



# ¡CON EL PACHECO ME VOY!

*Musician led tour with award winning  
Cuban Pianist*

**JORGE LUIS PACHECO**

MARCH 20th - 26th, 2026





# TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

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On this intimate tour you'll get to experience Cuba through the lens of one of the most celebrated and renowned pianists of Cuba today:  
Jorge Luis Pacheco!

With Pacheco at your side, get a behind-the-scenes look at musical life in Cuba. You'll visit some of Cuba's most prestigious musical conservatories where he honed his craft and enjoy live performances at Havana's most exclusive venues, including an authentic Afro-Cuban musical ritual and Rumba. With Pacheco, you'll get to know and enjoy performances by some of Cuba's most important musicians of popular Cuban music, classical music, and even opera. You'll also enjoy a walking tour of Old Havana, ride in classic cars, visit the Hemingway home, dine at the best paladares in Havana, shop Cuban art, and more!

**\*Blue Note Travel tours to Cuba are legally compliant with current OFAC regulations\***

Our visit to Cuba this March with Blue Note Travel was an indescribable experience, the best and most inspiring single week of my life. Cuban musicians are the best in the world, combining classical training with the deepest African rhythms. Our guides, Laura and Fernando, were amazing. They took us to the best restaurants (all private) where the food was terrific. I highly recommend Blue Note Travel for all!

**Colin Pohl, 2025**



# DAY 1

## USA - HAVANA

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- ARRIVE AT JOSÉ MARTÍ INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (HAV); AIRPORT TRANSFER INCLUDED
- HEAD TO LODGING FOR CHECK IN AND ORIENTATION
- ENJOY A WELCOME ROOFTOP DINNER HAVANA'S MOST EMBLEMATIC PALADAR, LA GUARIDA
- NIGHTTIME SUGGESTION: ENJOY LIVE MUSIC SHOWS AROUND HAVANA WITH PACHECO (TRANSPORTATION TO/FROM INCLUDED). SCHEDULE OF SHOWS TBA.









# DAY 2 HAVANA

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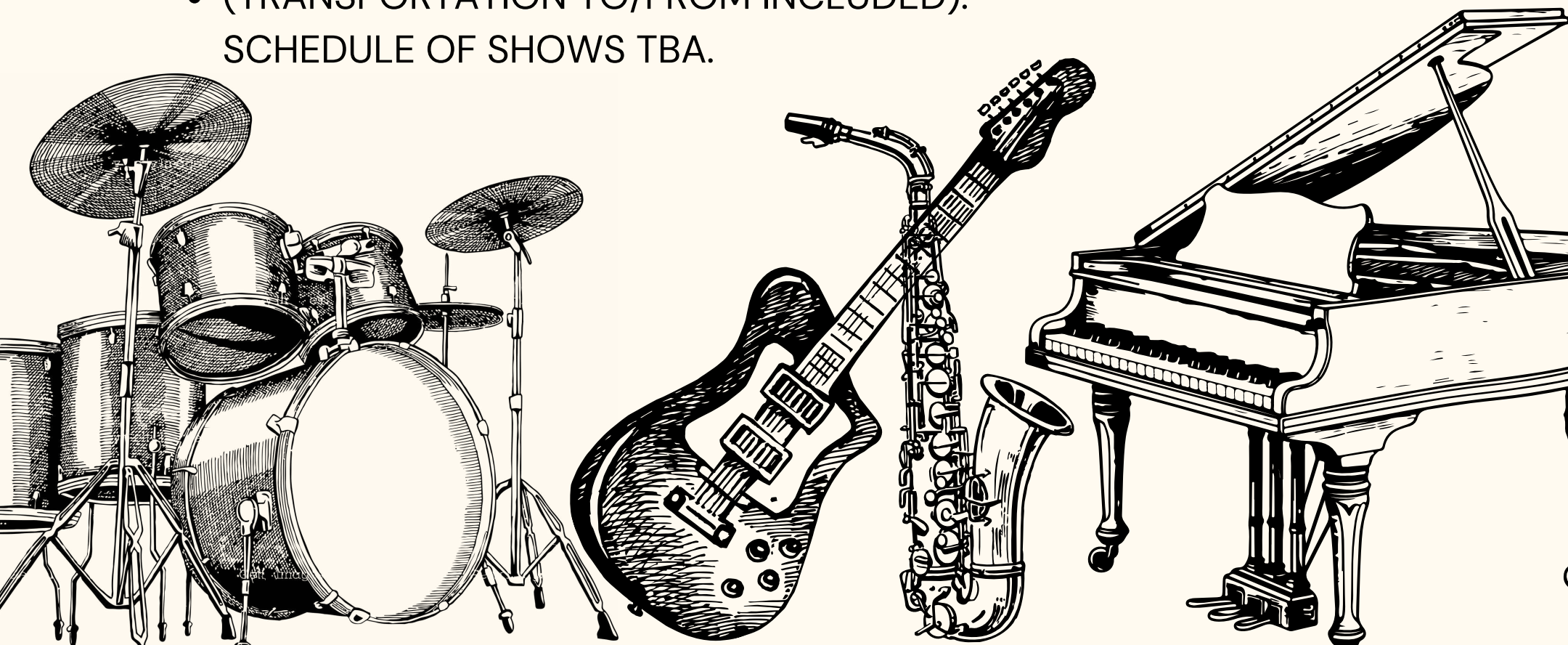
- BEGIN YOUR DAY WITH A [CLASSIC CONVERTIBLE CAR RIDE](#) AROUND HAVANA CITY (1 HOUR)

