



# CUBA CANDELA

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# *Why Cuba?* YES, YOU CAN STILL TRAVEL TO CUBA!

We've traveled the world and there is no place like Cuba. It's roots remain in a simpler time, encapsulating memories of a bygone era. Cuba is the romance of Hemingway, the sounds of Afro-Caribbean music amidst decaying colonial grandeur, the smell of the ocean and tropical fruit, and the taste of world-class tobacco and rum.

From the rooftops of Havana, the rhythm of el Malecón to the cascading waterfalls of Trinidad and the otherworldly magic of Viñales, the energy and natural beauty of Cuba capture the heart and mind.

Journey to a once unreachable world of unmatched beauty with a rich culture that combines old and new—the island of Cuba.







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**2026 Havana Jazz Festival Tour Proposal**

*January 25 - February 2, 2026*



# DAY 1: Sunday, January 25, 2026

Island Arrival, Welcome Dinner, Jazz Fest Opening Night

TBD **Flight Arrival**

TBD **Arrival & Accommodation Check-in:** Upon arrival you will be met by an airport representative who will guide you to your driver. Your private transportation will be waiting for you upon arrival. Retrieve your bags and proceed outside to meet your driver.

TBD **Welcome Dinner:** You will be dining at Paladar Los Mercaderes, an authentic Cuban spot serving great local dishes in a refined dining room.

TBD **Havana Jazz Fest Inaugural Event**



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# DAY 2: Monday, January 26, 2026

## Exploring Old Havana, Vintage Convertible Car, Rooftop Dinner

- 8:00 AM **Breakfast:** Full breakfast provided at your accommodation.
- 9:00 AM **Exploring Old Havana:** Find your bearings and step back in time, as you immerse yourself in the iconic, colorful and historic Habana Vieja (Old Havana.) Walk in the footsteps of Havana's colonial past and learn about the rich local culture from your guide.
- 12:00 PM **Lunch:** El del Frente. Inspiring and bright design-centric atmosphere with handcrafted cocktails and excellent modern cuisine.
- 1:30 PM **Vintage Convertible Tour:** Enjoy a tour of the city in an open top vintage car taking in all the main sites including the Havana Almendares forest, Cristobal Colon Cemetery, Hotel National and Fusterlandia.
- 3:00 PM **Return to Accommodation:** We recommend that you return to your accommodation to rest and freshen up.
- TBD **Dinner:** Yarini. One of Old Havana's trendiest spots, dine under the stars at this beautiful rooftop restaurant known for craft cocktails and the local artists and musicians that frequently stop by.
- TBD **Havana Jazz Fest - Live Music Performances**



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## DAY 3: Tuesday, January 27, 2026

### Viñales Countryside Excursion: Magical Mountains, Farm to Table Lunch, Family Tobacco Farm and Cigar Rolling Experience

Located three hours from Havana, Viñales is a beautifully quaint Cuban town nestled among soaring limestone cliffs and tobacco farms. These limestone *mogotes*, combined with Viñales' vibrantly colored casas in shades of orange, green, pink, yellow, blue, red have earned the Valley of Viñales a World Heritage designation.

8:00 AM **Breakfast:** Full breakfast provided at your accommodation.

9:00 AM **Depart for Viñales:** Please be ready to depart by this time.

12:00 PM **Lunch:** Enjoy lunch at Finca Ecologica El Paraiso with stunning views of the Viñales valley. Learn about the production of organic produce and tobacco while enjoying an organic and fresh local lunch.

1:00 PM **Tobacco Country:** Visit a beautiful 40-acre tobacco farm owned by the Hernandez family. They have had the same plot for many generations and their land is involved in the production of produce and tobacco. Enjoy a presentation on tobacco harvesting and a cigar rolling demonstration.

4:00 PM **Return to Havana:** Please be ready to depart by this time.

TBD **Dinner:** Al Carbon, a fantastic Cuban restaurant in the heart of Old Havana.

