Auburn Honors College Cuba Adventures

Itinerary

**Day 1** Havana Casas

Depart ATL for HAV

Check-into Lodging

Lunch

Transfer to Old Havana in classic American cars

Intro to Cuban dance - private salsa lesson in Old Havana at *La Casa del Son*

Walking tour of Old Havana, *La Habana Vieja*, a UNESCO World Heritage City: the Old City’s four main plazas: *Plaza Vieja, Plaza de las Armas, Plaza Catedral, Plaza San Francisco*; including *Ernest Hemingway* haunts at *Hotel Ambos Mundos* and *Bar Floridita; Plaza Catedral*

Dinner

Musical evening in Havana

**Day 2** Cienfuegos Casas

Breakfast at lodging

Transfer to *Cienega de Zapata Biosphere Reserve*, a UNESCO World Heritage site

Trip upriver to *Guamá Village* – aboriginal Cuban settlement

Lunch

Hike sender *Enigma de las Rocas* with resident naturalist guide
Tour museum commemorating the failed CIA-led American invasion of 1962 at *Playa Giron* ("Bay of Pigs")

Transfer through the pastoral Cuban countryside to *Cienfuegos* town

Check-in to lodging

Dinner
Musical evening in Cienfuegos

**Day 3  Cienfuegos  Casas**

Breakfast at lodging

Transfer to Trinidad (est.1514) via *El Nicho* waterfall and pools (hike & swim)

Hike the *Escambray Mountains* – nature galore, en route

Lunch en route

Walking tour of *Trinidad* and its Spanish colonial architectural gems

Check-in to casas

Dinner

Musical evening in Trinidad town

**Day 4  Trinidad**

Breakfast at lodging

Early start and tour the *Valley of the Sugar Mills* - Cuba’s lost economy

Climb *El Torre* for 360-degree views (optional)

Transfer to *Playa Ancon* - beach snorkel and swim

Lunch at *Playa Ancon*

Musical evening in Trinidad

**Day 5  Santa Clara**

Breakfast at lodging

Visit famous *Santander* pottery studio and shop

Lunch
Transfer to Santa Clara

Visit the Che Guevara mausoleum and monument

Dinner

Musical evening in Trinidad

Day 6  Havana

Breakfast at lodging

Early transfer to Jovellanos

Meet with Jovellanos community leaders; learn how churches provide services and programs aiding the old, the disabled and orphans; deliver gifts/donations

Tour and discussion with the quixotic ceramicist Hector Correa at his farm

Lunch at Finca Hector Correa

Transfer to Havana via Matanzas town

Dinner

Musical evening in Havana

Day 7  Havana

Breakfast at lodging

Transfer to East Havana village of Cojimar,

Cooking and mojito lesson at Ajiaco paladar, one of Cuba’s first private restaurants

Early lunch at Ajiaco
Transfer to Ernest Hemingway’s Havana estate Finca Vigia (“Vigil Farm”)

Dinner

Musical evening in Havana

Day 8  Havana
Breakfast at lodging

Tour *Museum of the Revolution* and *Museum of Fine Arts*

Visit *Hotel Nacional*

Lunch at *Starbien*

Free time in Old Havana or at lodging

Musical evening in Havana

**Day 9**  
Viñales  Casa

Early breakfast at residence

Transfer to Viñales via *Soroa* orchid gardens, waterfall and *Rio San Juan* walk

Viewpoint of the Valley at *Balcón de Valle*

Lunch at *Finca Agroecologica El Paraiso*, family-operated sustainable produce farm

Visit *Finca Robaino*, one of Cuba’s oldest and most productive tobacco plantations

Visit Cueva del Indio and boat ride through cave

Check-in to casas

Dinner

Musical evening at Centro Cultural Polo Montañez & El Palenque

**Day 10**  
Havana

Breakfast at Casa

Hike in *Las Terrazas Biosphere*, a UNESCO Heritage Reserve, with resident naturalist

Ziplining [optional—additional cost to traveler]

Lunch
Transfer to Havana

Dinner

Last night in Cuba!

**Day 11  Havana**

Breakfast at Residence

Visit *Fusterlandia* - an imaginative *Jaimanitas* neighborhood improvement project envisioned by the "*Picasso of Cuba,*" [Jose Fuster](https://www.josefuster.com/)

Lunch

Free time in Old Havana

Farewell Cuba!

**Trip Inclusions:**

Round trip air Miami – Cuba; Cuba Visas, Mandatory Cuba Health insurance; airport transfers, currency exchange program U.S.D. to CUP; group gratuities, Dr. Sippial at no charge; lodging, transportation and guiding; lecturer honoraria, admissions & fees; Certificate of Insurance naming Auburn University as additional loss payee.

**Trip Exclusions:**

Alcoholic beverages; purchases; snacks; individual gratuities to guides & drivers; optional trip insurance (links provided); checked baggage/overweight baggage fees; Cuba airport tax, as assessed by airline or Cuba airport