

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 Paraíso***, 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***

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