Havana is beloved by American visitors with its collection of thousands of vintage American cars, manufactured before the Revolution and subsequent US embargo in 1960. In the absence of automobile imports, these living relics are preserved by Cuban mechanics or improvised fixes by the owners themselves. Experience an hour in a classic convertible Chevy, Ford or Oldsmobile.

- VISIT [OLD HAVANA](#) AND LEARN ABOUT HAVANA'S WORLD-RENOWNED UNESCO HERITAGE DESIGNATED ARCHITECTURE ON AN EXPERTLY GUIDED WALKING TOUR (2 HRS)

There is no better introduction to Havana than a walk through Old Havana. On this walk you will explore Old Havana's five major plazas and see the interiors of cathedrals and other important buildings. UNESCO designated Old Havana as a world heritage site in 1982. Although today Havana is a sprawling metropolis of more than two million people, the old center retains an interesting mix of Baroque and neoclassical monuments, beautiful balconies, and courtyards.

- LUNCH AT [EL DEL FRENTE](#) (A CLIENT FAVORITE – TRY THE DAIQUIRIS!)
- EXPERIENCE A [PRIVATE CONCERT WITH CORO LEO](#), DIRECTED BY CORINA CAMPOS, ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT CHOIR DIRECTORS IN HAVANA—AND PACHECO'S BELOVED MOM.
- [NIGHTTIME SUGGESTION](#): ENJOY LIVE MUSIC SHOWS AROUND HAVANA WITH PACHECO
- (TRANSPORTATION TO/FROM INCLUDED). SCHEDULE OF SHOWS TBA.







# DAY 3 HAVANA

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- VISIT TWO PRESTIGIOUS MUSIC CONSERVATORIES WHERE PACHECO STUDIED, GUANABACOA AND AMADEO ROLDAN AND ENJOY A BRIEF CONCERT BY CURRENT STUDENTS.
- LUNCH AT LA RESERVA PALADAR
- VISIT THE NATIONAL LYRICAL THEATER, ONE OF THE OLDEST BUILDINGS IN HAVANA, FOR A PRIVATE RECITAL
- ON THIS EXCLUSIVE VISIT, PACHECO WILL INTRODUCE YOU TO HIS LATE FATHER'S STUDENTS. MAESTRO PACHECO WAS THE DIRECTOR OF THE CUBAN NATIONAL OPERA FOR SIX YEARS. HE WAS ALSO THE ONLY CUBAN OPERA SINGER TO GRADUATE FROM THE PRESTIGIOUS TCHAIKOVSKY CONSERVATORY IN MOSCOW. YOU WILL ENJOY A CONCERT BY HIS TOP STUDENTS SINGING CLASSIC CUBAN AND ITALIAN WORKS AS WELL AS CUBAN OPERA.









# DAY 4 HAVANA

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- EXPERIENCE AN AUTHENTIC AFRO CUBAN TAMBOR CEREMONY, USUALLY NOT SHARED WITH TOURISTS
- ENJOY A TRADITIONAL AFRO CUBAN PERCUSSION AND DANCE PERFORMANCE
- LUNCH AT CAFÉ AJIACO PALADAR AND ENJOY A CIGAR AND RUM TASTING
- NIGHTTIME SUGGESTION: ENJOY LIVE MUSIC SHOWS AROUND HAVANA WITH PACHECO (TRANSPORTATION TO/FROM INCLUDED). SCHEDULE OF SHOWS TBA.









