



JOURNEY -TO- CUBA



A Cross-Cultural Educational Exchange
April 25 - May 2, 2019

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ITINERARY

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DAY 1

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

Arrive at Havana International Airport (HAV). Clear immigration and customs and baggage, a process that takes about 30-60 mins. You will be greeted by a CCT representative and escorted to our group and/or your hotel/B&B.

Afternoon Check into the **Hotel Nacional de Cuba** or your *Casa Particular* (B&B).

The **Hotel Nacional** is considered a symbol of Cuban history, culture and identity. With its privileged location in the middle of **Vedado**, the Hotel Nacional stands on a hill just a few meters from the sea, offering grandiose views of **the Malecón** - Havana's infamous seawall. When the Hotel Nacional opened in 1930, Cuba was a prime travel destination for many illustrious guests including Frank Sinatra, Ava Gardner, John Wayne, Marlene Dietrich, Marlon Brando, and Ernest Hemingway.

Hotel Nacional de Cuba

Calle 21 y O, Vedado, Havana, Cuba | Tel. 53 7 836 3564

Private Bed & Breakfasts (or **Casas Particulares**) are a new form of private enterprise in Cuba affording Cuban homeowners and independent workers new employment opportunities, higher wages and incomes, increased Independence from the state, as well new ways to exchange with foreigners.

After check-in or as time permits, you may explore the surrounding neighborhood of **Vedado**. During your stay you may consider a walk along the Malecón (Havana's famous seawall) or **La Rampa**. Vedado is home to the most iconic buildings of Havana's modernist movement including the **Habana Libre Hotel**, the **Coppelia Ice Cream parlor**, the **Pabellón Cuba**, and the **Riviera Hotel**.

7:15 pm We begin the evening with a private musical performance. The band leader is **Professor Alberto Faya** who has been working as a musician, professor and researcher within the Cuban musical world since 1973, winning national awards in music and musicology. He will be joined by several young musicians who will treat us to a lively journey through the history of Cuban music.

8:30 pm Welcome dinner at **Atelier**.

DAY 2

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

Complimentary breakfast is served daily.

9:00 am **CUBA IN TRANSITION: Rule of Law and the Evolving Socialist Model Lecture** by **Rafael M. Hernandez**. Rafael is a historian, author, and editor of *Temas*, a Cuban quarterly in the field of social sciences and humanities. *Temas* is considered the leading intellectual publication in Cuba and an important source of independent thought. Rafael has taught as a visiting professor at Harvard, Columbia, the University of Texas, the University of Puerto Rico; CIDE and ITAM in Mexico, and served





as visiting scholar at the Wilson Center (Washington, DC) and other US and Latin American academic institutions. Rafael has published widely on Cuban and U.S. policies, inter-American relations, international security, human rights, migration, as well on Cuban culture and civil society.

10:30 am Depart for a walking tour of **Havana Vieja**. Please make sure to wear comfortable shoes!

We stroll through **Plaza De Armas**, a scenic tree-lined plaza formerly at the center of influence in Cuba. It is surrounded by many of the most historic structures in Havana as well as important monuments.

We visit the **Plaza de San Francisco**, a cobbled plaza surrounded by buildings dating from the 18th century, dominated by the baroque **Iglesia and Convento de San Francisco** dating from 1719.

Visit the **Plaza Vieja**. Learn about the massive historic preservation program which began in this Plaza under the leadership of City Historian, Eusebio Leal.

1:00 pm Group lunch at **Paladar Los Mercaderes**. This impeccably restored mansion is a welcome retreat from the bustling streets of the old city. We enjoy delightful tapas and a selection of seasonal specialties.

