



NEW REPUBLIC

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PROPOSED ITINERARY | APRIL 15-22, 2017

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

- MID-DAY** Arrival to Havana, Cuba. Meet your New Republic team and transfer to lodging (flight information pending).
- 3:00 PM** Check-in at the hotel, NH Capri La Habana.
- 5:00 PM** Socio-economic discussion with urban planner Miguel Coyula, whose presentation will touch on housing, infrastructure, investment and restoration programs. It's bound to leave you with a better understanding of why Havana looks the way it does today and possibilities moving forward. At the hotel.
- 7:00 PM** Enjoy a traditional Cuban meal overlooking the Straits of Florida at the Hotel Nacional. Tasty Cuban food served family style with a great view of the Havana sea wall and the old Spanish fortress.

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

- 9:30 AM** Walking tour of the Old City. Wander through the Plaza de Armas, a scenic tree-lined plaza formerly at the center of influence in Cuba. It is surrounded by many of the most historic structures in Havana as well as important monuments.
- See the Plaza de San Francisco, a cobbled plaza surrounded by buildings dating from the 18th century, dominated by the baroque Iglesia and Convento de San Francisco dating from 1719.
- Visit the Plaza Vieja, surrounded by sumptuous houses of the Havana aristocracy from the 18th and 19th centuries. Visit Plaza de la Catedral and the Catedral de San Cristóbal de La Habana.
- 12:00 PM** Lunch at La Bodeguita del Medio. Located on a side street in Cathedral Square, this is apparently where the mojito, Cuba's famed National drink, was first created.
- 2:00 PM** Visit to Christopher Colon Cemetery, one of the oldest and most prestigious cemeteries in Latin America, where we will receive a guided tour.
- 3:00 PM** Visit to the home and studio of a family of artists, at AltaMira art loft. A few

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years ago, Edel Bordón and his family embarked on a journey to establish an art collective in their apartment building. Spearheaded by his wife Yamilé Pardo, the family created the AltaMira art space, which features an exhibition and workspace off of the main lobby, collaborations with neighbors who rent rooms, and their penthouse apartment, where they receive guests and artists from all over the world.

EVENING FREE Your guide and New Republic representative will direct you to various sites and help choose restaurants

MONDAY, APRIL 17

- 9:00 AM** Discussion with journalist Marc Frank. Author of “Cuba Revelations” and the longest serving foreign correspondent in Cuba, Frank writes for Reuters, the Financial Times and the Economist, and is an authority on the Cuban economy. He will offer insight into important economic, political and social issues on the island and share colorful stories about being a reporter in Cuba. At the hotel.
- 10:30 AM** Visit to the Museum of Cuban Art. We will be accompanied by Nelson Herrera, an art historian, who will provide an overview of Cuban art and artists over the last four centuries.
- 12:30 PM** Enjoy pasta, pizza, and salad at Centro Asturiano’s Italian Restaurant.
- 2:00 PM** Private performance and lecture on Cuban Music at Bar Asturias by Prof. Alberto Faya who has been working as a musician, professor and researcher within the Cuban musical world for over 20 years. He will be joined by a quartet of some of the finest young jazz musicians in Cuba who will take us on a lively musical journey through the country’s history.
- 3:30 AM** Visit to a home in Central Havana for a discussion with Magia López and Alexey Rodriguez of the hip-hop/jazz duo Obsesión about their experiences and views on race and gender equality in Cuba.
- 6:00 PM** Spend the evening at Café Madrigal with Frank Delgado, renowned singer and songwriter, for a discussion about the nueva trova movement in Cuba, followed by a musical performance. Café Madrigal, owned and run by film director Rafael Rosales, is housed in a beautiful colonial mansion with the walls lined with captivating artwork. Enjoy tasty tapas and cocktails.

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

FREE DAY Your tour guide and New Republic host will assist in planning your personalized schedule and arranging transportation. Breakfast is included.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

- 9 AM** Depart for Cienfuegos, one of the country’s oldest and most beautiful cities, which is located approximately three and a half hours from Havana. Cienfuegos, referred to as the “Pearl of the South,” is one of Cuba’s only cities to display French and Spanish architecture. Housed on one of the country’s largest Bays, the city offers beautiful ocean front landscapes, and is deeply rich in culture.

- 12:30 PM** Lunch at las Mamparas, a family run paladar. Quick and simple, the food is as extraordinary as the family that operates it.
- 2:00 PM** Tour of Cienfuegos by the City Historian's Office, including visits to the main square, the beautiful Palacio Del Valle and Punta Gorda.
- 3:00 PM** Music and discussion with the local chapter of UNEAC, the National Union of Artists and Writers of Cuba, featuring an opportunity to meet local artists.
- 4:30 PM** Continue on to Trinidad, a UNESCO world heritage site, known for its cobblestoned streets, pastel colored homes and small-town feel.
- 6:00 PM** Check-in at bed and breakfasts, known as "casas particulares," or "private homes." Since the 1990s Cuban families have been permitted to rent rooms out of their family homes to foreigners. Featuring comfortable accommodations and ample privacy, it's a great way to interact with everyday Cubans.
- 7:30 PM** Enjoy a home-cooked meal provided by your hosts.

THURSDAY, APRIL 20

- 9:00 AM** City tour with Nancy Benitez, a local architect, historian and restoration specialist. Ms. Benitez will provide an overview of the city's history from an architectural, economic and infrastructural point of view.
- 11:30 AM** Visit to the home of Carlos Mata, "the painter of the night," who collects and restores antiques. Mr. Mata will discuss his passion for antiques and show you part of his collection, as well as his superb artwork.
- 12:30 PM** Enjoy a hearty meal at Paladar San Jose, a recently opened restaurant with a diverse menu featuring everything from lobster to pizza.
Afternoon free to explore Trinidad or the nearby Playa Ancon.
- 8:00 PM** Dinner at Los Conspiradores paladar, located at the foot of the main plaza and the lively Casa de la Música, featuring live music all night.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

- FREE DAY** Enjoy the historic beauty of Cienfuegos at your own pace and at your leisure. Your New Republic host can suggest sites and activities to make the most of your day.

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

- TBD** Depart for airport in Cienfuegos.
- TBD** Return flight to the United States (flight information pending).