TBD **Havana Jazz Fest - Live Music Performances**



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# DAY 4: Wednesday, January 28, 2026

## Salsa Dancing Lesson, Private Art Studio Tour, Rum Tasting Experience

- 8:00 AM **Breakfast:** Full breakfast provided at your accommodation.
- 10:00 AM **Salsa Dancing:** Even our shyest dancer enjoy this fun-filled experience and opportunity to learn from the best. Meet our resident dance instructors, the most talented in all of Cuba!
- 12:00 AM **Lunch:** Cha Cha Cha, a great restaurant located in the heart of Old Havana serving classic Cuban dishes in a fun and relaxed environment.
- 3:00 PM **Private Art Studio Tour:** Go beyond the façade to learn about an integral part of Cuban culture: the arts. Get to know two local artists and their inspirations.
- 5:00 PM **Return to Accommodation:** We recommend that you return to your accommodation to rest and freshen up.
- 5:00 PM **Rum Tasting Experience:** A local expert retired from one of Cuba's top rum brands will lead you in a rum tasting to explain the history and culture of Cuba's iconic drink.
- TBD **Dinner:** Otramanera, one of Havana's greatest fine dining options. A Spanish restaurant with innovative fusion dishes and a lovely modern setting surrounded by a lush garden.
- TBD **Havana Jazz Fest - Live Music Performances**



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# DAY 5: Thursday, January 29, 2026

## Organic Farm Visit, Hotel Nacional

- 8:00 AM **Breakfast:** Full breakfast provided at your accommodation.
- 10:30 AM **Organic Farm Visit and Lunch:** Spend your morning visiting Gabo's family farm, an organic farm just 20 minutes away from the city. They make all sorts of products from coconuts, including flour, candles, oil and more. Enjoy a traditional Cuban meal prepared by Gabo's mother, who will gather fresh ingredients and herbs to use from the farm.
- 1:30 PM **Hotel Nacional:** Built in 1930 to resemble the Breakers Hotel in Palm Beach, Florida, the art deco—neoclassical Hotel Nacional is one of Havana's architectural symbols. Enjoy a cocktail on the terrace and make sure to swing by their souvenir shop!
- 3:00 PM **Return to Accommodation:** We recommend that you return to your accommodation to rest and freshen up.
- TBD **Dinner:** Grados, an old-school *paladar* where the owner of the house is also the head chef. Relax and enjoy in the home of Raulito while he cooks for you. If you're lucky, his son will play tunes on piano.
- TBD **Havana Jazz Fest - Live Music Performances**



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# DAY 6: Friday, January 30, 2026

## El Morro Castle, Cooking Class

- 8:30 AM **Breakfast:** Full breakfast provided at your accommodation.
- 10:00 AM **El Morro Castle:** See stunning views of Havana from an old fortress guarding the entrance of the city and learn the history of the castle.
- 11:00 PM **Cuban Cooking Lesson (Lunch Included):** Learn how to prepare a classic Cuban meal with a local chef, who teaches you how to create some of their best dishes in a beautiful setting. Enjoy Cuban cocktails and coffee throughout the experience.
- 3:00 PM **Return to Accommodation:** We recommend that you return to your accommodation to rest and freshen up.
- TBD **Dinner:** Sibarita, an eclectic and tropical rooftop restaurant in the heart of Old Havana.
- TBD **Havana Jazz Fest - Live Music Performances**



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# DAY 7: Saturday, January 31, 2026

## Cigar Factory Tour, Drumming Lesson

- 8:00 AM **Breakfast:** Full breakfast provided at your accommodation.
- 9:30 AM **Cigar Factory Tour:** Visit an authentic Cuban cigar factory in Havana and witness the meticulous hand-rolling process by skilled artisans. Enjoy the tradition of cigar rolling stations and learn about the “reader” who reads the papers out loud.
- 12:00 AM **Lunch:** Antojos. A hip Cuban restaurant located on a cafe-lined street in Old Havana. Great food and service, and loved by locals.
- 1:30 PM **Drumming Lesson:** Learn classic Cuban rhythms as a group of local musicians guides you and teaches you about the history of Cuban drum beats.
- 3:00 PM **Return to Accommodation:** We recommend that you return to your accommodation to rest and freshen up.
- TBD **Dinner:** Costa Vino, one of the top seafood restaurants in Havana with a great wine selection, located in the heart of Havana near the ocean.
- TBD **Havana Jazz Fest - Live Music Performances**



