

The Perfect Long Weekend in Havana

Use this as a base guide for your stay and make alterations according to your energy level/interests.

Day	Activities
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fly to Havana • Transfer to lodging via Sun Transfers. • Settle into your lodging. We liked Residencia Santa Clara. • Have an early dinner at Los Mercaderes Paladar • Attend the canon show at Fortaleza San Carlos. Arrive by 8:15-8:30 for best viewpoints.
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking Tour of Havana Vieja <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We used Free Walking Tours Havana, start time 9:30 ○ Also recommended, Strawberry Tours Havana, start time 10:30 • Lunch Break • Either tour a cigar factory (<i>state run</i>), the Rum Museum (<i>state run</i>) and/or shop/wander • Pre-dinner rest • Dinner at San Cristobal Paladar • Later evening at Fabrica de Arte Cubano (<i>art gallery, live music, bars</i>)
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking Tour of Havana Centro (<i>see providers above</i>) • Lunch Break • Take a taxi to Fusterlandia – have your cab wait for you • Pre-dinner rest • Dinner at La Guarida Paladar • Later evening listen to live music at one of the many spots in town OR go see a show at either the e Tropicana, Legendarios del Guajirito/Buena Vista Social Club, or the Cabaret Parisien at the Hotel Nacional. NOTE: The show venues are all state-run entities.
4	<p>Today, catch up on anything you'd hoped to see but didn't get to earlier. A few ideas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A 1 hour+ vintage American car tour. You'll see some of the sights from Central as well as the Cristobal Colon Cemetery, John Lennon Park, the Bosque/forest of Havana, etc. Explore more of the Vedado area after your tour. • Take a taxi to the Hemingway House/Finca Vigia (<i>state-run</i>) and have your cab wait for you. This is the home where Hemingway wrote Old Man & The Sea and For Whom the Bell Tolls. While you can't enter the house, the rooms are visible through open windows. • If it is Sunday between noon and 3 PM, stop at the weekly rumba event at Callejon de Hamel, another unique artist community in Vedado, much smaller than Fusterlandia. • Explore the town of Cojimar, a small fishing village about 15 minutes outside of Havana. Have your cab wait as cabs are scarce here. If it's mealtime, Ajiaco Cafe comes highly recommended. • Arrange for a cab to take you to the beaches of Playa del Este and Santa Maria del Mar. • Take a food tour and experience all the neat little stalls/windows run out of people's homes as well as more established dining venues.
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transfer to airport via Sun Transfers. • Fly Home

