



# Cuba Culinaría

4 NIGHTS • HAVANA GETAWAY FEATURING THE FLAVORS, CULTURE, AND PEOPLE OF CUBA



# Highlights

- Stay in a **bed and breakfast** in Havana and experience family life
- Enjoy a hands-on **home-hosted cooking class** by a top chef featuring some of Cuba's most prized dishes
- Walk through a **local market** with a Cuban chef and learn about typical Cuban products
- Take part in an educational **rum and cigar pairing**
- Panoramic Tour of Havana in an **American antique Car**
- **Sample small bites** in one of Havana's paladar restaurants of some of Cuba's most delicious foods
- Visit the Hemingway House and Museum for an extensive look at the author's life in Cuba.
- Visit a local farm and sample some of its local products at a delicious **farm-to-table lunch**
- Eat in one of Havana's **private restaurant projects** where they grow much of their own spices, vegetables and even honey!
- Learn how to make your very own Cuban cocktails during a **Cuban cocktails mixology** class
- Experience **Old Havana** on a **food tour** stopping to learn about the city's history, architecture and specialty foods (such as chocolates, coffee, churros, malta and other local favorites)



# Your Itinerary

## Day 1 Thursday

- Arrival in Havana International Airport, transfer to your accommodations.
- Check into Casa Particular.
- Brief meeting with your local guide and hosts in your casa particular to go over the program.
- Panoramic tour by American antique car of Havana, where you will see some of the city's emblematic places, like the 18th century University, one of America's oldest; the inviting Malecón; the time witnessed Paseo del Prado and the eye-catching Capitol. Make a stop to take pictures at the Revolution Square.
- Visit to the art studio of Cuban painter Jose Fúster, to learn about his work and the importance of his community Project.
- Welcome dinner at a local restaurant, starting with the classic Daiquirí cocktail. Sample various Cuban specialties in small bites. Meet with the chef to learn more about his creations and the whole concept of a paladar in Cuba, a privately-run restaurant.
- Return to the casa particular where you can "hangout" with the family, enjoy an after-dinner digestif drink, or even head over to the nearby Malecon to people watch!



## Day 2 Friday

- Breakfast at the casa particular
- This morning start with an Old Havana walking tour with stops along the way to sample some of the local flavors. Visit the main city squares and learn about the city's rich history and fascinating architecture. Enjoy some local chocolates made with real Cuban cacao, sip on a Cuban espresso, savor the sweetness of a freshly made tropical juice, and even sample street foods such as churros or small roasted peanuts. The shopkeepers and vendors will explain their products throughout.
- Then it's off to a visit with local artisans and artists at the San Jose Craft market where you may want to purchase some souvenirs to take home.
- You will also have an opportunity to sit and enjoy a drink at the local "cervezeria" or microbrewery if you'd like to cool off!
- Return to casa.
- Head over to a popular bar and restaurant to embark on a Cuban cocktail mixology class before dinner. Learn how to make mojitos, daiquiris, rum Collins, piña coladas and more! Sample these delicious libations and enjoy a carefully prepared dinner featuring local favorites.
- Return to the casa.



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## Day 3 Saturday

- Breakfast at the casa.
- Start off this morning by meeting a Cuban chef at your casa and head over to one of the local produce markets to learn more about local fruits, root vegetables and other vegetables found typically in Cuban dishes.
- Then head over to the casa particular for a comprehensive Cuban cooking lesson where you will not only learn how to make some of Cuba's most popular dishes, but you'll also get to help the chef prepare your lunch.
- Sample the various fruits of your labor during a family-style lunch at the casa complete with local beer, where you'll also enjoy your casa particular owner's company
- Visit to a neighborhood community project for kids to learn about its impact and positive influence on the community.
- Return to the hotel
- Free evening for dinner or enjoy an evening at the famed Tropicana Cabaret (not included).

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## Day 4 Sunday

- This morning, visit the Hemingway Museum. During this interesting stop, you will learn about the life and work of the famous American writer, and his relationship with and love for Cuba.
- Then head over to a nearby farm to learn about the various crops, livestock, and products this farm is known for. Enjoy an explanation on the local cheeses and dried meats made onsite and their arrangements with various suppliers.
- Here you will enjoy a farm-to-table lunch featuring genuinely-grown and made Cuban food.
- This afternoon meet a Habanosommelier, a Cuban cigar expert, to experience a cigar and rum tasting, where you'll learn in depth how to properly pair these two Cuban favorites and learn about their entire production process.
- Say adios to Cuba Culinaria, as you enjoy some Cuban music this evening at your farewell dinner, complete with a farewell cocktail and a 3-course meal!

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## Day 4 Monday

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Departure transfer towards the Havana International Airport.

# Accommodation choice

Bed and breakfast, locally known as casa particular in the heart of Havana, in the Vedado district. This beautiful Art Deco buildings, just a few steps from the Malecon is equipped



## SPECIAL PRICING

**All 2018 dates: \$1399 per person in double room, \$1599 per person in single, \$1199 per person in triple**

**Oct 11-15 / Oct 27-Nov 1 / Nov 18-22 / Nov 29-Dec 3 / Dec 13-17 / Dec 20-24**

**Jan-Apr 2019: \$1499 per person in double room, \$1699 per person in single, \$1299 per person in triple**

**Jan 10-14 / Jan 24-28 / Feb 7-11 / Feb 14-18 / Mar 14-18 / Mar 28-APR 1 / Apr 11-15 / Apr 25-29**

**May-Jun 2019: \$1399 per person in double room, \$1599 per person in single, \$1199 per person in triple**

**May 16-20 / Jun 6-10**

## Program includes

- Accompanying Local Guide
- Private Driver with sedan, minivan or motorcoach
- Arrival and departure transfers
- Accommodation choice
- 10 Included Meals with drinks (4 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 3 dinners)
- Activities and entrances as indicated in the program



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