



Solo Travelers International Cuba Itinerary

Day 1 Saturday, Nov 11 - Depart USA for Santa Clara, Cuba

After arrival in Cuba, check-in to hotel in Santa Clara. Take time to relax and enjoy the beautiful surroundings before indulging in a dinner buffet at the hotel followed by musical entertainment at pool side.

Los Caneyes Hotel (or similar)

Meals: D

Day 2 Sunday, Nov 12 - December 29 Santa Clara - Cienfuegos

After breakfast at the hotel, we take a tour of the Che Guevara monument and museum.

Then we depart for the charming town of Cienfuegos known as the “Pearl of the South” with its gorgeous French architecture. Upon arrival, have lunch at Los Mampares, one of the most popular paladars (privately owned restaurant) in town.

After lunch, take a walking tour of the Palacio de Valle, Teator Terry and Jose Marti Park. We have free time to shop in the market before departing for our hotel.

After checking into our hotel overlooking the stunning ocean landscapes, enjoy a delicious buffet dinner.

Hotel Jagua (or similar)

Meals: B, L, D

Day 3 Monday, Nov 13 - Cienfuegos – Trinidad

After breakfast at the hotel we depart for Trinidad, a charming city with cobblestone streets settled in 1514 by the Spaniards. On the way, we stop at the Mirador del Valle for a breathtaking vista of the Valley of the Sugar Mills. Then drive to a historic sugar plantation in the area for a fascinating guided tour and narration of the how sugar cane is processed.

After arriving in Trinidad, we enjoy lunch at the San Jose Restaurant, one of the top-rated restaurants in this historic town known for its Spanish dish, *Paella*. After lunch, we take a walking tour of the square with its famous steps. Then in the later afternoon, spend some free time shopping and/or delighting the town’s musical entertainment.

In the evening, we take our short drive back to Cienfuegos, where we have dinner at the hotel and a comfortable overnight stay.

Hotel Jagua (or similar)

Meals: B, L, D

Day 4 Tuesday, Nov 14 - Cienfuegos

After breakfast, depart for the Botanical Gardens in Cienfuegos, Cuba’s biggest gardens. Enjoy the rest of the day in Cienfuegos at your leisure or take the optional tour to the historical Bay of Pigs Museum with snorkeling at Playa Larga.

In the evening, we have a drink on the rooftop of the Palacio de Valle while watching the sunset, then enjoy a delicious dinner at the hotel.

Hotel Jagua (or similar)

Meals: B, D

Day 5 Wednesday, Nov 15 - Cienfuegos – Havana

After breakfast, we depart for Havana. The city remains the most charming city not only in Cuba, but also in the entire Caribbean. Upon arrival in Havana we take a guided tour of Morro Castle, then take a walking tour of Old Havana, including the Malecón, Parque Central, Bar Floridita; Bodeguita del Medio, Plaza de Armas and Plaza de La Catedral. Then have a light lunch on the rooftop terrace of Hotel Ambos Mundos, one of Ernest Hemingway's favorite hotels with stunning views of the city.

Next we visit the Hotel Nacional where many famous entertainers and political figures stayed and have a *Welcome to Havana* drink on the terrace.

After checking into our hotel, we get picked up in a Classic Car and driven to dinner at Vistamar, one of Havana's swanky sea-side restaurants.

Paseo Habana Hotel

Meals: B, L, D

Day 6 Thursday, Nov 16 - Havana

After breakfast take a guided tour of the Museum of the Revolution. Then take a walking tour of Plaza de San Francisco de Asís and Plaza Vieja, including La "Zanja Real"

Attend an entertaining cooking and mojito lesson at La Foresta Restaurant with a talented and well respected Cuban chef followed by a delicious authentically Cuban lunch.

After lunch take the tour to Ernest Hemingway's Havana estate and Museum at Finca La Vigia. One the way back, stop in Cojimar, the favorite fishing village of Ernest Hemingway.

Return to the hotel to freshen up before departing for dinner at at Los Nardos overlooking Havana's capitol building.

Evening – Optional tour to the Tropicana Show.

Paseo Habana Hotel

Meals: B, L, D

Day 7 Friday, Nov 17 - Havana – Varadero

In the morning we visit the world famous Cemetario de Colon, one of the largest cemeteries in the world. The monuments are truly great works of art. Spend the remainder of the day at leisure taking in the sights and sounds of this vibrant city or take the optional tour to Varadero, one of Cuba's #1 beaches and tourist resorts.

Evening – Optional tour to La Taberna El Beny for the famous music and dance performance by the Buena Vista Social Club.

Paseo Habana Hotel

Meals: B

Day 8 Saturday, Nov 18 - Havana - Viñales

After breakfast, depart for Viñales. Upon arrival, take a short boat ride through the famous caves, the Cueva del Indio. Then hike or horseback ride through the Viñales Valley, a UNESCO World heritage site with a stop at a tobacco farm and a coffee plantation.

Then have lunch at Casa Campo Mileidys overlooking the Viñales Valley. Afterward, visit the *Mural de la Prehistoria* or shop in the popular Viñales market.

Enjoy a farewell dinner at our hotel while sharing our favorite memories of Cuba.

Hotel Los Jazmines (or similar)

Meals: B, L, D

Day 9 Sunday, Nov 19 - Viñales - Havana – USA

After breakfast transfer from Viñales to Havana International Airport for your return flight to the USA.

Meals: B

NOTE: This itinerary is subject to change due to weather and other conditions beyond our control.

Cuba requires that all arriving travelers have a Tourist Visa to enter the country. This visa needs to be purchased in advance for all non-Cuban born travelers that are traveling under one of the 12 permitted categories. Please add \$95 to your deposit check for the visa, processing and shipping/handling. There are two documents you must have to travel to Cuba, a passport valid for 6 months from the date of travel and the Tourist Visa. The Tourist Visa is perforated in two sections. The immigration representative will keep one perforated portion and the second section will be turned in upon departure from Cuba. *Please do not detach the two separate sides. Customs in Cuba is responsible for this.