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# DAY 8: Sunday, February 1, 2026

## Hemingway House, Cultural Beach Excursion

9:00 AM **Breakfast:** Full breakfast provided at your accommodation.

10:00 AM **Hemingway House:** Famed novelist Ernest Hemingway lived at this sprawling mansion from 1940 - 1960. The home's interior has been virtually untouched since the day that "Papa," the U.S.- ambassador-in-spirit left.

12:30 PM **Lunch:** Vistamar. A beautiful seaside paladar with views of the ocean and great seafood selections.

2:30 PM **Cultural Beach Excursion:** Visit a Caribbean paradise at Havana's nearby Playas del Este, located just 20 minutes from Old Havana, and engage in meaningful cultural discussions with your local host.

4:00 PM **Return to Accommodation:** We recommend that you return to your accommodation to rest and freshen up.

TBD **Dinner:** Cinco Sentidos, one of the newer restaurants in Old Havana with incredible service and a delicious menu of upscale Cuban plates.

TBD **Havana Jazz Fest - Final Night**



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# DAY 9: Monday, February 2, 2026

## Island Farewell!

9:00 AM **Breakfast:** Full breakfast provided at your accommodation.

TBD **Departure Flight From Havana Airport**



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# SUPPORT FOR THE CUBAN POPE

## TRAVEL LICENSE LEGAL COMPLIANCE NOTE

Authennial, LLC d/b/a/ CUBA CANDELA ("the Company"), a U.S. entity incorporated in the State of Delaware, is a person subject to U.S. jurisdiction authorized to provide travel services in connection with travel-related transactions involving Cuba, pursuant to the Cuban Assets Control Regulations, 31 CFR 5 Part 515.

The Company holds a general license authorization to provide travel services pursuant to §515.572(a)(1) ("General licenses – Authorization to provide travel services").

The Company maintains a policy to comply with required reports and recordkeeping pursuant to §515.572(b)(1) and §515.572(b)(2) ("Required reports and recordkeeping"), including retaining for at least five years from the date of the transaction a certification from each customer indicating the section of 31 CFR 5 Part 515 that authorizes each customer to travel to Cuba. In the case of a customer traveling under a specific license, the specific license number or a copy of the license is maintained on file. Additionally, the Company retains the names and addresses of individual travelers with all other information required by §501.601—such records which must be furnished to the Office of Foreign Assets Control on demand pursuant to §501.602.

On behalf of its customers, the Company makes travel-related transactions authorized by general license pursuant to §515.560(a) ("Travel-related transactions to, from, and within Cuba by persons subject to U.S. jurisdiction"), including all transportation-related transactions ordinarily incident to travel to, from, and within Cuba, including the acquisition of Cuban visas authorized pursuant to §515.560(c)(1) and all transactions ordinarily incident to travel within Cuba, including payment of living expenses and the acquisition in Cuba of goods for personal consumption there authorized pursuant to §515.560(c)(2).

The Company's customers engage in a full-time schedule of authorized activities while in Cuba, pursuant to the following general license category:

§515.574(a) ("Support for the Cuban People – General license")

With respect to travel authorized by §515.574(a), the Company's customers comply with all applicable requirements including those stated in §515.574(a).

The Company maintains a strict policy to not conduct, facilitate, engage in, or permit its Customers to engage in, tourism to Cuba. For the avoidance of doubt, the Company does not engage in tourism to Cuba. The Company maintains a strict policy to prohibit tourist travel to Cuba.



