

HAVANA, CUBA

5-day itinerary

Spend five days to discover the colonial and architectural gems of Havana, experience the quintessential Cuban life, arts and culture and partake in the new food revolution that is sweeping the city.



Day 1

BREAKFAST

Breakfast at your Casa

AM

Start your trip with an introduction to Havana's rich architectural history by taking a walking tour around Habana Vieja's Old Town. Make [Plaza de la Catedral](#) your first stop and wander around the other main squares: [Plaza de Armas](#), [Plaza de Francisco](#) and [Plaza Vieja](#). Be sure to check out the museums and art galleries in the said plazas.

LUNCH

[Paladar Los Mercaderes](#): Order the 'dance of the seafood', a plate-full of char grilled lobster, fish, shrimps, octopus, and crawfish.



Dance of the seafood

PM

Walk around [Calle Mercaderes](#) where you can spot street performers and women in traditional costumes. Stop by the stunning perfume laboratory [Havana 1791](#) and pick up local perfume packaged in special bottles (a perfect present). Make a quick pit stop at [Museo Del Chocolate](#) for a cold milk chocolate drink.

Head back to Plaza de la Cathedral and spend the afternoon at the [Taller Experimental de Gráfica](#) where you can watch local artists in action.

DINNER

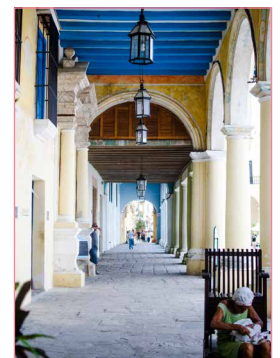
[Paladar Doña Eutemia](#) (reservation is a must). Sample their Shredded Beef in red sauce served with a side salad, rice and beans. Wash down your meal with a frozen mojito.



Plaza de la Catedral

DRINKS

End your evening at the historical [La Bodeguita Del Medio](#), known as one of Ernest Hemingway's favorite Mojito bars.



Plaza Vieja

BREAKFAST

Breakfast at your Casa

AM

Start your day early to avoid the tourist crowd at Parque Histórico Militar Morro-Cabaña where you can easily spend your morning visiting the [Fortaleza de San Carlos de la Cabana](#), the largest fort in the Americas and [Area Expositiva Crisis de Octubre](#). Take in the stunning view of the Malecon from the other side.

LUNCH

[Café Bohemia](#): Located at Plaza Vieja, this cute café is run by an Italian family. Try their pasta dish of the day and their strawberry and pepper gin and tonic.



[Café Bohemia](#)

PM

After lunch, partake in a tour at [Museo del Ron](#) and learn about the history of Havana Club. The best part of the tour is obviously the rum tasting session at the end. Then head towards [Convento de San Francisco de Asís' Salón Blanco](#) to a permanent exhibition of Leonardo di Vinci's drawings of his famous inventions.

Day 2

DINNER

[El Chanchullero](#): This hole in wall tapas bar is packed with backpackers because of its cheap drinks, good food, and generally cool atmosphere (there's an outside sign that reads 'Hemingway was never here').

DRINKS

[Factoria Plaza Vieja](#): This microbrewery has a wonderful atmosphere especially at night. Enjoy fresh blanco (blonde) or negra (dark) beers while listening to the live band.



[Plaza Vieja](#)

Day 3

BREAKFAST

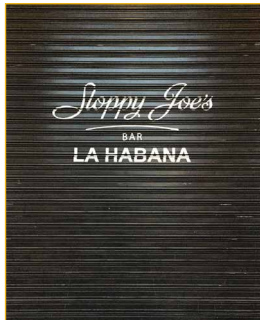
Breakfast at your Casa

AM

Explore Centro Habana starting with the [Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes](#) and discover Cuba's rich art history and modern art installations. Discover the architectural grandeur of [El Capitolio](#) then wander around the park nearby.

LUNCH

[Sloppy Joe's](#): Make it a boozy lunch at the original Sloppy Joe's. If you're brave, order the Sloppy Joe, otherwise stick to their burgers.



[Sloppy Joe's](#)

PM

Digest your lunch by tackling the busy street of [Calle Obispo](#). Here you can get a glimpse of how local Cubans enjoy their time. Make sure to stop by for an afternoon coffee and churros in the street.

