

Cuba People-to-People Itinerary

April 9th - 18th







* Arrival *

[Sunday, April 9th]

1:30pm

Arrive in Havana Jose Marti International Airport

Make your way to your accommodations: **Hostal Bredent 2.** A car will be there for airport pick up.

Get settled in. Get to know your host. Practice your Spanish. Set up a taxi collectivo for the following morning, and get some sleep!

Tomorrow will be an early morning!



Day 2: Travel to Camarioca

[Monday, April 10th]

8:00am

Early breakfast with hosts in Havana

10:00am

Catch a taxi collectivo to travel to accomodations in Camarioca, Matanzas.

2:00pm

Arrive in Camarioca for check in, get settled in. **Address:** Calle A, s/n, Playa, Final, Boca de Camarioca, Matanzas Get to know host. Plot route to next destination (Pinar Del Rio). If need be, take this time to go Viazul station to buy a ticket. Figuring this out is priority No. 1. Talk to host about the possibility of traveling by camione, or by train.

3:30 / 4:00pm

Catch a taxi to Matanzas.

4:00 / 4:30

Arrive in Matanzas. Have time to get to know the city. Visit Museo Farmaceutico. Go out for an authentic Cuban dinner. Go to Ermita de Monserrate for sunset.

8:30pm

Catch a taxi back to Camarioca



Day 3: Full Day In Camarioca + Matanzas

[Tuesday, April 11th]

8:00am

Authentic Cuban breakfast with hosts.

9:00am

Catch a ride to Cueva de Saturno to enjoy and learn about Cuba's natural beauty.

3:00pm

Return to accommodations for short siesta.

4:00pm

Taxi to Matanzas



Day 4: Travel Day (Camarioca → Pinar del Rio)

[Wednesday, April 12th]

8:00am

Authentic Cuban breakfast with Hosts.

8:45am

Depart for Pinar Del Rio

5:00pm

Arrive in Pinar Del Rio, go to accommodations, get to know hosts and hire a car for the next morning.

Address: Calle Marti #119 Apto. 4 Rafael Morales y Ramon Gonzalez Coro

6:00pm

Explore Pinar Del Rio in the early evening. First, try to go to Teatro José Jacinto Milanés—if it's not open, come back the next morning. Go out to try the local food. Practice Spanish with the locals.

10:30pm

Head back to accommodations. Get some sleep. It will have been a long day.



Day 5: Pinar Del Rio + Valle de Viñales

[Thursday, April 13th]

8:00am

Authentic Cuban breakfast with hosts.

9:00am

Visit Fábrica de Tabacos Francisco Donatien to see some of the local tobacco industry. Also, visit Casa Taller to learn about the city's artistic culture and Pedro Pablo Oliva.

12:00pm

Go back to accomodations, to get a taxi collective from Pinar Del Rio to Viñales. **Address:** Calle A entre Calle 5ta y calle 1ra, Edificio#5, 22400, Viñales

12:30 / 1:00 pm

Arrive in Viñales, go to accommodations. Check in time is not until 2:00pm, so take some time to talk to host to schedule activities for the following day.

2:00pm — 3:00pm

Check-in, get settled. Rent bikes to get around the city. Explore, be back in time for dinner with hosts.

6:00pm

Dinner with hosts. Practice Spanish with them.

8:00pm

Attend Cuban Party in Polo Montanez (near city square).

10:30pm

Bed time. Head back to accommodations to get some rest.



Day 6: Valle de Viñales

[Friday, April 14th]

8:00am

Eat breakfast with hosts.

9:30am

Horseback riding through tobacco plantations. Factor in a break for lunch.

4:30pm

Arrive back at accommodations for a siesta.

5:30/6:00pm

Authentic Cuban dinner with hosts.

8:00pm

Go out visit hotels recommended by host: Ermita and Jasmines. Spend last night explore the town.

10:00pm

Lights out! Back to Havana in the morning.



Day 7: Back To Havana

[Saturday, April 15th]

9:00am

Authentic Cuban breakfast with hosts in Viñales. Say goodbye to hosts.

10:30am

Taxi collectivo back to Havana.

12:30 / 1:00pm

Arrive in Havana. Go to accommodations, which are the same as the first time in Havana. Greet host, settle back in. Check-in time is (officially) 2:00pm, so there may be some waiting.

3:00pm

Explore Old Havana! Take a walk down the Malecon. Use this as a day for pictures, and to get to know the city.

7:00pm

Cuban dinner with hosts

9:00pm

Head to Fabrica del Artes Cubano (FAC), try to beat the line. Spend the night enjoying and interacting with Cuban culture. That night will be **Session Dj Productores: Iván Lejardi** (at 9:00pm) and **Rock and Roll en FAC: Habalama** (at 12:00am).



Day 8: Full Day In Havana

[Sunday, April 16th]

9:00am

Breakfast with hosts.

10:00am

Visit the **Museum of the Revolution** to learn about the rise of Fidel Castro from the Cuban perspective.

12:00pm

Cuban cooking class, organized by host.

3:00pm

Take a short siesta.

6:00pm

Dinner reservations at La Cocina.

7:30pm

Photography tour at dusk. Bring your cameras!

9:00pm

Head back to Fabrica del Artes Cubano (FAC). The line should be shorter on Sunday. Go to **Ludi Teatro presenta "El espejo"** (at 9:00pm) to experience some Cuban film. That night there will be a hip hop showcase as well.

12:00am

Go to a bar called **1803** for a night cap and more Cuban music!



Day 9: Last Full Day In Havana

[Monday, April 17th]

9:00am

Breakfast with hosts.

10:00am

Take a taxi collectivo to the **Hemmingway House**.

12:00pm

Authentic Cuban lunch back in Havana.

1:30pm

More history! Visit the Cuban Missile Crises Tunnels

3:00pm

Take a tour of Morro Castle.

4:30pm

Visit **331** Art Space to see more of the Havana Art Scene.

6:00pm

Dinner reservations at **Casa Abel**. Enjoy fine Cuban food and smoke a few cigars during this last night.

8:00pm

Go to Siá Kará Café for drinks and more Cuban music.

10:00pm

Lights out! Get some rest for the trip home.



Day 10: Fly Back Home

[Tuesday, April 18th]

8:30am

Breakfast with hosts in Havana. Thank them for their hospitality

10:00am

Taxi collectivo to the airport. Begin the process of getting to the gate as early as possible.

2:30pm

Fly out of Cuba!