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Delicious, home-cooked meals. Vibrant culture. Warm, welcoming people. Illuminating conversation. You'll discover all this and so much more on our one-of-a-kind fly-fishing adventure in Cuba. During this trip, you'll get to know Cuba through a diverse selection of activities, from a private musical performance to one of the most interesting fly shops we've ever found—and of course, world-class fishing. A wealth of natural wonders and interesting people make Cuba one of the most enriching destinations you'll ever visit.

No visit to Cuba would be complete without a stay in Havana. You'll stay near the heart of the city, and have the opportunity to explore Old Havana. Visit markets and historic sites during the day and enjoy traditional cuisine in the evenings. A peaceful fishing town will be your home during four days of fishing on pristine flats and a coastal river. You're sure to leave with a deeper understanding of Cuba and its people—as well as some tall tales from one of fly fishing's best-preserved fisheries.

HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ **WILD LANDSCAPES AND SALTWATER FLATS** that have been protected for decades, creating a haven for bonefish, tarpon, permit, snook, and snapper, as well as hundreds of species of migrating birds and marine creatures.
- ★ **FOUR DAYS OF FISHING** near Ciénaga de Zapata National Park with local guides, some of whom are park naturalists, working to preserve this important ecosystem.
- ★ **AUTHENTIC INTERACTIONS** with Cuban entrepreneurs, artists, musicians and conservationists where you'll have many opportunities to speak one-on-one, exchange ideas and learn about life in this unique island nation.
- ★ **DELICIOUS MEALS** in privately-owned paladares, featuring homemade, local dishes and a traditional pig roast complete with music and entertainment.
- ★ **WALKING TOURS AND STUDIO VISITS** in Old Havana, where you'll be swept up in the vibrant culture and arts scene; including a visit to a classic car restoration garage and a private musical performance.
- ★ **A VISIT TO FINCA VIGÍA**, the home of Ernest Hemingway from 1939-1960. Now a museum, it contains many of the Nobel Prize-winning author's personal belongings, including his storied fishing boat Pilar.



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DAY 1: MIAMI TO HAVANA

Upon arrival in Havana, you'll be met at the airport for your transfer to Havana where you'll meet your Orvis host and the rest of your group. Once we are in Havana, we'll join a conversation with a noted historian and learn about the history of Cuban architecture, growth of the city over the centuries, as well as some of the social and economic conditions that have shaped the Havana that you see today. The understanding you gain from his lively presentation will enrich your experience of this complex city and enlighten you to its possibilities moving forward.

In the afternoon, we'll have lunch at Paladar Doña Eutimia. Paladares are privately-owned restaurants, operated by Cuban entrepreneurs out of their homes, which offer close interaction with Cuban citizens—and delicious traditional dishes. This paladar was named one of Newsweek Magazine's top 100 restaurants in the world in 2012 and its location in the beautiful cathedral square is difficult to beat.

After lunch, a walking tour of Old Havana is a great way to work off the hearty meal. We'll wander through the Plaza Vieja, the oldest plaza in Havana dating back to the 16th century, 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 which dates back to 1719. A visit to Plaza de la Catedral and the Catedral de San Cristóbal de La Habana, will be followed by

the Plaza de Armas, a scenic tree-lined plaza formerly at the center of influence in Cuba, and is surrounded by many of the most historic structures in Havana as well as important monuments.



Dinner on our first evening in Cuba will be a real treat. The very popular Chef Ivan y Justo, offers a diverse menu of starters, entrees and desserts, all prepared with passion and served by an excellent staff that creates a warm and inviting atmosphere. After dinner, the evening is all yours to enjoy Havana. Head to Café Taberna to catch a live performance by the Buena Vista Social Club, or visit the Fabrica de Arte Cubano, a hugely popular nightclub/art gallery.

NOTE: *The nature of this adventure requires some flexibility and there may be changes to the itinerary. The route, schedules, amenities and mode of transport may be subject to change without prior notice due to unexpected circumstances or events. This itinerary is handcrafted to be the most diverse, interesting and authentic experience possible. Occasionally, we may adjust the details to respond to unforeseen events and, in turn, take advantage of special opportunities that were not formerly available to us. Rest assured, we will do everything in our control to make your adventure extraordinary.*



DAY 2:

**THE ART OF HAVANA AND
TRAVEL TO ZAPATA PENINSULA**

Havana has a thriving art scene and a highlight of our trip is a morning spent with an art historian and a visit to an artist's studio. After breakfast at the hotel, we'll take in the superb collection at the National Museum of Fine Art. It's the perfect starting point as we explore the art of Cuba. A renowned critic and art historian will be our guide and he'll share an overview of Cuban art and artists over the last four centuries, from early colonization to contemporary works.



Well-versed in the history of Cuban art, we'll move on to the studio of an emerging artist and poet, who specializes in abstract metalwork and paintings. It's a rare opportunity to get to know an artist in the surroundings of his private studio.

