



Discover Corps
Unforgettable Vacations With Purpose

CUBA: HAVANA JAZZ FESTIVAL



MEMORABLE MOMENTS

- **Private rooftop jazz performances**
- **Tour *Finca Vigia*, Author Ernest Hemingway's former home**
- **All-access pass to the jazz festival for four nights, including the opening ceremony**
- **Experience a Havana neighborhood transformed by one of Cuba's most famous artists, José Fuster**
- **Soak in the beauty of the Viñales Valley and learn from a tobacco farmer**

*Immerse yourself
into one of the
world's greatest
jazz festivals!*

TRIP AT A GLANCE

6 Days / 5 Nights

PHYSICAL DEMAND

Easy

LODGING

Premier

Havana

DAY 1 - Private rooftop jazz performances, city tour, and jazz festival opening ceremony festivities (all-access pass included)

DAY 2 - Explore Old Havana, Fusterlandia, and meet the Habana Compas Dance Troupe before a night at the jazz festival

DAY 3 - Visit the Hemingway's former home, the fishing village of Cojímar, and Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes de La Habana. Dance the night away at the jazz festival.

Viñales Valley

DAY 4 - Discover ecological farming in the gorgeous Viñales Valley

Havana

DAY 5 - Experience Muraleando and an unforgettable farewell dinner. Enjoy your last night of cocktails and jazz along the city streets.

DAY 6 - Return home

Optional Post-Trip Extension: Trinidad & Cienfuegos

DAY 6 - Visit the historic Bay of Pigs site, stop for lunch in Cienfuegos, and have a free night in Trinidad

DAY 7 - Discover Trinidad with a guided tour before a private salsa class and dinner at the Plaza Mayor

DAY 8 - Return home



CUBA: HAVANA JAZZ FESTIVAL

For so many, Cuba is synonymous with jazz, and this is never more evident than during the country's famous Jazz Festival as the music dominates Havana from Teatro Nacional to the smoky bar just down alley. The beauty of the five day event lies in the fact that the music is everywhere – creating the sense of one continuous song – as the notes blend together near seamlessly while you meander through the city.

Start your trip off with private rooftop jazz performances, guaranteed seating each night, cocktails during the festival, and more. While your nights are spent at the festival, spend your days immersed in local music and arts centers, tobacco farms as you learn from farmers for a day trip to the countryside, walking tours of Old Havana, Hemingway's former home, and so much more.

The 2025 lineup has yet to be announced, but past performers have included popular artists such as Chucho Valdés, Daymé, Joe Lovano, Snarky Puppy, Charlie Haden, Roy Hargrove, and Telmary. Check back with us for updates!





DISCOVER THE HAVANA JAZZ FESTIVAL

The Havana Jazz Festival is Cuba's most well-known music event featuring some of the most popular up and coming musicians from Cuba and around the world. Each year, dozens of local and internationally renowned jazz performers gather in the Cuban capital to collaborate, improvise, and jam. The people fill the lively city of Havana with music and dance for this six-day celebration. This lively atmosphere spills out far past the concert halls, with impromptu jam sessions satiating jazz lovers along the streets late into the night.

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS



ALL ACCESS PASSES

Havana's Jazz Festival offers countless opportunities to soak in music, enjoy Cuban cuisine and drinks, and dance the night away! Our Discover Corps experience ensures that you have full access to all activities, guaranteed seating, opening ceremony celebrations, and souvenirs. Most nights won't follow a specific schedule, offering you the freedom and flexibility to experience whichever of the dozens of festival performances and other events most excites you.



PRIVATE PERFORMANCES

There are no shortage of concerts and events during the Havana Jazz Festival! With Discover Corps, you'll have the chance to explore the festival's scheduled events while also being treated to exclusive performances arranged just for you via our local connections. Your trip includes experiences such as a visit with a globally recognized Cuban dance troupe, backstage gatherings and exclusive dinners with musicians.



OPENING CEREMONY

Begin your trip with a bang thanks to the electric opening ceremony of the Havana Jazz Festival. Enjoy headlining artists as they officially kick off the festival. Your Discover Corps experience includes guaranteed seats and an exceptional five-star dinner that will treat your taste buds to tasty Cuban cuisine. Following the opening ceremony, you'll have an all-access pass for the evening's other jazz events in one of the Caribbean's most vibrant cities!