4:00 pm **US-CUBA RELATIONS: Legal and Diplomatic Perspectives**
Presentation by former diplomat and **University of Havana** professor, **Camilo García Lopez Trigo**. In addition to his experience at the **Ministry of Foreign Relations** (Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, or MINREX) and foreign diplomatic missions, Camilo has served leadership roles at the **Cuban Writers and Artists Union** (*Union de Escritores y Artistas de Cuba, or UNEAC*) as well the **National Center for Sex Education** (*Centro Nacional de Educación Sexual, or CENESEX*). Camilo will address the most current status of U.S.-Cuba relations. Tough questions are encouraged for a free and open dialogue.

7:45 pm Depart for the **Fabrica de Arte Cubano (FAC)** and dinner at **Arte Tierra**. Once an oil factory, this repurposed complex is without doubt the hippest place in Havana. Part Miami Art Basel, part Williamsburg warehouse party, the FAC is taking the Cuban arts scene by storm hosting viewings, performances and exhibitions of cinema, theatre, dance, music, literature, fashion, architecture, graphic design, photography, and the visual arts.

DAY 3

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

9:00 am **“THE NEW CUBAN ECONOMY”**
Lecture by **Juan Triana** of the **University of Havana**. In his lecture, Mr. Triana will discuss Cuba’s recent economic reforms including the evolution of private property rights in Cuba, the relaxation of state intervention and Cuba’s integration into the global economy. His discussion will include a macroeconomic overview, a survey of foreign investment, and an outlook for the future of the Cuban economy.

10:15 am **PANEL DISCUSSION / OPEN DIALOGUE with YOUNG CUBAN ATTORNEYS**
We will welcome an independent panel of young Cuban attorneys to share their unique backgrounds and personal experiences with the educational system and legal profession in Cuba. We will ask the speakers to share their vision and appreciation for the law in a present and future Cuba. Questions and active discussion are encouraged.

12:30 pm Lunch at **La Foresta** in the upscale Havana suburb of **Siboney**.

2:30 pm Tour of **Modern Architecture** in Western Havana. Few people realize the important place Havana holds as a treasure trove of 20th Century architecture. Our tour will highlight some of the best examples to be found in this incredibly diverse area of

the city where some of its most fascinating buildings were built using different architectural styles. We will be led by **Architect Universo Francisco Garcia Lorenzo**, 1988 graduate of Civil Engineering & Architecture Institute in Russia. Universo has done extensive work for the Ministry of Construction La Habana (1988-2010) and is currently with the Projects & Engineering Services for the Ministry of Culture. Since 2007 he has also served as a Professor of Architectural Design at the *Instituto Superior Politecnico* in Havana.

Evening *Dinner on your own. Suitable recommendations will be provided.*



DAY 4

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

- 9:00 am** **CUBA'S EMERGING PRIVATE SECTOR: The evolving rules and regulations for private enterprises in Cuba.**
Lecture by **Deus Expertos Contables**, a small accounting firm that assists an emerging class of self-employed Cuban professionals develop business plans, market their services and navigate the evolving system of regulations, contracts and licenses necessary to operate a legal private enterprise in Cuba. After studying Business Administration and receiving her MBA from the Mississippi University of Madrid, **Marta Elisa Rodriguez** founded Deus Expertos Contables in 2013 sensing an emerging need for accounting, tax and financial services in the burgeoning private sector of her native Havana. Marta and her partner, **Irina Garcia**, Cuban attorney and graduate of the University of Havana law school, will discuss and answer questions related to the status of private business regulation and taxation in today's Cuban private sector. *This meeting will be held at a Conference Room in the Hotel Nacional.*
- 11:00 am** Visit the **Museum of Cuban Art** with art historian **Nahela Hechavarria**. The museum is dedicated exclusively to Cuban Art from the earliest days of colonialism to the latest generation of Cuban artists.
- 12:30 pm** Lunch at **Al Carbon** by **Chef Ivan Justo**.
- Optional visit to the **Havana Arts & Crafts Market**.
- Remainder of the afternoon free.*
- 8:00 pm** We enjoy an unforgettable private performance by the **Orchestra Sinfonica Juvenil** (Havana Youth Orchestra). This group of supremely talented musicians represent the finest artists of their generation. The orchestra will perform a medley of international favorites as well as several Cuban compositions.
- 9:30 pm** Group dinner at the famous **La Guarida** restaurant. One of the best restaurants in Havana and famous not only for its delectable dining, but also as the location for the film "Strawberry and Chocolate." It is housed on the third floor of a large, old town house carrying the charming ambience of the 1920's.

