

FLIGHT AND TRAVEL LOGISTICS

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Read through the travel options and guidelines below carefully to best understand the preferred logistics for arrival and departure to satisfy your program itinerary.

When in doubt, please contact your Avalon Travel Advisor to confirm the flight details after you have read through this document and before you book your flights.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, flight options are limited and may change without notice. Please be advised that you are responsible for your own travel accommodations and must abide by the guidelines below to be guaranteed your program itinerary in Cuba.

JARDINES DE LA REINA

If you are visiting Jardines de la Reina you are **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** to fly through **Camagüey (CMW)**, **Santa Clara (SNU)** or **Cayo Coco (CCC)**. You may fly through Havana as well, but this route necessitates two additional overnights and a 6-7 hour land transfer at a supplemental cost.

If you are planning to arrive in **Camagüey (CMW)** or **Santa Clara (SNU)** you may arrive on the first day of your trip. These cities are serviced by American Airlines from Miami (MIA). The flight times are well aligned with our programs as they arrive and depart before 12pm. If you are part of a group, please arrive together at the same airport.

On the departure Saturday, you may depart from either **Camaguey (CMW)** or **Santa Clara (SNU)** but presently the Camaguey departure is more preferable due to the flight time allowing for more time departing your boat and transferring to the airport. If you would like to depart from Santa Clara, please be sure to check with your Avalon Travel Advisor first before you book this flight option.

If you are planning to arrive in **Cayo Coco (CCC)** please see page 2 of this document under the Cayo Romano section as that destination and Jardines de la Reina are both easily accessed via flights into Cayo Coco.

If you are planning to arrive in Havana please follow the guidelines below:

If you are flying into **Havana** for a program at **Jardines de la Reina** you **MUST** arrive the day before your trip starts (Friday). You may also arrive on Thursday and spend a full day in the city. If you are spending some nights in Havana, you must book your own lodging at a **PRIVATE ACCOMMODATION**. You may book other lodging if you choose, but if you are a US citizen, you may not book anything on the **PROHIBITED ACCOMMODATIONS LIST**.

Currently, there are flights from the US to Havana on the following airlines*:

*Please search using [google.com/flights](https://www.google.com/flights) to get the best results.

- American Airlines (Miami)
- Jet Blue (Fort Lauderdale and New York — JFK airport)
- Southwest (Fort Lauderdale)
- United (Houston and Newark)

On the Departure Saturday, you may book a flight leaving Havana NO EARLIER than 8pm from Havana.

All round trip transfers from Havana to Jucaro port will be collective group transfers; they will be arranged by Avalon Outdoor and must be invoiced and paid for in advance. This transfer will pickup and drop off at the IBEROSTAR PARQUE CENTRAL or the MELIA HABANA in Havana on Saturday morning for transfer to Jucaro and Saturday afternoon upon return to Havana. The time of pickup are fixed and noted below. Please arrive at the pickup location 15 minutes early. If you miss the pickup, you will be responsible for your own transportation to Jucaro Port.

If you would like to book a private transfer for your group, please see the rates below:

Private transfers from Havana to Jucaro port:

- Round trip private transfer for groups between 2 and 6 passengers + baggage: US\$ 2,000
- Round trip private transfer for groups between 7 and 10 passengers + baggage: US\$ 2,800
- Round trip private transfer for groups between 11 and 16 passenger + baggage: US\$ 3,840
- Round trip private transfer for groups between 16 and 22 passengers + baggage: US\$ 5,280
- Round trip private transfer for groups between 22 and 30 passengers + baggage: US\$ 7,200

You are responsible for your own taxi transportation between Havana airport and your accommodations.

If you are visiting CAYO ROMANO, it is suggested to fly into Cayo Coco (or Camaguey per guidelines aforementioned).

Cayo Coco is currently only serviced by Canadian Airline carriers. Cayo Coco is within 1 hour of Cayo Romano and 2 hours of Jucaro port (Jardines de la Reina).

Current Airlines offering flights from Toronto and Montreal to Cayo Coco:

- Air Canada
- Air Transat
- Sunwing
- Westjet

Flying into Cayo Coco from Canada

The Canadian border is open to fully vaccinated travelers. This means you may utilize flights from **Toronto** and **Montreal** to **Cayo Coco** on Saturdays. It is suggested to arrive before 1pm to allow for transfer and navigation to **Jardines de la Reina**. If you are visiting **Cayo Romano**, you may arrive anytime before 8pm on Saturday, however it is suggested to arrive early enough to accommodate the group transfers noted below. If you arrive after the fixed transfer times, your transfer will be considered private and will be charged as a supplement.

Please review the [CANADA TRAVEL GUIDELINES](#) so you understand the procedures for transiting through Canada to Cuba. More information can be found [HERE](#).