Head back to [El Capitolio area](#) to see the coolest American vintage cars lined up for your choosing. Pick a top down version and go on a car tour (20-25 CUC) around Havana and cruise around the Malecon.

DINNER

Ask your driver to drop you off at [La Guarida](#) (reservation is a must) in Centro Habana. The restaurant is housed at the top of a magnificent abandoned mansion. It's the best fine dining destination in Havana. Order the oxtail risotto or the seared tuna in sugar cane skewer.



[El Capitolio area](#)

DRINKS

[Bertolt Brecht](#): Hang out with the hip Cubans at their local nightspot, Bertolt Brecht and listen to upcoming Cuban musicians. Bertolt Brecht is also known as 'No Se Lo Digas a Nadie' (don't tell anyone!).

BREAKFAST

Breakfast at your Casa

AM

Tour the [Fabrica de Tabacos Partagás](#), which is Havana's oldest tobacco factory (buy your entrance ticket at Habana Libre Hotel) and buy cigars at the end of the tour to take back home. Then walk the entire stretch [Paseo del Prado](#), a lively street filled with locals, artists, and tourists. Check out the neighboring galleries on both sides of the granite pedestrian street.

LUNCH

[Los Nardos](#): Popular among locals and tourists alike, this place is always packed (expect a queue). Menu is extensive and portions are large so don't get carried away with ordering.

PM

Watch a ballet performance at the [Gran Teatro de la Habana](#). Tickets need to be bought in advance at the venue (20 CUC). After the ballet performance, head over to [Hotel Nacional](#) for

mojitos at the hotel's outdoor courtyard overlooking the Malecon.

DINNER

[El Cocinero](#): Located at the trendy [Fábrica de Arte Cubano](#), this rooftop restaurant is the new Cuban hangout. Order the Duck Confit Blini and Grilled Fish.

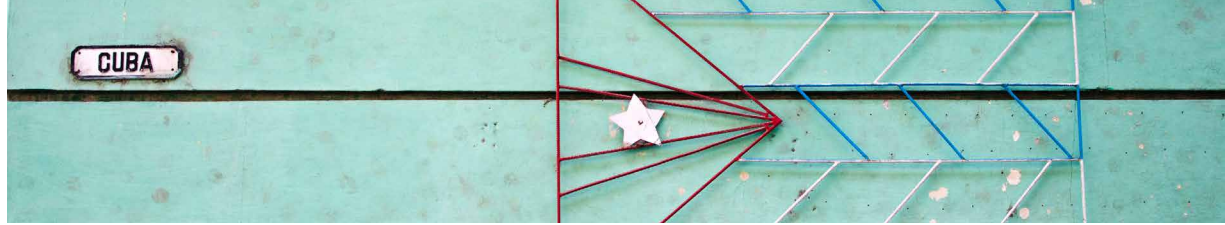
DRINKS

[Fábrica de Arte Cubano](#): (opens at 8PM) Is an old oil factory that's been transformed into an art space for established and emerging Cuban artists. A very cool hangout, the factory includes a theatre, club, a restaurant and bar. You can catch live performances on the weekend or an art house movie screening at midnight.

Day 4



Day 5



BREAKFAST

Breakfast at your Casa

AM

Get yourself something special from Cuba at the San Jose Harbour, a harbourside warehouse that's been transformed into an open artisan market. Here you can see and buy everything from local art to souvenir magnets. Then head to Café Escorial for coffee and buy freshly ground coffee to take back home. Just opposite the café, visit the Fototeca de Cuba, which holds the widest and valuable photographic heritage in Cuba.

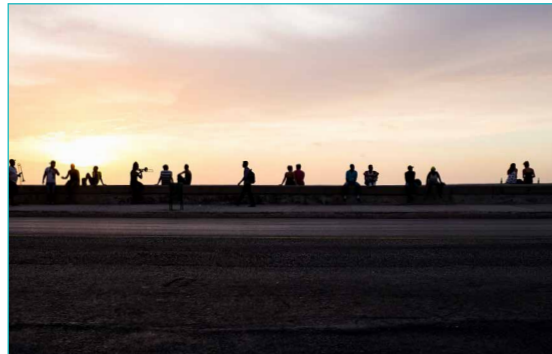
LUNCH

Paladar Los Amigos:

If it made Anthony Bourdain's 'No Reservation', you know it's good. Order the Tamales and Ropa Vieja.

