

ITINERARY XXXIII Havana International Book Fair 2025

February 13th-18th, 2025
6 days / 5 nights
13/14 meals (5/5B, 3/4L, 5/5D)

DAY 1	Thursday, February 13th, 2025 HAVANA DINNER Welcome to Havana, the most literate country in America! Here is where your adventure begins. Meet your friendly guide and driver who will take you to your accommodation in the city center. Once you check-in and settle in, take your time to enjoy the surroundings. Be ready to enjoy a delicious welcome dinner at a private Cuban paladar while getting familiar with the ambiance and warmth of the Cuban people. Return to your lodging once you finish.
DAY 2	Friday, February 14th, 2025 HAVANA BREAKFAST, LUNCH & DINNER HAPPY SAINT VALENTINE'S DAY! The book party will take place at its usual main headquarters in the cultural complex Morro Cabaña, one of the America's oldest standing fortresses. Other spaces will be the sub-headquarters, Pabellón Cuba, and some squares of the Historical Center of Old Havana, an area that was declared by UNESCO a World Heritage Site. Fairground doors open at 10am, so after breakfast get ready to visit the main venue. Enjoy the site and meet people who share your love for books. At noon, your guide and driver will pick you up to take you to have lunch at a local private paladar. After lunch, take your bottle of water in hand and walk along Obispo, a famous street where you will explore the urban fabric of Havana and may find several bookstores with hidden literary talent that you will not find almost anywhere. Continue walking up to the Central Park and prepare to explore Modern Havana . Do it in style! The finest and most elegant American classic cars will take you on a panoramic tour of emblematic places in Havana like the Revolution Square. Drive around the outskirts of the lush Almendares Park, the Malecón, the seafront promenade, Vedado and Nuevo Vedado districts, and the Colon Cemetery. This unforgettable old car tour will take almost two hours and end at your accommodation's door. Take some time to relax and be ready at 8:30PM, to enjoy a lovely dinner accompanied with live music to celebrate friendship and love .
DAY 3	Saturday, February 15th, 2025 HAVANA BREAKFAST, LUNCH & DINNER Rise and shine! Finish your succulent breakfast and get ready. On this day you will visit the National Library Jose Marti , named after our national hero. This institution is more than a century old. It is the repository of the documentary, bibliographic, artistic, and sound heritage treasure of Cuba, as well as the most representative of universal culture.

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It offers researchers, students, teachers, and readers in general the possibility of interacting with Cuban cultural, scientist and artist creation to increase the contribution to national and universal culture. Enjoy time at the library and later on have **lunch** at a local private paladar.

In the afternoon visit the other venues. We highly recommend **Pabellón Cuba** as it offers a concert program of excellence during the bookfair. Return to accomodation at convenience. Your driver and guide will inform pick up time for **dinner**. After dinner return to accomodation for a nice rest.

DAY
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Sunday, February 16th, 2025

HAVANA | BREAKFAST, LUNCH & DINNER

On your 4th day in Havana, after having **breakfast**, you will have free time to visit once again the main venue of the event and participate in colloquiums, tributes, panels, conferences, readings, awards, and book presentations included in the program of activities. You will be picked up by your driver and guide at a meeting point to visit the **Callejon de Hamel** and have a delicious creole traditional meal in the paladar of the project. Afterwards enjoy street art, much of it executed with recycled materials, and a hypnotic live rumba show. Around 4PM you may return to your accommodation to have a shower and take some rest. After dinner, enjoy your night at leisure.

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Monday, February 17th, 2025

HAVANA | BREAKFAST & DINNER

On your last day in Cuba, after breakfast, you will visit **Finca Vigía**, home and museum of 1954 Nobel Prize winner Ernest Hemingway. During the time he lived there he wrote many of his most renowned works. Take a stroll around its garden to see its pet cemetery, his fishing boat and the pool where Ava Gardner bathed naked.

Lunch today has been excluded from the program cost, so you can decide where to enjoy it on your own and return to accommodation at convenience. Be ready at 8PM for dinner time with live music. Don't be sad. This is not an ADIOS CUBA!, but an HASTA PRONTO!

DAY
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Tuesday, February 18th, 2025

HAVANA | BREAKFAST

Hello! Helloooooo!!! This morning you can pack your suitcase and all those souvenirs you have bought for your loved ones. The driver will pick you up 3 hours before your scheduled departure flight time to take you to the airport. Remember to have your passport, airline ticket and all your belongings by hand.

Our **SAGUA TEAM** wishes you an excellent flight back home!

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

✦ **Itinerary subject to change based on weather and/or supplies.**

In case there is any activity of the program that for reasons beyond our control is not available on the scheduled date, our company will offer a second alternative to replace it.

✦ **Average guided tour group size:** 4 to 43 people.

What's included:

- ✦ Accommodation & Daily Breakfast
- ✦ Airport transfers
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- ✦ Ground transportation to all scheduled actividades.
- ✦ Full access to the fairground main venue and collateral venues.
- ✦ English-speaking tour guide.
- ✦ Meals as described in the program.
- ✦ Unique and immersive experience with Cuban authors.
- ✦ 24h Sagua Team support.
- ✦ Flight concierge (flight tickets, travel insurance and travel visas are not included, but we help you with the booking process if needed)

What's not included:

- ❑ Gratuities (at your discretion)
- ❑ Flight tickets / Insurance / Visa
- ❑ Activities not described in the program

REMARKS:

As specified above, Flight tickets , Travel Insurance and the Travel Visa are not included, but SST team may assist you with the booking process if needed. **Take into account that an extra fee of \$50.00 USD will be charged for operating expenses.**

Cuba requires all visitors to have travel insurance at the time of entry to the island to cover their entire stay. Please note that SST will book your flight ticket and travel insurance directly through the airline depending on their availability for the scheduled date. Most of these airline tickets are NON-REFUNDABLE. If you cancel your trip, the amount paid for the airline ticket and the travel insurance will not be refunded.

SST assists its clients in the choice and purchase of the travel insurance plans, limiting itself only to the assistance during the purchase and not to the implementation of said plans. Therefore, in case of unforeseen circumstances, you should contact your insurance company directly.

To acquire your Travel Visa, you can purchase it directly at the airport during your check-in process. In case you want it to be included in your package, please contact our team. An extra fee of \$125.00 USD per visa will be added and you will receive your visa at the address you request. We only ship within the United States. Note it will arrive blank for you to fill out with your passport information. This tourist card is valid for 30

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days. Make sure you do not misplace it while in Cuba since you cannot leave the country without it, and please, do not detach the two separate sides. Customs in Cuba is responsible for this.

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- ★ Your package must be paid in full 45 days prior to departure.

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CANCELLATION POLICY:

Cancellations made

- ☑ Less than 20 days prior to program start date, cancellation fee: 100% of trip total
- ☑ 45 to 20 days prior to program start date, cancellation fee: 50% of trip total
- ☑ Up to 45 days prior to program start date, cancellation fee: \$100.00

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Thank you for choosing us! 