

THE WOMEN'S TRAVEL GROUP

The Authentic Havana Experience

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AND THE WOMEN'S TRAVEL GROUP

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PRICED \$3,720 PER PERSON (DOUBLE)
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$480



DAY 1 (MAR 11): ARRIVAL IN HAVANA

Upon arrival, you will be greeted by your English-speaking guide and transferred to your hotel. After check-in, unwind and relax. This afternoon, embark on a walking tour through Havana's colonial old town. This guided stroll will introduce you to significant historical sites and squares, including Plaza Catedral with Hemingway's "Bodeguita," Plaza de Armas with El Templete, and Palacio de los Capitanes Generales, along with the charming Plaza Vieja. In the evening, delight in a special dinner reservation at "Yarini," known for its breathtaking roof terrace and views.

DAY 2 (MAR 12): GET TO KNOW HAVANA

Start your day with a unique experience as original 1950s convertible vintage cars pick you up. Embark on a scenic drive through Havana. Continue to explore various neighborhoods of Havana, mainly built in the last century. The journey includes a stop at Revolution Square and a drive through the enchanting "Parque Almendares" with its mystic Ceiba trees along a romantic river. A highlight of the day is a visit to Marianao, a Havana suburb, where you will attend a rehearsal or training session of "Havana Queens." Afterward, indulge in a delightful lunch at "Marea," a special restaurant located at Marina Hemingway, Havana's yacht marina. Your day continues with a guided tour to the National Museum of Fine Arts, before returning to your hotel.

DAY 3 (MAR 13): FULL DAY EXCURSION TO VINALES

Depart from Havana for a full-day excursion to the picturesque province of Pinar del Rio.

Your journey takes you along the "Ruta de Tabaco" (Tobacco Route) to the village of Viñales, known for its colorful houses and colonial arcades. Along the way, you'll stop at Mirador "Los Jazmines" to enjoy panoramic views of the Mogote Valley. Explore the village and visit a Veguero (tobacco farmer). Lunch is served "criollo" style at "Finca Agro-Ecológica," providing a taste of authentic Cuban cuisine. A unique highlight of the day is a meeting with the Women's Entrepreneurs Association of Viñales, where you'll learn about their projects, challenges, and experiences in private small entrepreneurship in Cuba. In the late afternoon, return to Havana. For the evening, delight in a dinner at Paladar "San Christobal," a hidden gem in Centro Havana, famous for its fusion of afro-Cuban Santeria and the music world of the 1950s.



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DAY 4 (MAR 14): FINE ARTS & ARTISANS IN HAVANA

The day begins with a guided tour of the magnificent Gran Teatro, named after the renowned Cuban prima ballerina Alicia Alonso. Next, explore "Acosta Danza," a prestigious Cuban dance company led by Carlos Acosta, the world-famous Cuban ballet dancer. Continue your artistic journey with a visit to the studio and gallery of young Cuban artist Arian Irsula. During a relaxing "Mojito" session, delve into the world and life of Havana's avant-garde art scene as you explore his private home. Lunch awaits at La Bodega de la Reserve or Paladar "El Atelier" in Vedado. The afternoon includes a potential visit to a Hogar Materna Infantil in Old Havana, dedicated to comprehensive care for pregnant women with special needs. This evening, your journey takes you to a special destination - "Fabrica de Arte," a symbol of the new and trendy Cuba. Before visiting "Fabrica," enjoy dinner at the rooftop terrace of the restaurant "El Cocinero," offering a unique dining experience.



DAY 5 (MAR 15): FEMALE "CHEFS" & VOCAL GIRL POWER

Your morning begins with a pickup by your private guide in American Vintage cars. Venture to an ecological finca on the outskirts of the city, where you'll become acquainted with Cuban seasonal fruits and vegetables. In the afternoon, participate in a cooking class at Casa La Lore in Old Havana, led by female Chef Lorena. Discover the culinary delights of Cuban cuisine as you learn the secrets behind some of its most beloved dishes. Cuba boasts a rich history of female music bands. Explore this musical legacy with a visit to a young Cuban girl band, vocal group, or an Afro-Cuban ensemble during one of their training sessions at their "studio" or "training location." Enjoy a refreshing cocktail as you delve into the complex Cuban music scene, Afro-Cuban roots, and the daily lives and dreams of these talented young musicians. A private performance awaits, specially arranged for your group. This evening, get ready for your farewell dinner experience at the private Paladar "La Guarida." Known as one of "the hardest tables to get in Havana," this emblematic restaurant is set in a unique location, boasting an antique staircase and an inspiring history.



DAY 6 (MAR 16): HAVANA AND DEPARTURE

On your final day, check-out from your hotel. You'll have some free time to explore Havana one last time, savoring a Cuban coffee or picking up any last-minute souvenirs. Later, you'll be transferred to José Martí International Airport in Havana for your departure, concluding your memorable journey through Havana's vibrant culture and arts scene.

Highlights

- Comprehensive sightseeing with English Speaking guide
- Vintage cars, Havana exploration
- Viñales excursion, cultural immersion
- Female music band, private performance
- Unique dining experiences
- Cultural immersion activities
- Explore "Fabrica de Arte"
- Musical magic with Camerata Romeu
- Bottled water on touring days