

# USA-CUBA TOURS – WEEKEND IN HAVANA TOUR

(5 Days/4 Nights)

## SAMPLE ITINERARY SUMMARY

### **DAY 1 – THURSDAY: MEET AND GREET IN FT. LAUDERDALE, THEN FLY TO HAVANA**

- Arrival in Ft. Lauderdale and depart for Havana, Cuba at 1:15pm
- Transportation from airport to 5-star hotel Melia Cohiba
  - Check-in and relax
- Meet & greet fellow guest and people-to-people tour orientation
- Dinner is open for the group, we can make recommendations and help with transportation.
- People-to-People activities/tour starts at 8:30am

### **DAY 2 – FRIDAY: GETTING TO KNOW HAVANA, ARCHITECTURE AND HISTORY, EDUCATION**

- Breakfast in hotel (included)
- Meet in front of Hotel where you'll meet your local Cuban guide
- Guided tour of Old Havana (full-day walking) UNESCO site
  1. Visit Old Havana with a special guided walking tour with a local Cuban historian, where you'll learn about the history of Cuba and its people through visiting the Plaza de Armas, El Templete, and La Cathedral San Cristobal de la Habana. During these stops we'll meet various groups of Cubans people and we'll have an opportunity to discuss opening life in Cuba. This tour will take you from the Malecon all the way to the capital with stops along the way, such as, La Bodeguita for an authentic mojito and El Florita for a strawberry daiquiri just the way Hemingway enjoyed them.
  2. During this tour, we'll relax and enjoy lunch at an authentic Cuban restaurant in the heart of Havana during our walking tour (includes 1 main entrée and 2 drinks (water, soda, juice, beer, Cuban Libre, Mojito))
- Return to hotel to relax and freshen up
- Meet for Dinner at a nice Cuban Restaurant (includes 1 main entrée and 2 drinks (water, soda, juice, beer, Cuban Libre, Mojito))
- After Dinner, we're off to see Cuba Historical Cannon Ceremony – Starts at 8:30pm.

### **DAY 3 – SATURDAY: BEAUTIFUL TOUR OF CUBA'S COUNTRYSIDE (VINALES), SEE HOW CIGARS ARE GROWN AND PRODUCED IN CUBA**

- Breakfast at hotel (included)
- Meet in front of Hotel where you'll meet your local Cuban guide
- Guided tour through Pinar del Rio province to Vinales
  1. The scenic drive along the "Ruta del Tobacco" will take you into the lush surroundings of the Pinar del Rio Province.
  2. While visiting a tobacco farm and see a Cigar rolling demonstration, we'll learn from an agricultural expert on Cuban farming challenges and future expectations.
  3. Lunch at an authentic Cuban Paladar (included)
  4. Visit the Mural de la Prehistoria (The Great Wall) with a Cuban local historian expert
  5. Boat ride through underground India caves with a local Cuban historian expert
  6. Horseback Riding (optional)
- Return to Havana hotel to relax and freshen up
- Dinner at a lovely Cuban Restaurant (includes 1 main entrée and 2 drinks (water, soda, juice, beer, Cuban Libre, Mojito))
- Entertainment at the famous Tropicana (optional).

### **DAY 4 – SUNDAY: BEAUTIFUL DAY IN HAVANA, CUBA!!!!**

- Breakfast in hotel (included)
- Meet in front of Hotel where you'll meet your Cuban guide
- We'll visit Fusterlandia in a Vintage Classic Convertible Car where we'll meet local artist who have contributed to Fusterlandia and get a chance to meet Jose Fuster.
- Then the Classic cars will drop you off at the beautiful Hotel Nacional
- Lunch at Hotel Nacional (includes 1 main entrée and 2 drinks (water, soda, juice, beer, Cuban Libre, Mojito))
- We'll meet an expert on hotel Nacional history and we'll learn about all about the famous and mysteries of this beautiful hotel. We'll also get a chance to visit the beautiful garden of Hotel Nacional
- Then we're off to visit the Callejon de Hammell show and dance of Afro-Cuban religions through the art created by Salvador González. The buildings are lined with brightly-colored paintings, murals, sculptures and objects, which depict rituals and deities. Also, rumba groups play here every Sunday.
- Back to your hotel to rest and relax

- Meet for dinner at Local Cuban Restaurant (includes 1 main entrée and 2 drinks (water, soda, juice, beer, Cuban Libre, Mojito))
- Back to hotel to rest and relax
- We can recommend some entertainment like the Buena Vista Social Club (not included)

#### **DAY 5 – MONDAY: SAY FAREWELL TO CUBA OUR OLD FRIEND**

- Breakfast in hotel (included)
- Transfer from hotel to Havana's José Martí International Airport
- Arrive in Ft. Lauderdale International Airport
- Process through Customs and Immigrations
- Back home and missing Cuba already