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# Cuba: A Cultural Odyssey – 2027

Start in Miami Florida - End in Miami Florida

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# Cuba: A Cultural Odyssey



## Full Itinerary

Meet face-to-face with local residents from different professions, share thoughts, gain knowledge, and connect with Cuba's cultural heritage as you discover the traditions of Cuban culture through music, sports and more!

Through cultural exchange activities built around key themes including Cuban culture and the arts, history, architecture, agriculture, cigars, vintage cars, baseball and more, you'll interact directly with the people of Cuba on Tauck's Havana-based People-to-People trip. Meet Cuban students, educators, entrepreneurs, architects, artists and artisans, dancers, musicians, technicians, baseball players and coaches and more. Explore Ernest Hemingway's life in Cuba at his preserved home. Discuss art and private enterprise with artists in their studios. Visit with agricultural workers to talk about agrarian reform, tobacco production and organic farming. Interact with members of Havana organizations about their work, from dance to historic preservation to baseball. Learn about Cuban cultural traditions... have meals at *paladares* (small, privately operated Cuban restaurants)... and connect with the people of Cuba, their passions and their culture in many ways through unique Tauck Experiences.

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# Itinerary

## ONLY WITH TAUCK

- Five days of "People-to-People" educational exchange

## TAUCK VALUE INCLUDES

- On-Tour Air (2 flights)
- All hotel accommodations – 1 night in Miami at Hyatt Regency Coral Gables, Miami and 5 nights in Havana at Iberostar Marqués de la Torre
- All day-to-day travel details taken care of for you
- Personally guided travel from the moment your trip begins in Miami, accompanied by a Tauck Director and experienced local Cuban guides, all fluent in both English & Spanish
- Discussions with representatives from Cuban community and arts organizations, educational institutions and museums, community art projects, architectural preservation organizations, tobacco and cigar production facilities, baseball organizations and more
- Exclusive Tauck Experiences fostering meaningful cultural connections with Cuban families, artists, musicians, students, educators, agricultural workers, artisans, entrepreneurs, community leaders, baseball coaches and players and others
- All ground transportation; airport transfers upon arrival and departure as noted
- All gratuities to Tauck Director, local guides and drivers, hotel and restaurant staff; all taxes, admission fees, portage and departure tax
- 15 meals – including authentic Cuban cuisine at local restaurants and private paladares throughout your trip

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## DAY 1

Begin your Cuba travel in Miami

**Tour starts: 5:00 PM, Hyatt Regency Coral Gables.** Travel from Miami International Airport to The Hyatt Regency Coral Gables in a taxi that we will reimburse you for. Join us for a welcome reception to meet your fellow travelers and hear the details from your Tauck Director about the next 6 days in Cuba.

- MEALS:
- ACCOMMODATION: Hyatt Regency Coral Gables

## DAY 2

¡Bienvenido a Cuba!

After an early breakfast, your group boards an included flight from Miami to Havana's José Martí International Airport, where your local Cuban guide greets you as you head to a local *paladar* (restaurant) and learn about authentic Cuban cuisine. Visit Cuban artist Kadir Lopez's artwork in an exclusive showing open to Tauck guests only. His work continues to illuminate the city streets highlighting the livelihood of its patrons from the Republican years, which you will learn at his studio. After checking into your hotel late this afternoon, please join us tonight for a welcome dinner at a local *paladar*.

- MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- ACCOMMODATION: Iberostar Marqués de la Torre

## DAY 3

Historic Havana, baseball and cars

Introduced to the country by Cuban students returning home from U.S. colleges back in the 1860s, the sport of baseball is one of the biggest pasttimes in the country and you'll have the exciting opportunity this morning to meet a former baseball legend who'll help you learn about the game. Next, step into the pedestrian-only UNESCO Heritage Site of Old Havana with a local expert on a walking tour to see the city's architecture and restoration efforts before driving to a vintage American car club well-known from the popular tv series *Cuba Chrome*, where you'll meet the Club members and ask questions

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regarding the challenges they face as part of the new emerging entrepreneur sector in Cuba nowadays. Next, learn about Cuban dance during a visit to meet the instructors of a private dance company, then enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

- **MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Iberostar Marqués de la Torre

## DAY 4

### Agriculture in the Viñales Valley

Today is about exploring the Vinales Valley countryside, and learning how this landscape is optimal for growing tobacco, and sustaining crops and livestock. Head for lunch on an organic farm in a private restaurant to exchange in conversations with the farmers and hear about their entrepreneurial endeavors as a private business in Cuba. Visit Benito Camejo Tabacco Farm where Mr. Benito himself will share stories about this craft and processes of how tobacco farming works. Visit the despalillo to learn about stripping and grading the tobacco. Enjoy the evening as you wish in your hotel.

- **MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Iberostar Marqués de la Torre

## DAY 5

### Afro-Cuban cultural heritage

Connect with Afro-Cuban culture heritage and island identity with a visit to Project Beyond Roots – an organization whose mission is to inspire, empower, and create a positive change in the lives of Cuban people. A guided visit at the Fine Arts Museum precedes lunch. Later this afternoon, enjoy a meeting with the teachers and students at La Casa del Nino y Nina, an after school program that helps young boys and girls develop language skills and cultural awareness followed by a visit to Vi Humos, a private project focused on the manufacturing of purses out of recycled cigar wood boxes, along with guayabera shirts designed by Vivian Acosta, the project owner. Experience a cigar rolling tutorial and tasting, while listening to great music and Vivian's personal story in the world of high-end habanos. Dinner tonight is at a local *paladar*.