A WORLD RENOWNED MUSIC FESTIVAL

Havana's Jazz Festival is an unparalleled wonder in the world of music. Over the course of several days, hundreds of concerts and master classes will take place, with less emphasis on order and structure in favor of spontaneous, collaborative music-making. Experience a full spectrum of musical styles including Afro-Cuban jazz, danzón, traditional trova, concert music, mambo, bolero, and more.

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS



MURALEANDO

During your time in Havana you'll visit Muraleando, an inspiring community art project in the barrio of Lawton. This was once a deprived area, hit hard by the economic difficulties of the 1990s. Then, out of an old water tank, was born this forward-thinking art project, which inspired local kids to get off the streets and get creating art, learning techniques like painting and printmaking and traditional Cuban arts like salsa dancing.



VIÑALES VALLEY

Perhaps Cuba's most picturesque spot is the serene Viñales Valley, a peaceful area of karst cliffs, fertile farmland and traditional communities. The bounty of this land includes tobacco, bananas, sugarcane and coffee, and you'll get the chance to meet local residents and learn about their life and work. We'll also enjoy lunch at an organic farm, visit a beautiful orchid garden, and explore the Cueva del Indio, an ancient river cave.



FUSTERLANDIA

Often compared to the wild works of Picasso and Gaudi, Fusterlandia is an ongoing art project located in the town of Jaimanitas. The artist, José Fuster, began painting the streets and buildings as a way to give back to the community and create a place where he could "live with art." Soon, the town became a hidden wonderland for all to enjoy, making Fuster one of the most celebrated artists in Cuba. It has been said, "if you're looking for a place that captures the true resilience and spirit of the Cuban people, look no further than Fusterlandia."



FINCA VIGIA (HEMINGWAY'S FORMER HOME)

For American visitors, the life of Ernest Hemingway is inextricably linked with Cuba. He made his home here, on and off, between 1939 and 1960, at the hilltop property of Finca Vigía in the Havana neighborhood of San Francisco de Paula. The house has been kept more or less as he left it, allowing for a fascinating glimpse not only into times gone by, but into the life of a literary legend.



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DAY 1: Private Rooftop Jazz Performances, City Tour, and Opening Ceremony Experience

Arrive in Havana around noon and hit the ground running with a lunch and driving city tour of the Plaza de Revolución, in the buzzing Vedado district of Havana. Check-in to the famous Grand Packard Hotel before a private rooftop jazz performance and cocktails. A five-star dinner is included as part of the opening ceremony of the jazz festival, where you will be given an all-access pass for night one. Soak up Cuban culture like never before. *(L,D)*

DAY 2: Explore Old Havana, Get Lost in Fusterlandia, and Meet Artists of the Habana Compas Dance Troupe

After breakfast, we'll meander through the colonial streets of Old Havana on a private walking tour. Often compared to the wild works of Picasso and Gaudi, experience the famous Fusterlandia, a community transformed by public art, first started by the artist José Fuster, one of the most celebrated artists in Cuba. After a lunch with your group, dive further into the music and arts of Cuba with an introduction to Cuban art and music with a visit to a globally recognized Cuban dance troupe.

Enjoy dinner on your own before another evening of music and dancing at the jazz festival *(B,L)*

DAY 3: Visit Hemingway's Home, the Fishing Village of Cojímar, the Bellas Artes Museum

Today we'll visit Finca La Vigía, the former home of iconic author Ernest Hemingway. Enjoy a tour of the old home and get inspired inside the walls where some of his most famous novels were written. We'll then continue to the small fishing village of Cojímar to see a different side of Cuban life before visiting an artist's studio, or Bellas Artes Museum. Enjoy another free dinner on the town before enjoying an evening of the jazz festival once more. *(B,L)*

DAY 4: Discover Ecological Farming in the Viñales Valley

Today we discover what is possibly the most enchanting region of Cuba –the Viñales Valley. Huge rocky cliffs line the lush valley, dotted with small farms and traditional villages. Spend the morning with a visit to an agro-ecological farm where you will see Cuba's organic farming heritage in practice on a tobacco farm. Our visit will culminate with a delicious lunch overlooking the valley alongside the staff of the farm, before a free night to explore the town. *(B,L)*