PM

End your trip by having one last final look at Havana by walking along the Malecon and discover the different art installations erected along the esplanade. It's where everyone converges to watch the sunset.



Sunset at Malecon

DINNER

Ivan Chef Justo:

This eclectic restaurant is one of the best restaurants in Havana. Sample their suckling pig specialty (good for two).

DRINKS

End your trip with a bang at the cradle of daiquiris, El Floridita. The daiquiris are Ernest Hemingway's favorite and have been making this cocktail since the 1920s. There's nothing quite like it.



El Floridita

SEE/DO

Plaza de la Catedral

Old Havana (Havana Vieja), Havana, Cuba

Plaza de Armas

Tacon Street, Old Havana (Havana Vieja), Havana, Cuba

Plaza de San Francisco

Old Havana (Havana Vieja), Havana, Cuba

Plaza Vieja

Old Havana (Havana Vieja), Havana, Cuba

Calle Mercaderes Street

Mercaderes St., Old Havana (Havana Vieja), Havana, Cuba

Havana 1791

Mercaderes, e/ Lamparilla y Obraría, Old Havana (Havana Vieja), Havana, Cuba

Museo Del Chocolate

Mercaderes Street and Amargura | Old Havana, Havana, Cuba

Taller Experimental de Gráfica

Callejon del Chorro. Habana Vieja, Havana, Cuba

Fortaleza de San Carlos de la Cabana

Havana, Cuba

Museo del Ron Havana Club

Avenida del Puerto 262, esq. Sol, Habana Vieja Cuba, Havana, Cuba

Basilica Menor y Convento de San Francisco de Asis

Habana Vieja Cuba, Havana, Cuba

Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes

Calle Trocadero e/ Zulueta y Monserrate, Havana, Cuba

El Capitolio

Paseo de Marti, Havana 10200, Cuba

Calle Obispo

Obispo, Havana, Cuba

Partagas Cigar Factory (Fabrica de Tabacos Partagás)

Calle Industria 520, Havana, Cuba

Paseo del Prado

Havana, Cuba

Gran Teatro de la Habana

Paseo de Marti 10600, Havana, Cuba

Hotel Nacional de Cuba

Calle 21 y O | Vedado, Plaza, Havana 10400, Cuba

Fabrica de Arte Cubano (FAC)

Calle 26 - Equina 11 | Vedado La Habana Cuba, Havana 10400, Cuba

San Jose Harbour (Almacenes San Jose)

Ave. del Puerto, Havana, Cuba

Fototeca de Cuba

Plaza Vieja | Old Havana, Havana, Cuba

EAT

Paladar Los Mercaderes

207, Mercaderes St., Old Havana (Havana Vieja), Havana, Cuba

Paladar Doña Eutemia

Callejon del Chorro # 60-C | Plaza de la Catedral, Habana Vieja, Havana, Cuba
Tel +53 7 8611332

Café Bohemia

Plaza Vieja | San Ignacio 364, Old Havana (Havana Vieja) 10400, Havana, Cuba

La Guarida

Concordia. No. 418 | Gervasio y Escobar, Havana 10700, Cuba
Tel +53 7 8669047

Los Nardos

Accross Capitolio, Havana, Cuba

El Cocinero

Calle 26, Vedado | Between Calle 11 and 13, Havana, Cuba
Tel +53 7 8322355

Cafe El Escorial

Mercaderes No 317 Plaza Vieja | Old Havana, Havana, Cuba

Paladar Los Amigos

Calle M No 253 | Vedado, Havana, Cuba

Ivan Chef Justo

Aguacate 9, Esquina Chacon | Habana Vieja, Havana, Cuba
Tel +53 7 8639697

DRINK

La Bodeguita Del Medio

Empedrado No. 207 e/ Cuba y San Ignacio, Havana, Cuba

Factoria Plaza Vieja

San Ignacio esq, a Muralla, Plaza Vieja Havana, Havana, Cuba

Sloppy Joe's

Calle Zulueta No. 252 | E Animas y Virtudes, Havana 10100, Cuba

Bertolt Brecht

258, 13 Street, Havana 10400, Cuba

El Floridita

Esquina a Monserrate | Obispo No. 557, Havana, Cuba
Tel +53 8 8671300

STAY

Luxury:

Casa Concordia

www.casaconcordia.net

Mid-Range:

Casa Bohemia

www.havanaboheemia.com

Budget:

Casa 1932

www.casa1932.com



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