

Antilla, Holguín, Cuba

Tucked inside the vast, sheltered waters of Nipe Bay, Antilla is one of Cuba's most authentic eastern ports — a 1907 railway town that's the launching pad for Cayo Saetia, a private island reserve where zebras and ostriches roam white-sand beaches.

-  Docked (cement wharf, small ships only)
-  Typical call: 7-9 hrs
-  Cuban Peso (CUP) / USD cash useful
-  Spanish — English very limited

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Small cement wharf inside Nipe Bay; only expedition and boutique cruise ships call here

Best For: Cayo Saetia safari, off-the-beaten-path Cuba, snorkeling, catamaran day trips

Walk to center: Town center is a short walk from the dock; limited shops and facilities

Don't Miss: The catamaran excursion to Cayo Saetia — zebras on the beach is a genuinely surreal Cuban experience

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  \$5–\$20 USD ·  **Rideshare**  not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Cayo Saetia Safari & Beach Day** — Board a catamaran across Nipe Bay to Cayo Saetia, a 42 km² private reserve where zebras, ostriches, antelopes, camels...
- Nipe Bay Catamaran Cruise** — Sail the sheltered turquoise waters of one of Cuba's largest bays, stopping at coral reefs for snorkeling.
- Antilla Town & Railway History Walk** — Antilla was founded in 1907 as a sugar and lumber export terminal linked by rail to eastern Cuba's interior.
- Guardalavaca & Holguín Province** — A bus transfer (~1 hr, ~50 km) takes you to the Guardalavaca resort area on Cuba's northern coast, where you can visit...

BEST WALKS

- Antilla Town Center Stroll** 1-2 km · Easy · 30-45 min — From the wharf, walk into town past the central plaza, local market, and the old railway station.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:44AM–7:21PM · Jun 6:21AM–7:45PM · Aug 6:42AM–7:32PM · Sep 6:50AM–7:05PM · Oct 6:58AM–6:38PM	
Apr	85°	74°	11d	 Cuban Peso (CUP) / USD cash useful	
Jun	88°	78°	13d		
Aug	89°	79°	13d		
Sep	89°	78°	17d		
Oct	86°	76°	21d		

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Cash only, bring USD. Cuba has few ATMs accessible to foreign bank cards outside major cities. Bring enough USD for the day — taxis, snacks, and tips.
- Book Cayo Saetia through your ship. This excursion sells out; the catamaran capacity is limited. Independent access to the reserve requires private arrangements and can be...
- Hot and humid year-round. Nipe Bay's sheltered location means little sea breeze on shore. Sunscreen, a hat, and hydration are