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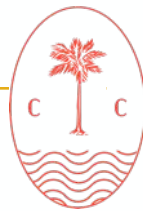
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Scott & Joe: Cuban Culinary Adventure

May 3 - 9, 2026





YOUR HAVANA ACCOMMODATION



You will be staying in Hotel Claxon, a boutique hotel in the beautiful Vedado neighborhood.

Address:

Avenida Paseo #458

Between 19 and 21

La Habana, Cuba



DAY 1: Sunday, May 3, 2026

Island Arrival, Rooftop Drinks and Live Music, Welcome Dinner

TBD Flight Arrivals

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.

5:30 PM **Private Sunset Rooftop Welcome:** Welcome to Havana! Kick-off your cultural immersion on a private terrace with fresh-made mojitos and live local musicians playing Cuban classics.

7:00 PM **Dinner:** You will be dining at Paladar Los Mercaderes, an authentic Cuban spot serving great local dishes in a refined dining room.



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DAY 2: Monday, May 4, 2026

Exploring Local Markets, Vintage Convertible Car, Drag Show

- 8:00 AM **Breakfast:** Full breakfast provided at your accommodation.
- 10:30 AM **Exploring Local Markets (Lunch Included):** Learn about the current landscape of food in Cuba from local experts who operate *Jíbaro*, a small *paladar* (private restaurant) in the San Isidro neighborhood. Visit a local produce market to source the key elements for a traditional Cuban meal, and return to the restaurant for a cocktail making experience and lunch.
- 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 and Hotel National.
- 3:00 PM **Return to Accommodation:** We recommend that you return to your accommodation to rest and freshen up.
- 8:00 PM **Dinner:** Grados, an old-school *paladar* where the owner is also the chef and the house is yours to roam (including the kitchen!) Chat with Raul as he cooks for you while you enjoy a drink or a tune played by his family.
- 11:00 PM **El Divino Drag Show:** Enjoy a dazzling show, featuring glamorous costumes, impressive choreography, and iconic lip-synchs that celebrate Cuban and international pop culture.



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DAY 3: Tuesday, May 5, 2026

Bacoretto Farm Tour, Dance Performance, Rum Tasting Experience

- 8:00 AM **Breakfast:** Full breakfast provided at your accommodation.
- 10:00 AM **Proyecto Bacoretto Sustainable Farm Tour (Lunch Included):** 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 **Mi Compañía Dance Performance:** A contemporary dance company founded and directed by choreographer Susana Pous. Known for its poetic, emotionally charged performances, the company fuses modern dance with Cuban cultural expression to explore themes of identity, memory, and belonging.
- 3:00 PM **Return to Accommodation:** We recommend that you return to your accommodation to rest and freshen up.
- 6:00 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.
- 8:00 PM **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.



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DAY 4: Wednesday, May 6, 2026

Cooking Lesson, Cultural Beach Excursion, Rooftop Dinner

- 8:00 AM **Breakfast:** Full breakfast provided at your accommodation.
- 10:00 AM **Cuban Cooking Lesson (Lunch Included):** Learn how to prepare a classic Cuban meal with chef La Lorena, the host of a cooking tv show in Cuba. She will teach you how to create some of the best typical dishes.
- 1:30 PM **Cultural Beach Excursion:** Visit a Caribbean paradise at Havana's nearby LGBTQ+ friendly beach, Mi Cayito.
- 5:30 PM **Return to Accommodation:** We recommend that you return to your accommodation to rest and freshen up.
- 8:00 PM **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.



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DAY 5: Thursday, May 7, 2025

Viñales Countryside Excursion: Magical Mountains, Lunch on the Farm, Tobacco Farm Tour 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 on the Farm (Included):** Enjoy an authentic and traditional Cuban pork roast prepared by the family of Andy, your local Viñales expert. Embrace Cuban tradition and get to know real Cuban life through authentic conversations.

1:00 PM **Tobacco Country:** Explore tobacco country like a Cuban farmer! Stop at a working tobacco farm run by a lovely multi-generational family. Learn the special technique and secret family recipe for rolling cigars with a twist. We'll continue into the lush Viñales Valley to our special viewing point, one of the most tranquil places on the planet.

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

7:00 PM **Return to Accommodation:** We recommend that you return to your accommodation to rest and freshen up.

8:00 PM **Dinner:** Vistamar. A beautiful seaside paladar with views of the ocean and great seafood selections.



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DAY 6: Friday, May 8, 2026

Old Havana Food Adventure, Hotel Nacional, Local Shopping, Rooftop Dinner, Fábrica de Arte Cubano

- 8:00 AM **Breakfast:** Full breakfast provided at your accommodation.
- 10:00 AM **Havana Food Adventure:** A guided exploration of the food scene in Havana's bustling Vedado district. Discover the city's hidden gems and taste the many flavors on offer including traditional snacks, expertly mixed cocktails, and mouth watering Cuban dishes that blend African, Spanish, and Caribbean influences.
- 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 **Local Shopping:** Support Havana's thriving community of private entrepreneurs, visit shops like Dador, Clandestina and an artisan craft market.
- 5:30 PM **Return to Accommodation:** We recommend that you return to your accommodation to rest and freshen up.
- 8:00 PM **Dinner:** Cocinero, a unique rooftop restaurant located in the remodeled tower of an old oil factory.
- 9:30 PM **Private Tour and Night Out at La Fábrica (Included):** Enjoy a private tour of Fábrica de Arte Cubano, a must-see Cuban art installation and center of Havana nightlife! Enjoy a classic mojito as you explore three floors of art galleries, live music, DJs and more.



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DAY 7: Saturday, May 9, 2026

Island Farewell!

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

11:00 AM **Airport Transfer:** Transfer to Havana airport.

2:00 PM **Departure Flight (suggested time)**



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