Lunch and the afternoon will be on your own, allowing you to explore Havana with a new, informed perspective and hopefully an increased appreciation for this peaceful city and the residents' vibrant passion for life. A stroll along the Malecon, the city's waterfront street, followed by a cold daiquiri at El Floridita, Ernest Hemingway's favorite watering hole in Havana is a great way to get ready for your upcoming fishing adventure. You can also visit Ejido Market to see the work of Cuba's emerging entrepreneurs who offer a variety of unique products.

In the afternoon, we'll depart for the sleepy fishing village of Playa Larga, where we'll stay at Enridan Lodge at Playa Larga Hotel. Dinner will be at the hotel, where we'll be treated to a traditional pig roast and an Afro-Cuban music and dance performance. This is known as the Noche Buena feast, traditionally held on Christmas Eve, when the whole family (often very large in Cuba) gathers to celebrate with an abundance of food and music. Don't be surprised if you get swept up in the festivities and find yourself on the dance floor learning to salsa!





Playa Larga is located adjacent to a 1,745-square-mile preserve designated as Ciénaga de Zapata National Park. This extensive ecosystem is made up of mangrove forests, keys, seagrass beds, coral reef barriers, and deep reefs. According to UNESCO, conservation status of coral reefs in the area is remarkable, a positive indicator of the health of the ecosystem. It is the largest marine wilderness in Cuba and the largest swampland in the Caribbean.



We'll spend three days fishing in the area known as Las Salinas, an expanse of over 100,000 acres. To get there, we'll follow a single-lane, unpaved road through the pine and mangrove forest of the park. We'll meet our guides at the launch and head out onto the immense area of shallow bonefish flats, broken up by

slightly deeper channels and bays. You'll have the opportunity to wade, as well as cast from the boat. To complete your Cuba fishing experience, we'll also spend one day on Rio Hatiguanico where you'll fish for juvenile tarpon along with snapper and snook. All fishing in these carefully protected areas is catch and release.

No matter how many places you've traveled and days you've spent chasing bones, you will be awestruck by the idyllic flats of the Zapata Peninsula. We're confident that you'll find them to be some of the most abundant, varied, and beautiful you've ever fished.

Rio Hatiguanico, though a different environment, is equally impressive. Wild and healthy, its banks are crowded with mangroves, hibiscus, and abundant birdlife.

Our team of guides are passionate proponents of conservation, some of whom work as naturalists in the park. They will share with you the successful efforts that have been made to preserve this beautiful fishery and the surrounding Ciénaga de Zapata.





7 DAY 7: CIGARS, CARS AND SONG IN HAVANA

After breakfast at our hotel, we'll depart for the return trip to Havana. On the way, we'll stop at one of the most interesting fly shops we've ever found. The owner is a passionate angler and artist who works in reclaimed wood, creating hand-carved fly boxes, art pieces, sculptures, humidors, and fly-tying furniture. His attention to detail and skill are truly impressive. This creative entrepreneur also grows, roasts and grinds his own coffee. We'll enjoy a cup or two while we get to know him and admire his artwork.

Lunch at Paladar Atelier will be our next stop, located in a beautiful and historic home. The setting is as exquisite as the cuisine. A group of private Cuban entrepreneurs will join us for a conversation about Cuba's emerging private sector and to exchange ideas about Cuba's history and possibilities for the future.

Next to cigars, the most iconic symbol of Cuba is the glorious classic cars that fill the streets. We'll visit a working garage specializing in restoration and maintenance where we'll have a chance to look under the hood of some fully restored classics on display. The talented crew will share how they bring these vintage vehicles back to their former glory.

What could be better before dinner than sipping a cold mojito to the sounds of a Spanish guitar in the home of a popular folk singer/songwriter, whose shows attract standing-room-only crowds. Our small group will be treated to a special private performance followed by an open discussion of the music scene in Havana and the nueva tropa movement of the late 1960's.

As your experience in Cuba is sure to reveal, the past is still alive. The restaurant chosen for our last night in Havana is a wonderful example. Paladar San Cristobal, located in the heart of Central Havana, occupies the ground floor of an early 20th-century mansion. The



décor is eclectic and homey, the food is elevated traditional, and the dessert menu is expansive. Enjoy a delicious meal while soaking in an ambiance that's 100% authentic Havana.

The streets of Havana come alive at night, and you'll have lots of entertainment choices to help you soak up the music and nightlife of Havana on our last night in Cuba.



8 DAY 8: HEMINGWAY'S HIDEAWAY AND FLIGHTS TO MIAMI

From 1939 to 1960, American writer Ernest Hemingway made his home in Cuba, just outside of Havana. We'll spend the morning at Finca Vigía (Lookout Farm), where Hemingway wrote seven novels, including *For Whom the Bell Tolls*, *A Moveable Feast* and *The Old Man and the Sea*. You'll see the home preserved much as Hemingway left it, filled with books, papers, fishing rods and other personal items. His fishing boat, Pilar is also on display. This museum is the result of a successful Cuba/USA bi-national effort that has won the support of both governments and provided training for Cuban preservationists. In 2016, the Finca Vigía Foundation received permission from both the Cuban and American governments to send building materials to Cuba to construct the first ever archival storage facility—a major step in conserving Hemingway's legacy and Cuba's cultural history. It makes a fitting end to our Cuban adventure. After leaving Finca Vigía, we'll transfer to the airport for flights back to the U.S.



