

DAILY ITINERARY

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THURSDAY, MARCH 30

Arrival at Stock Island Marina Village in Key West, Florida (we strongly advise arriving no later than noon\in order to facilitate provisioning and vessel check-in. NOTE: If you are chartering a Harmony Yacht Vacations vessel and you prefer arriving on the 30th, we can arrange a sleep-aboard available for \$500 for the entire boat or if you are chartering by the cabin, \$200 per cabin). If you are participating with your own boat and would like to secure dockage reservations at Stock Island Marina Village, a dockage request form is attached.

- 4:00P Captain's meeting at Shrimp Road Bar and Grill (located on the premises of the Marina)
- 6:00P Dinner at DeLuna's (located on the premises of the Marina) including time for "meet and greet" and brief orientation.
- 10:00P Group 1 (TBD) departs from Stock Island Marina Village for Marina Hemingway, Havana, Cuba.
- 12:00A Group 2 (TBD) departs from Stock Island Marina Village for Marina Hemingway, Havana, Cuba.

FRIDAY, MARCH 31: WELCOME TO CUBA!



- 2:00A Group 3 (TBD) departs from Stock Island Marina Village for Marina Hemingway, Havana, Cuba.
- 4:00A Group 4 (TBD) departs from Stock Island Marina Village for Marina Hemingway, Havana, Cuba. Note: All departures may be altered depending upon wind and weather conditions in order to facilitate arrival of all vessels at Marina Hemingway prior to sunset.
- ALL DAY Various arrivals into Marina Hemingway. Clear customs and proceed to dock assignments. Evening at your leisure.
- 9:00P Informal meet and greet at Hemingway International Yacht Club with live Cuban music.

SATURDAY, APRIL 1: HABANA VIEJA

Orientation tour of Habana Vieja (Old Havana); our Cuban guides will take us through the best of the iconic sights such as el Capitolio, Gran Teatro, Parque Central, the Bacardi building as well as the famed squares such as Plaza de Armas, Plaza Catedral, Plaza San Francisco, and Plaza Vieja.

- 8:30A First group meets in front of Hemingway International Yacht Club to begin tour.
- 9:30A Second group meets in front of Hemingway International Yacht Club to begin tour.
- 10:30A Third group meets in front of Hemingway International Yacht Club to begin tour.
- 8:00P Dinner at Hemingway International Yacht Club with live music and greetings from Commodore Escrich and Cruising World representatives.



SUNDAY, APRIL 2: CRUISING WORLD'S PARADE OF YACHTS

MORNING At your leisure.

- 1:00P Line up of vessels for Cruising World's Parade of Yachts led by Commodore Escrich of Hemingway International Yacht Club. This historic parade will start in front of the legendary El Nacional Hotel and proceed into Havana Harbor along the famed Malecon. Entry into Havana Harbor is a rare privilege and requires special government approval.
- 6:00P Approximate return to Marina Hemingway. Evening at your leisure.

MONDAY, APRIL 3 THROUGH WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5: OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

These 3 days are at your leisure; optional excursions will be offered:



OPTION 1: LAS TERRAZAS

Travel from the buzzing Havana to the lush green countryside, dotted with small lakes and rivers, art studios, and coffee plantation ruins. Set off from Marina Hemingway at 8.30 in the morning. Pass lush, green landscapes, and bright colored houses before reaching the the mountain community of Las Terrazas, which was built as a reforestation project in the 1960's. The inhabitants here live off eco-tourism and the benefit from a lavish paradise rich in flora and fauna. On arrival, visit a 19th century coffee plantation and enjoy lunch at an authentic Cuban Paladar.

OPTION 2: VINALES

The instant you see a cigar touting guajiro working the red soiled fields of a tobacco field, you know you must be close to the town of Vinales. On a Vinales Day tour you will depart from Marina Hemingway at 8:00 in the morning. The scenic drive along the "Ruta del Tabaco" will pass through the lush surroundings of the Pinar del Rio Province. You'll be swept away by the stunning views of the Mogote valley, famous for its pin-cushion shaped hills, tobacco fields and green vegetation. Upon arriving in Vinales, you will be greeted by hospitable locals with a wonderful vibe that is unique to the township. Enjoy lunch at an authentic Cuba Paladar (family-run restaurant) where you can sit back and relax. In the afternoon there is the opportunity to visit a Tobacco farm and watch a cigar rolling demonstration.



OPTION 3: HEMINGWAY'S CUBA

Hemingway lived in Cuba on and off for 20 years. His house, "Finca Vigia," was where he wrote his novel "The Old Man and the Sea," for which he received the Pulitzer Prize in 1953. A year later he was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature for his body of work. When receiving the Prize, Hemingway declared that the prize belonged not to him, but to Cuba and gifted the medal to Cuba upon receiving it. The excursion starts at 9:00 in the morning with a drive to "La Finca Vigía", the former residence of Hemingway. Next stop is Cojimar (14km from Havana), where Hemingway was inspired to write "The Old Man and the Sea". A walking tour takes you to Hemingway's statue, made from old anchors, props, and tools salvaged by local fishermen to cast Hemingway's statue. Here, you'll visit the restaurant Las Terrazas, the preferred Cojimar hangout of the author and the late Captain of his boat (Pilar); Gregorio Fuentes (cocktail and lunch included). From here, return to the capital to follow Hemingway's trail in Old Havana, having a peek at room 511 in Hotel Ambos Mundos where Hemingway used to stay in the 1930's. Breathe the atmosphere of those days in the restaurant-bars, "la Bodeguita del Medio" and "Floridita." The former is famous for its superb mojitos, the latter for its Daiquiris.

OTHER SELF-GUIDED OPTIONS

(May require entrance fees and taxi service)

- El Morro/Fortress of San Carlos, 9pm Havana Cannon Shot Ceremony)
- Shopping at that Havana Central Railway Station
- National Museum of Fine Arts
- Cemetario de Colon (Christopher Columbus Cemetery)
- Santa Maria del Mar (beach to the east of Havana)
- Fabrica de Arte Cubano, modern art museum and bar

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

Today is at your leisure. Contact the Dock master's office on Channel 77 this morning to arrange a time for your captain to settle final bills. Take time to prep for return trip to Key West.

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

MORNING Departure from Havana to Key West. Note: Departure times will be organized to keep the customs dock from being crowded.

EVENING Arrival back at Stock Island Marina Village in Key West.

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

MORNING Check-in with US Customs and Border Protection. Note: appointments will be arranged by boat for check-in. Day at leisure in the famed city of Key West.

NOON For those on Harmony Yacht Vacations charter vessels, check out is by noon.