

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, and water buffalo share...
- 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 beaches, the Chorro de Maita...

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)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		85°	74°	11d
Jun		88°	78°	13d
Aug		89°	79°	13d
Sep		89°	78°	17d
Oct		86°	76°	21d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

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

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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 unreliable.
- Hot and humid year-round. Nipe Bay's sheltered location means little sea breeze on shore. Sunscreen, a hat, and hydration are essential.
- No reliable mobile data. Cuban mobile networks offer limited tourist SIM access. Download offline maps before arrival.
- Very limited town facilities. Antilla is a small working port — don't expect tourist shops, restaurants catering to cruise guests, or English-speaking services beyond the dock area.

Antilla, Holguín, Cuba — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



1 Landmark The historic crumbling cement wharf built when Antilla was founded in 1907 as a railroad terminal and sugar/lumber export port on Nipe Bay.

P Cruise port / terminal