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WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- 2 nights at one of the top historic hotels in Havana
- 5 nights at Enridan Lodge at Playa Larga Hotel
- 4 full days of guided fly fishing in Cienaga de Zapata National Park
- All breakfasts, 6 lunches, and 7 dinners
- Bottled water, local beer and rum while at Enridan Lodge
- VIP reception at the Havana International Airport
- An Orvis trip leader who will be with you throughout the trip to handle behind-the-scenes logistics and help you with anything from rigging your rods, providing casting instruction to buying cigars and finding local music.
- Full-time, professional bilingual guide while in Havana
- All local ground transportation, including land transfers between Havana and Playa Larga
- Admissions to all museums and activities as noted in the detailed daily itinerary
- Cuban visa, Cuban departure tax and Cuban health insurance

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED:

- Airfare to/from Havana
- Airline baggage fees
- Meals and activities other than those listed in the itinerary
- Alcoholic beverages in excess of what is included with each dinner
- Gratuities for fishing guide (60-80 CUC per boat per day)
- Gratuities for local Cuban guide and driver in Havana (\$15-25 per person per day)
- Housekeeping gratuity at each hotel (1 CUC per person per day)
- Personal expenses

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

I'M A U.S. CITIZEN. IS IT LEGAL FOR ME TO TRAVEL TO CUBA?

Yes. The Orvis Adventures team worked for over a year and a half to make sure that this unique program fully complies with all applicable U.S. laws and regulations.

While the United States government still maintains certain trade and travel restrictions, "people-to-people" travel is authorized provided that travelers adhere to a full-time schedule of educational and cultural activities while on the island. The Orvis trips meet these criteria.

The Cuban government and people open their arms to U.S. visitors. On some occasions an immigration official might ask you questions about your stay on the island (e.g. what electronic equipment you are bringing, how much cash you are carrying and who you will meet with). This is standard and you should not be concerned – it's part of the experience! Please be transparent and feel free to show them a copy of your program.

WHAT TRAVEL DOCUMENTS DO I NEED FOR ENTRY TO CUBA?

All U.S. citizens and permanent residents will need a passport with a minimum of two blank pages that is valid for at least six months after the scheduled date of return from Cuba. A tourism visa will be issued to you when you receive your plane ticket.

Please note: Cuban law requires that individuals who were born in Cuba and departed the island prior to January 1970 obtain a special entry visa from a Cuban consular office overseas. Orvis will work with you to obtain all required permissions. If you think this may apply to you, please contact an Orvis travel specialist for additional details.

HOW DO I GET TO CUBA FROM THE U.S.?

The U.S. Department of Transportation has approved commercial flights to Havana from multiple U.S. cities including New York, Newark, Houston, Atlanta, Miami, Fort Lauderdale, Orlando, Tampa, Charlotte and more beginning in the fall of 2016. Check-in and baggage policies may differ from domestic flights since travel to Cuba is still restricted. The airline will require you to certify that your travel to Cuba falls into one of the approved categories of travel authorized by the US. Department of the Treasury Office of Foreign Assets Control. Your trip with Orvis qualifies as authorized travel as part of an educational people-to-people exchange. We'll send you more details about flights and arrival and departure information in your trip confirmation package. If you have any questions about booking your commercial flight to Havana, please call Orvis Adventures at 800-547-4322.

DO I NEED ANY INOCULATIONS/VACCINES?

Cuba doesn't require any specific immunizations to enter. We recommend you consult your physician to discuss your particular situation and any medical conditions.

CAN I USE MY CREDIT AND DEBIT CARDS IN CUBA?

No, credit and debit cards will not work in Cuba.

CAN I BRING HOME CIGARS, RUM AND OTHER ITEMS?

U.S. regulations permit travelers to return to the U.S. with up to \$400 in merchandise from Cuba. Travelers are now permitted to bring back up to \$100 in rum and cigars. This can be \$100 in rum, \$100 in cigars, or a combination of the two up to \$100 in value. Purchasing Cuban cigars and rum in a "duty-free" shop at the Havana Airport does not exempt them from the \$100 limitation for personal use, and if not compliant with the regulation, may be subject to seizure by U.S. Customs.

There is no limit on the amount of money you spend on art and information materials and you can bring back as much artwork, music, books, posters, postcards, photographs, crafts and other art and artisan goods as you'd like. For more information, visit the U.S. Customs site at https://help.cbp.gov/app/answers/detail/a_id/36/~/importing-cuban-cigars

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