# DAY 5 HAVANA - LAS TERRAZAS

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OPTION A: HEAD TO LAS TERRAZAS (1 HOUR EACH WAY)

- ENJOY A TOUR OF A UNESCO SITE AND BIOSPHERE RESERVE WITH AN EXTRAORDINARY GUIDE
- FARM TO TABLE LUNCH IN THE COUNTRYSIDE
- VISIT THE HOME OF POLO MONTAÑEZ, ONE OF CUBA'S MOST PROLIFIC AND BELOVED SINGER SONGWRITERS
- NIGHTTIME SUGGESTION: ENJOY LIVE MUSIC SHOWS AROUND HAVANA WITH PACHECO (TRANSPORTATION TO/FROM INCLUDED). SCHEDULE OF SHOWS TBA.

OPTION B: ACTIVITIES IN HAVANA TBA









# DAY 6 HAVANA

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- VISIT THE HOUSE AND GROUNDS OF [ERNEST HEMINGWAY](#), FINCA VIGÍA

In 1940 Hemingway, with his new wife Martha, purchased a home outside Havana, where the couple lived for the next twenty years. The Hemingway's named the site Finca Vigía, or "lookout farm," and shared their home with dozens of Hemingway's beloved cats, as well as trophies from many successful hunts and fishing expeditions. During their time at the Finca, Hemingway became a fixture of Havana, and stayed in the country longer than many Americans chose to after relations between Cuba and the United States began to deteriorate. He fished extensively aboard his boat, Pilar, and enjoyed the island lifestyle, hanging out in Havana, penning some of his signature works, and entertaining guests. His home, with many original furnishings and personal artifacts can be viewed today.

- LUNCH AT [EL COCINERO PALADAR](#)
- ENJOY A [FAREWELL CONCERT](#) WITH [PACHECO'S HAND-PICKED CUBAN ALL STARS BAND](#).









# DAY 7 HAVANA - USA



- FINAL SHOPPING AT SAN JOSE CRAFT MARKET (TIME PERMITTING)
- HEAD TO JOSE MARTÍ AIRPORT AND SAY FAREWELL TO CUBA!

AS YOUR UNFORGETTABLE JOURNEY COMES TO A CLOSE, WE HOPE YOU LEAVE CUBA WITH LASTING MEMORIES, MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS, NEW FRIENDS AND A DEEPER APPRECIATION FOR ITS RICH MUSICAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE. THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE CUBAN PEOPLE AND THE ARTS—YOUR PRESENCE MAKES A REAL DIFFERENCE AND HELPS US CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE MUSICIANS AND STUDENTS IN CUBA. WE'RE GRATEFUL TO HAVE SHARED THIS SPECIAL EXPERIENCE WITH YOU, AND WE HOPE IT STAYS WITH YOU LONG AFTER YOU RETURN HOME. UNTIL NEXT TIME, ¡HASTA PRONTO!

## OUR TEAM









**QUOTE  
INCLUDES:**











Cuban E-Visa  
and Customs  
Form



Tour leader



Highly-rated  
lodging



Air conditioned  
transportation



All breakfasts in  
Cuba at your  
lodging



Admission to  
places listed  
in your itinerary



All lunches in  
Cuba at the  
best paladares



One welcome  
dinner at a  
top paladar

## PLEASE NOTE:

- TIPS FOR YOUR GUIDES AND DRIVERS ARE NOT INCLUDED. THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS (IN USD) ARE RECOMMENDED:
  - Local city guides in Havana and other cities: 3 USD per person
  - Drivers: 5 USD per person per day
  - Tour Leaders: the amount is up to you, but we suggest 10 USD per person per day
- EACH INCLUDED MEAL WILL INCLUDE ONE NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE.

This itinerary is subject to change. In-country programming is customized for each group to maximize your cultural experience. To maintain authenticity, many of the places we visit are not tourist destinations and are not always available. Our programs are intended to provide meaningful interaction with the Cuban people as described by the "Support for the Cuban people" category. These programs require mandatory participation under our license by the U.S. Department of Treasury.