- **MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Iberostar Marqués de la Torre

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## DAY 6

### Hemingway, vintage cars & Centro Habana

Join a local scholar this morning for an open discussing on Cuban history, the economy and the country's modern-day diplomacy with the United States. Next, you're off on a visit to the Hemingway Museum. He was an American novelist well known for his short stories, a prolific fisherman who actively monitored the Cuban coastline when he wasn't at his desk writing *For Whom the Bell Tolls* and *The Old Man and the Sea*, and the locals often called him "Ernesto." Ernest Hemingway spent much of his life in Cuba, from 1939 to 1960, and today you'll have the chance to visit his home of 21 years. See the author's 9,000-volume library, and his beloved typewriter, and talk with a docent about his life here and the strong connections to Cuba and its people. Visit an outreach musical program where you'll learn their special approach teaching youth how to develop vocal and instrumental skills with traditional music. Your last evening will be spent at a local *paladar*.

- **MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Iberostar Marqués de la Torre

## DAY 7

### Journey Home

**Tour ends: Miami, Florida.** A transfer this morning is included from your Havana hotel to José Martí International Airport for your return flight to Miami. Please book flights from Miami to your final destination no earlier than 3:00 PM.

- **MEALS:** Breakfast

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# Book This Trip



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and book today

## Have Information Ready

- Tour Name and Departure Date Desired
- Traveler Name(s): Please have first and last names as they appear on the passport or driver's license.
- Traveler's Address(es)
- Traveler's Phone Number(s)
- Emergency Contact Information: This would be a relative or friend whom we could contact during the tour in the event of an emergency. Please provide their name and phone number(s).
- Interest in purchasing a travel protection product (US and Canada)
- Interest in extending your trip by staying in a Tauck recommended hotel before your trip begins or after it ends
- Interest in our specially negotiated airfares.

## Book Your Trip

**For reservations, call 800-788-7885 or contact your travel advisor to book today!**

## Deposit Date

Upon your request, we will hold space tentatively for you and give a "Deposit Due Date," by which a deposit must be received or space is automatically released.

## Special Requests

We will be happy to advise hotels of any special requests, provided we receive them at time of booking. We regret that requests cannot be guaranteed.

## Final Payment

Final Payment is due to Tauck **90** days before departure for lands trips. If your deposit was made by credit card, final payment will be automatic unless you opted out at time of booking. Bookings without

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full payment at this time may be subject to cancellation without notice. Failure to make payment will be a considered a cancellation by the guest and all applicable cancellation fees will apply.

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U.S. dollars and Euros are widely accepted in Cuba and many private vendors readily accept USD, offering a more favorable exchange rate.

The official exchange rate is 120 Cuban Peso to 1 USD, with an 8% conversion fee, which makes the effective rate close to 110 Cuban Peso to 1 USD.

You will be able to exchange U.S. and other foreign currencies into Cuban Pesos at the CADECA (Casa de Cambio SA) office in the hotel lobby, the official government exchange agency. You will purchase an MLC (like a debit card) that will allow you to eat and drink at the hotel. Banks are typically open weekdays between 8:00 AM and 3:00 PM, while the hotel's hours are generally more flexible. The procedure for exchanging currency is similar to that elsewhere in the world, and you will need to have your passport handy as an official form of ID. The exchange rate is the same regardless of location.

It is advisable to bring U.S. dollars in small denominations to exchange for Cuban Pesos. New, crisp bills are preferred, as some banks or other exchange facilities will not convert bills printed before 1996, or bills that are even the least bit torn or worn.

**Please Note:** In Cuba (or anywhere you travel), never exchange currency with anyone who approaches you on the street with an offer to do so. Such transactions are not only illegal, but also constitute an all-too-common scam practiced worldwide to exploit travelers' unfamiliarity with foreign currencies.

Exchange rates are subject to frequent change, and for the current rates, we suggest you check one of the following websites prior to your departure: [www.xe.com](http://www.xe.com) or [www.oanda.com](http://www.oanda.com).

All customary gratuities for hotel and restaurant staff, the Tour Director, drivers and local guides are included.

**Tour prices are per person.** All hotel accommodations, all meals in Cuba, People-to-People educational exchange programs, admission fees and sightseeing where applicable, land transportation, airport transfers, airport departure tax, portage, and the services of local guides, drivers and the Tauck Director are included.

**Transfers:** Round-trip air transportation between Miami International Airport and José Martí International Airport in Havana is also included.

**Airfare:** Airfare to and from this destination is not included in the journey cost. If purchasing your air elsewhere, it is very important to provide us with your confirmed arriving and departing flight information no later than 3 weeks before your arrival date. Flight information can be submitted to Tauck (or verified, if you've already provided it) in the My Account section of Tauck.com.

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To avoid jet lag and possible flight delays, you may wish to make hotel arrangements for the nights preceding or following your tour or cruise. As a service, we will book additional nights for you on a space-available basis using special rates only available through us. Hotel room charges will be added to the tour or cruise cost. Transfers for these extended stays are included (as noted). If you wish to spend additional nights, please consult Extend Your Stay in the Accommodations section and discuss it with your reservations sales consultant or your travel advisor when you book your tour or cruise.

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