

Sample – Havana & Vinales – 6 Nights

Trip Summary

Thursday · January 9th, 2025 – Wednesday · January 15th, 2025

Thursday · January 9th	Arrival at Jose Marti International Airport in Havana, Cuba Your Guide and Driver(s) Escort You to the B&B Dinner at a Top Paladar Evening Entertainment: Fabrica de Arte Cubano
Friday · January 10th	Breakfast at Your Casa Cigar Factory Explore Old Havana by Foot Lunch at a Top Paladar Continue Walking Excursion of Old Havana Maxima Gallery of Contemporary Cuban Art Dinner at a Top Paladar
Saturday · January 11th	Breakfast at Your Casa Museo de Bellas Artes (National Museum of Fine Arts) with One of Cuba's Foremost Art Experts Salsa Dancing Class Lunch at a Top Paladar Visit Plaza de la Revolucion Explore Key Neighborhoods and Sites in Havana, including: Dinner at a Top Paladar
Sunday · January 12th	Breakfast at Your Casa Discover Fusterlandia, a neighborhood built on the work of artist Jose Fuster Sunday Festivities at Callejon de Hamel Lunch at a Top Paladar Visit a Few of Havana's Most Important Art Galleries Private Performance at the Home Studio of one of Cuba's Top Jazz Musicians Dinner at a Top Paladar
Monday · January 13th	Breakfast at Your Casa Stop at Las Terrazas to Meet Artists & Enjoy a Coffee at Cafe Maria Drive to the Countryside, Vinales, Cuba's Main Tobacco Growing Region Lunch at Family-Style, Farm-to-Table Restaurant Visit a Tobacco Farm and Learn about the Production Process and Cigar Industry Visit the Studio of Artist Ramón Vázquez León Home-Cooked Dinner at Your B&B (or dinner at a top paladar)
Tuesday · January 14th	Breakfast at Your Casa Cooking Class (Cafe Ajiaco) & Lunch

Wednesday · January 15th

Visit the Market in Old Havana and/or Make Other Last-Minute Stops

Dinner at a Top Paladar

Evening Entertainment: Live Music Claxon

Breakfast at Your Casa

3 Hours Prior to Your Departure Flight, Your Drivers Will Pick You Up at the Casa

Return flight from Havana to the USA

Thursday · January 9th

Arrival at Jose Marti International Airport in Havana, Cuba

Your Guide and Driver(s) Escort You to the B&B

Meet your guide and driver(s) at the airport. They will take you to your B&B, where you will check-in and settle-in.

Notes

The layout of the first day depends on the group's arrival time(s). CHACO Travel will adjust the schedule as needed.

Dinner at a Top Paladar

Notes

A "paladar" is the Cuban term for a restaurant

Evening Entertainment: Fabrica de Arte Cubano

Enjoy this incredible and unique venue, home to an always-impressive art exhibition, films and a fun nightlife scene including live music, dancing, bars, food stands, and more). This hip, avant-garde venue is open Thursday-Sunday night from 8pm to 3am.

Friday · January 10th

Breakfast at Your Casa

Cigar Factory

Visit the Corona cigar factory to get a look at the production line and to better understand the processes that lead to these world famous stogies.

Explore Old Havana by Foot

Explore Old Havana with your guide and learn about the city's most culturally rich and historically important neighborhood.

Lunch at a Top Paladar

Continue Walking Excursion of Old Havana

Maxima Gallery of Contemporary Cuban Art

Dinner at a Top Paladar

Saturday · January 11th

Breakfast at Your Casa

Museo de Bellas Artes (National Museum of Fine Arts) with One of Cuba's Foremost Art Experts

Visit the National Museum of Fine Arts, where you will be greeted by a very special guide, Nelson Herrera Ysla. As a professional artist and one of Cuba's most respected art historians and critics, Nelson has curated more than 30 exhibitions around the world and published hundreds of books and articles. Meanwhile, as the co-founder of the esteemed Wilfredo Lam Center, Nelson is responsible for organizing the Havana's Biennial Art Festival. The museum tour is particularly enlightening with respect to Cuba's art, social and political history.

