

Isla de la Juventud, Cuba

Cuba's second-largest island moves at its own unhurried pace — a former pirate haven turned political prison island, now celebrated for pristine dive sites and marble-streaked black sand beaches found nowhere else in the Caribbean.

 Tender port (no cruise pier)

 Typical call: 7–9 hrs

 USD / EUR (cash only — US cards don't work)

 Spanish

 World-class diving

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender — ships anchor offshore; tenders land at Nueva Gerona or Siguanea Bay

Best For: Scuba diving, cold-war history, off-the-beaten-path Cuba

Walk to center: 5–10 min from Nueva Gerona tender dock to Calle Real

Don't Miss: Presidio Modelo (Castro's prison) and Playa Punta Francés

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ \$2–\$7 USD · 📱 **Rideshare** ❌ not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Presidio Modelo — Cuba's Panopticon Prison** — Tour the panopticon prison complex built 1926–1931 under President Gerardo Machado, designed for up to 5,000 inmates...
 - **Cuevas de Punta del Este — Aboriginal Cave Art** — Known as the Sistine Chapel of Caribbean rock art, these caves on the island's southeastern tip hold over 230...
 - **Scuba Diving at Punta Francés Marine Park** — World-renowned dive site on the island's southwest tip with crystal-
- clear Caribbean water, vibrant coral walls, and...

 - **Nueva Gerona Walking Tour & Local Lunch** — Stroll Calle Real's pastel colonial buildings, browse the local art market, visit Parque Central and the Church of...
 - **Finca El Abra — José Martí Exile Site** — Visit the hacienda where Cuba's national hero José Martí spent 65 days in exile in 1870, recovering under the care of...

BEST WALKS

- **Nueva Gerona Town Stroll** 1.5 km · Flat · 30–40 min — From the tender dock walk along the Las Casas riverfront to Parque Central, then south along pedestrian Calle Real (Calle 39) past...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	85°	75°	9d
Jun	86°	79°	19d
Aug	88°	80°	19d
Sep	86°	79°	21d
Oct	84°	77°	17d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 7:11AM–7:51PM · Jun 6:48AM–8:15PM · Aug 7:09AM–8:01PM · Sep 7:18AM–7:33PM · Oct 7:27AM–7:05PM

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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Cash is essential. US credit and debit cards do not work anywhere in Cuba. Bring enough USD or EUR in small denominations (\$1, \$5, \$10) before leaving the ship — there is no...
- Negotiate transport before you commit. Classic American car taxis and bicitaxis quote in USD for tourists. Agree on the full price —