DAY 5

MONDAY, APRIL 29

- 8:00 am** Depart for Western Cuba.
- 10:30 am** Arrive in **Pinar del Río** for our visit to **Proyecto Grabadown**. The Grabadown Project was started 10 years ago by **Jesús Carrete** and his daughter, Linianna, who was born with Down Syndrome. What began as way for Jesús to share his love of art with his daughter has grown into a well-respected community project supported by many other families who have discovered the benefits of engaging their special needs children with art and music. Starting with a simple printing press

that offered the children a chance to express their creativity, the program has grown into a multi-disciplinary creative workshop where the children are encouraged to sing, dance, create art and take a more active role within the community.

11:30 am Depart for **Viñales**. Considered by many to be the most beautiful place in Cuba, the **Viñales Valley National Monument** holds stunning landscapes and jaw dropping vistas. The area is also famous for being the premier tobacco growing area in the world. Time permitting, we stop at the **Los Jazmines viewpoint** for a panoramic look at the picturesque and awe-inspiring Viñales Valley.

12:30 pm Arrive at **Finca Confianza** in the valley with stunning views of the mogotes. Lunch will be a community event on the farm where we will be served a large variety of organic fresh vegetables, fruits, chicken and roasted pork. This is a true farm-to-table dining experience.

In the afternoon we visit a **local tobacco farm** to learn about the cigar-making process and - time permitting - we stroll through the small town of Viñales.

Evening Return to Havana.
Dinner on your own, suitable recommendations will be provided.

DAY 6 TUESDAY, APRIL 30

7:30 am Check-out and depart for **Cienfuegos** and **Trinidad** via the **Bay of Pigs**.

After an hour and a half, the scenery changes as we enter the **Zapata National Park** – Cuba’s most important wetland area. The crystal clear waters of the Caribbean Sea will escort us a good part of the way. This is also where the famous “Bay of Pigs” invasion took place.

9:30 am Visit Guamá’s resort, in the Tesoro Lagoon of the Zapata’s Peninsula Nature Park, where we will find this successful crocodile colony run by Ministry of Fishing Industries, **Guamá Crocodile Colony**.

10:30 am Visit the **Playa Giron Museum**. The Museum showcases machine guns, mortars, rocket launchers, as well as a tank and airplane complimented by displays of information about the failed invasion of Cuba by Cuban exiles and the CIA.

Visit to Playa Giron and one of Cuba’s best spots for snorkeling and scuba diving, **Punta Perdiz** or **Caleta Buena**. We enjoy lunch and a bit of free time before we depart for Cienfuegos.

1:00 pm Depart for **Cienfuegos** or **La Perla del Sur** (the Pearl of the South), a villa settled by French immigrants from Bordeaux and Louisiana in the early 1800s and named after José Cienfuegos, Captain General of Cuba (1816–19).

2:30 pm Visit downtown **Cienfuegos**, the main square, **Paseo del Prado** and the **Terry Thomas Theatre**.



Before continuing our drive to Trinidad, we visit the **Palacio Del Valle**, the former home of trader Celestino Caceres. This architectural jewel originated as a private residence and later passed into the Valle family who added to it in a Mughal style with carved floral motifs, a stunning Carrara marble staircase, cupped arches, bulbous domes and delicate arabesques.

5:30 pm Check-in to **Iberostar Grand Hotel Trinidad** or your **B&B**.

8:00pm Trinidad Welcome Dinner at **Los Conspiradores**.

Optional: After dinner, enjoy live music performed every night in Trinidad's Main Square.

