



Spanning The Globe Tours
Extraordinary Travel ~ Personally Designed



HAVANA, CUBA: 4 nights – 5 days
Cigars, Salsa & Art
SPANNing the Globe Tours prepared for
BLACK IVY
Oct. 7 - 11, 2016

Friday: New York (JFK) - Havana (4 nights)

Fly from New York to Havana, Cuba today (subject to availability) arriving Havana this afternoon. After clearing Cuban immigrations and customs meet your private Cuban English speaking guide outside the arrivals terminal and transfer directly to Old Havana.

- Visit the Plaza de la Revolucion
- Prior to checking into your hotel enjoy your first Cuban cigar at Ernest Hemingway's favorite bar, La Floridita – famous for its “discovery” of the Daiquiri.
- Check-in to our hotel between 4:30 and 5:00PM.
- Welcome dinner at a local Paladar (private restaurant) located within walking distance of your hotel.

Hotel Telegrafo (or equivalent)

Dinner provided.

Saturday: Havana - Art scene

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Guided walking tour of Old Havana including the Plaza de Armas, the Used Booksellers Market, Plaza de la Catedral and Havana Club's Rum Museum.
- Visit the Fine Arts Museum (Museo des Belles Artes)

- Before lunch visit the always colorful and lively Callejon de Hamel. Dance with the locals to the high tempo of Afro Cuban Orisha culture.
- Lunch at El Aljibe Restaurant in Vedado, known for its roasted chicken and recently reviewed with excellent results by CNN's Anthony Bourdain.
- Visit at least two famed Cuban artists in their private studios
- Visit the impoverished yet vibrant barrio of Muraleando. A small but devoted group of artists volunteer their time and skills to help establish a center for arts, music, dance and theatre.
- Visit Galleria La Lavanderia, a project of young Cuban artists and meet founder and famed artist Rafael Perez.
- Dinner is included this evening at another of Havana's famed Paladars.
- Suggested optional (not included) this evening: Buena Vista Social Club

Hotel Telegrafo (or equivalent) Breakfast, lunch & dinner provided.

Sunday: Havana – Vinales & tobacco- Havana

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Morning drive along Cuba's Autopista Highway to Vinales, the heart and soul of Cuba's famed tobacco growing region.
- Light hiking and walking through this impressive landscape, while seeing how tobacco, cassava and taro are grown.
- Tour a local tobacco farm where you will have a chance to meet rural Cubans.
- Lunch today at a local farmhouse surrounded by the magnificent "mogotes" of Vinales Valley.
- Visit the tobacco factory in Pinar del Rio.
- Return to Havana arriving early evening.
- Dinner is not included this evening.
- Suggested optional (not included) this evening: Zorro y El Cuervo (best jazz in Havana)

Hotel Telegrafo (or equivalent) Breakfast and lunch provided.

Monday: Havana – Hemingway – Alamar – Cojimar – Columbus – Havana

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Visit one of Havana's cigar factories this morning – either Partagas or Cohiba.
- Half hour drive to Finca Vigia, Ernest Hemingway's Cuban home and currently a national museum.
- Drive through the communal District of Alamar on the outskirts of Havana with its community gardens called Organoponicos and Soviet-style pre-fabricated concrete apartments.
- Walk through the local fishing village of Cojimar, the setting for "The Old Man and the Sea".
- Lunch at Paladar El Ajiaco in Cojimar.

- Relax and enjoy a private “cigar pairing” of fine cigars, rum, coffee and chocolate hosted by Zudlay Naples and Pedro Tejera, two time winners of Habanos Sommelier Award.
- Return to Havana. Remainder of afternoon at leisure.
- Farewell dinner included at one of Havana’s famed Paladars

Hotel Telegrafo (or equivalent) Breakfast, lunch & dinner provided.

Tuesday: Havana – New York (JFK)

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Private transfer to Havana’s Jose Marti International Airport
- Check in for departure flight to New York (subject to availability)