous restaurants
- Premium Access to all activities of Jazz Plaza Festival 2018 including:
 - Access to all locations programmed for the event
 - Event program and poster (complimentary materials)
 - Inauguration Gala Dinner
 - Invitation to Organizer’s Party offered to participating artists
 - Sweatshirt and bag imprinted with the event’s logo
 - Souvenir

- Rum Experience
- Vintage car drive
- Viñales Day Tour
- Tailor-made sightseeing
- English speaking guide
- Entrance fees where required
- All taxes

Your Tour does not include:

- International or domestic airfares
- Taxes and fees related to air transportation
- 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

Hotel in your Tour:

City	Hotel Name	Room Type	Tripadvisor
Havana	NH Capri	Standard	4

Hotel will be confirmed at time of booking

Tour Prices:

Price in Double Room: \$2,679 per person

Additional Taxes: \$113

Optional Cuban Visa: \$60 (May be purchased at airport)

Tour Code: CU13HAV17FV