On the departure Saturday, it is suggested to book a flight out of **Cayo Coco** or **Camagüey** after 10am.

It is less preferable to arrive and depart in **Santa Clara** for the **Cayo Romano** program but it can be accommodated for groups only. This airport is between 4-5 hours from Cayo Romano.

For **Cayo Romano**, you are able to arrive in Havana as well, but you must take a long land transfer to Cayo Romano (~8.5hrs) at an additional cost.

Round Trip Transfer Rates are as follows:

- Up to 3 guests = \$800 per person round trip
- 4 or more guests = \$600 per person round trip

If departing the Cayo Romano program from Havana, you may book a flight out of Havana NO EARLIER than 5pm on the departure Saturday.

If you are visiting CAYO LARGO, ISLA DE LA JUVENTUD or CANARREOS, you MUST arrive in Havana.

You may arrive on Saturday, the first day of your trip on a flight that arrives before 12pm. You will be picked up at the airport and transferred 3 hours to Zapasca port where you will board your boat for navigation to the fishing destination.

No matter which flight route you choose, if you are part of a group, you must arrive on the same flight or very close to the same time in Havana airport.

*There is the possibility of accommodating an arrival to **Varadero** or **Santa Clara** from Canada, Europe or Central America for these programs. Please consult your Avalon Travel Advisor if you would like to utilize this route to ensure the transfer will be available for your group.

On the Departure Saturday, you may book a flight leaving Havana NO EARLIER than 4pm.

You may also arrive in Havana 1-2 days prior to your scheduled trip at CL, IDJ, or CNR. Please follow the Havana arrival and accommodations booking guidelines from page 1 of this document as well as the fixed pickup times and locations below.

We suggest using [Google Flights](#) to make your searches to get the most comprehensive view of what is available.

NOTICE – All flight schedules, numbers and times listed in this document are subject to change. Avalon Outdoor is not liable for schedule or flight changes, it is your responsibility to research and book your own flights. Avalon Outdoor will be happy to assist in your logistical planning at your request.

FIXED AND UNIQUE COLLECTION POINTS IN CUBA FOR TRANSFERS TO THE DESTINATIONS

HAVANA PICK UP LOCATIONS

1. Hotel Melia Habana (for those guests staying in New Havana).
2. Iberostar Parque Central Hotel (for those guests staying in Old Havana).

PICK UP TIMES IN HAVANA

Transfer from Havana to Júcaro (Jardines de la Reina destination)

Melia Habana. 7:30AM

Parque Central. 8AM

Júcaro Port Boarding Times

April - September: Boarding: 2PM - 3PM / Disembark: *8AM.

October - March: Boarding: 1PM - 2PM / Disembark: *7AM.

*JA4 passengers will disembark their mothership in Gardens of the Queen onto a transfer ferry around 5am for transfer back to Jucaro port, and disembark the transfer ferry in port around 8am).

Transfer from Havana to Zapesca Port (Isla de la Juventud, Cayo Largo and Canarreos destinations)

12.30 PM: Melia Habana

01.00 PM: Parque Central

02.00 PM: Havana Airport

Transfer from Havana to Cayo Romano and Paredón destinations

11.00 AM: Melia Habana

11.30 AM: Parque Central

12.30 PM: Havana Airport

Transfer from Havana to Zapesca Port (Zapata destination)

01.30 PM: Melia Habana

02.00 PM: Parque Central

03.00 PM: Havana Airport

PICK UP SCHEDULES IN CAYO COCO, CAMAGÜEY & SANTA CLARA

Transfer from Cayo Coco to Júcaro (Jardines de la Reina destination)

11.30 AM: Cayo Coco Airport

12.30 PM: Melia Cayo Coco (for those customers staying in Cayo Coco on Friday night)

Transfer from Camagüey to Júcaro Port (Jardines de la Reina destination)

11.30 AM: Camagüey Airport

12.30 PM: Hotel E Santa María

Transfer from Santa Clara to Júcaro Port (Jardines de la Reina destination)

11.00 AM: Santa Clara Airport

12.00 PM: Hotel Santa Clara Libre

Transfer from Cayo Coco to Cayo Romano (Cayo Romano and Paredón destinations)

12.30 PM: Cayo Coco Airport

01.30 PM: Melia Cayo Coco (for those customers staying in Cayo Coco on Friday night)

Transfer from Camagüey to Cayo Romano (Cayo Romano and Paredón destinations)

11.30 AM: Camagüey Airport

12.30 PM: Hotel E Santa María

All of these pickup times are fixed. Please be sure to arrive at your pickup location at least 15 minutes early to ensure you do not miss the transfer.

If you have any questions regarding logistics, please contact your Avalon Travel Advisor.

We Look Forward to Hosting You In Cuba!!