DAY 5: Experience Muraleando, a Local Music and Arts Center in Lawton

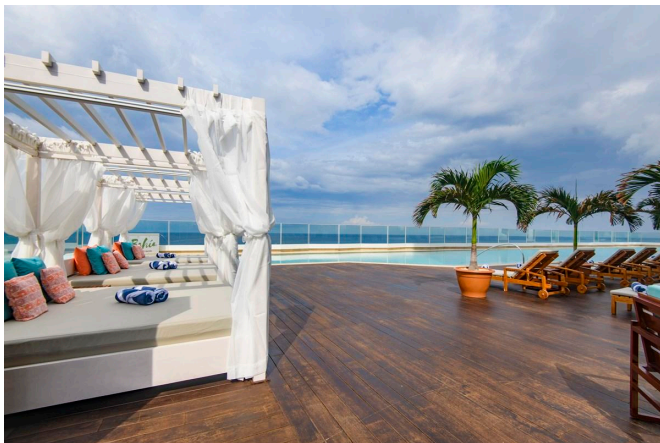
This morning we head back to Havana and visit the community-based arts organization Muraleando for live music and lunch; here you can purchase unique art created by talented local artists. Enjoy lunch at the center with the children of Muraleando before a farewell dinner as a group.

It's back to the jazz festival for your final night of dancing, cocktails, and celebration! *(B,L,D)*

DAY 6: Return Home

Today sadly sees the end of your Cuban jazz festival adventure. After enjoying breakfast at your hotel, we'll say our goodbyes and transfer you back to the airport for your flight home. *(B)*

Choose Your Cuban Experience...



Stay close to all the action at the historic **Grand Aston Hotel**

For this customized jazz festival departure, you will be able to choose between two different lodging options. Opt for the 4-star Grand Aston along Havana's iconic oceanfront malecon. One of Havana's newest hotels, the Grand Aston is located in the heart of Havana and boasts some of the best views of the city. Relax in the rooftop swimming pool, take a break in the spa or simply take-in the sunset from the stunning vistas over Havana harbor.



Or...immerse yourself and experience **Casas Particulares**

You can also opt to have the unique opportunity to stay in casas particulares, or private homes, while in Cuba. Casas are similar to family-run bed & breakfasts and all include private bathrooms, air conditioning, and security. Casas are a perfect mix between privacy and true immersion, which plenty of chances to practice your Spanish!

While on the West side of the Island in Viñales Valley, spend your time amongst beautiful limestone cliffs with nature and tobacco fields all around. In Havana, stay close to all the action - this time of year will be more exciting than usual. We hope you'll fall asleep to the sound of jazz notes in the air.



OPTIONAL EXTENSION: TRINIDAD & CIENFUEGOS



DAY 6: Depart Havana for Cienfuegos and Trinidad

Heading out of Havana, we'll hit the road to Trinidad, visiting the historic site of the Bay of Pigs invasion along the way. Stop for lunch in the French colonial town of Cienfuegos and for a tour this unique town. We'll arrive in Trinidad for a dinner and then an evening at your leisure. (L,D).

DAY 7: Guided Tour of Trinidad and Salsa Dancing Class

A guided tour takes us through the colorful alleyways of Trinidad, where the sound of horses' hooves drifts through the air and Spanish buildings line tropical plazas. We'll learn a few steps at a private salsa class, before dinner on your own in the Plaza Mayor, which comes to life each evening with live music and dance. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: Return Home

Today sees the end of your Cuban adventure. We'll say our goodbyes before heading back to Havana to catch our flights home. (B)



DATES AND FEES

6 DAYS / 5 NIGHTS

January 2025

**Grand Packard
Hotel Package**

\$5,195

**Casas Particulares
Package**

\$3,995

Optional Post-Trip Extension (both packages)

\$1195

The above prices reflect the price of double occupancy. Single Room Supplements are \$695 per person at the Grand Packard, \$295 per person for the casas particulares and \$195 per person for the extension.

This trip is for those aged 18 and older.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- All-access passes to the jazz festival, including full access to all activities, guaranteed seating, opening dinner and concert, a bag with souvenirs (\$400 value)
- 4 nights lodging in either the Grand Aston Hotel or casas particulares / 1 night lodging at casas particulares in the Vinales Valley
- 12 meals throughout the trip, including alcoholic and soft drinks
- Pure bottled water while touring
- A Cuban guide there to guide and support you throughout the trip
- Reliable in-country transportation with experienced drivers
- \$50,000 emergency medical evacuation insurance
- Trip literature and turnkey customer support from preparing for your trip to arrival back home

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- International airfare
- Cuban Visa
- Three dinners
- Laundry services, room-service, or phone calls

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BRAZIL	MOROCCO
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CUBA	SOUTH AFRICA
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	TANZANIA
EGYPT	THAILAND
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