Salsa Dancing Class

Lunch at a Top Paladar

Visit Plaza de la Revolucion

Visit Plaza de Revolucion, arguably the most important political square in the country. The square features beautiful statue of Cuba's national hero, Jose Marti, and imagery of revolutionaries Camilo Cienfuegos and Che Guevara. Surrounded by the most important government buildings, and in front of the representation of Marti, this is where Fidel Castro made his most important speeches.

Explore Key Neighborhoods and Sites in Havana, including:

- Vedado
 - Miramar
 - El Bosque
 - Malecon
 - Paseo del Prado
 - Parque Central
 - Capitolio
 - And more
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Dinner at a Top Paladar

Breakfast at Your Casa

Discover Fusterlandia, a neighborhood built on the work of artist Jose Fuster

Sunday Festivities at Callejon de Hamel

Every Sunday there is special Afro-Cuban fiesta in this small, popular alley developed by artist Salvador Escalona and other Cuban artists. The art project has particularly strong political and cultural significance. Be forewarned that the festival is occasionally canceled, but it's important to visit this unique area regardless of the party.

Lunch at a Top Paladar

Visit a Few of Havana's Most Important Art Galleries

Private Performance at the Home Studio of one of Cuba's Top Jazz Musicians

Visit the home studio of one of Cuba's top jazz musicians and band leaders. He and his group will treat you to a variety of their tunes, which are influenced by Afro-Cuban and traditional jazz styles.

Dinner at a Top Paladar

Breakfast at Your Casa

Stop at Las Terrazas to Meet Artists & Enjoy a Coffee at Cafe Maria

Stop at this tranquil eco-village that has attracted a striking community of artists whose workshops and studios are open to the public. That said, the main attraction of Las Terrazas is its lush natural environment and the beauty of the tropical countryside.

Drive to the Countryside, Vinales, Cuba's Main Tobacco Growing Region

Lunch at Family-Style, Farm-to-Table Restaurant

Enjoy a fantastic, farm-to-table lunch and stunning views of the valley at one of our favorite countryside restaurants.

Visit a Tobacco Farm and Learn about the Production Process and Cigar Industry

Check out a tobacco farm, where you will learn about the growing and processing of tobacco, as well as the wider industry. Learn about the production process, the industry, and cigars in general. This is your chance to access the growers/producers of Cuba's tobacco, a country with grand footprint in the global tobacco market.

Visit the Studio of Artist Ramón Vázquez León

Visit the studio of the highly-regarded Cuban artist, Ramón Vázquez León, who was born and lives in Vinales.

Home-Cooked Dinner at Your B&B (or dinner at a top paladar)

Return to your accommodations in Havana, where you can relax and enjoy a home-cooked meal.

Tuesday · January 14th

Breakfast at Your Casa

Cooking Class (Cafe Ajiaco) & Lunch

Head to Cafe Ajiaco, a successful restaurant located in Cojimar, a small fishing village just outside of Havana. Visit the cafe's organic, urban gardens located close to the restaurant. After returning to the cafe, the chef will give an introduction about Cuban cuisine and explain the traditional Cuban dish, Ajiaco, after which the restaurant is named. Then, learn how to prepare ropa vieja (delicious shredded meat dish made of beef or lamb), seafood in a creole sauce, and a batch of mojitos.

Finally, enjoy your lunch!

Visit the Market in Old Havana and/or Make Other Last-Minute Stops

Your guide will take you to the main, large market in Old Havana, which offers most of the souvenirs you see around town. You can check out a few more art galleries or return to one buy a piece.

Also feel free to ask your guide to make any other stops you may have missed during the week.

Dinner at a Top Paladar

Evening Entertainment: Live Music Claxon

The Claxon, a boutique hotel, has live music every night of the week. CHACO will make reservations and pay your entrance fees. The music usually begins around 930 to 10pm.

Wednesday · January 15th

Breakfast at Your Casa

3 Hours Prior to Your Departure Flight, Your Drivers Will Pick You Up at the Casa

Three hours before your flight, your drivers will escort you to Jose Marti International Airport.

Notes

We suggest leaving 3 hours before your flight. If you prefer to leave earlier, that is fine. Please let your guide know at least one day in advance.

Return flight from Havana to the USA

Return trip to the USA