DAY 7

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

Today, make sure to wear comfortable walking shoes! Walking tour of **Trinidad's Historical Center**.

9:00 am Head for the **Guanayara Park** that hosts the Centinelas del Río Melodioso Trail. Visit a coffee plantation along the **Río Melodioso** (Melodic River) and the **El Rocío waterfall**. At the waterfall, you can swim in a cool natural pool if you feel inclined!

9:30 am Arrive at the Guanayara Park that hosts the **Centinelas del Río Melodioso Trail**. Visit a coffee plantation along the **Río Melodioso** (Melodic River) and the **El Rocío waterfall**.

En route to the old town, visit el **Valle de los Ingenios** (valley of the sugar mills), the most important sugar producing region during colonial times and now declared a UNESCO Cultural Heritage Site.

We continue to **Manaca Iznaga** sugar plantation, a quaint village hacienda famous for its splendid tower, built in 1835-45 by Alejo Maria del Carmen e Iznaga, once one of the wealthiest sugar barons in Cuba.

1:00 pm Lunch at **Restaurant Cubita Santander**.

2:30 pm Visit the **Museum of Colonial Architecture** as the starting point of the walking tour.

Visit to the **Casa de los Sanchez Iznaga**.

Free time to explore the crafts markets in Trinidad and the many individual shops where the artisans of this area show their wares. Trinidad is particularly known for its beautiful linens and guayabera shirts.

Optional visit to the artist studio of **Alejandro Lopez Bastida** and well-known Trinitarian nocturnal landscaper **Carlos Mata**.

5:30 pm Return to the Hotel/B&B.

8:00 pm Farewell dinner at **Sol Ananda** in a beautifully restored 18th Century mansion on the Plaza Mayor.





DAY 8

THURSDAY, MAY 2

7:30 am Check-out and depart for **Santa Clara**.

10:00 am We visit the **Che Guevara Mausoleum** and Ernesto Guevara Sculptural Complex. The popular revolutionary was buried here with full military honors in 1997 after his remains were discovered in Bolivia and returned to Cuba. We visit the museum dedicated to Che's life and the eternal flame lit by Fidel Castro in his memory.

TBD Check-in at **Santa Clara Abel Santamaria International Airport (SNU)**, depart for USA.

BE SURE TO COLLECT YOUR BELONGINGS FROM THE SAFE DEPOSIT BOX IN YOUR ROOM

- ✓ **PASSPORT**
- ✓ **VISA**
- ✓ **PLANE TICKET**
- ✓ **OFAC LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION**

Note about Purchasing Art or other Cuban products:

The U.S. Government allows U.S. travelers to bring back an unlimited amount of Cuban art and informational materials such as books and CDs. If you feel you might be interested in purchasing art during your stay in Cuba you should carry additional money to pay on the spot. Your hotel room includes a safe deposit box in which you can keep your valuables safe.

Pursuant to the regulation changes on January 16, 2015; in addition to bringing back art, U.S. Citizens are now permitted to import goods for personal consumption including alcohol and tobacco products; normal duty taxes apply.

Acquiring additional money via an ATM machine in Cuba is not possible at this time. Some of the more established artists could possibly have U.S. bank accounts in which the payment can be wired. The art can normally be brought home and payment sent at a future date. Our first recommendation is that you bring additional cash.

* Please note: This is a "working" itinerary. There may be some changes, additions and/or subtractions to the final itinerary. All venues and artist's studios are subject to final confirmations. Be assured any changes made will be done to enhance the total program as well as to promote smooth operation of the tour.



TRIP COST

8 DAYS AND 7 NIGHTS

HOTEL NACIONAL & IBEROSTAR TRINIDAD

DOUBLE, PER PERSON: \$4,450

SINGLE OCCUPANCY: \$4,875

LUXURY-UPSCALE CASA PARTICULAR (B&B)

DOUBLE, PER PERSON: \$3,395

SINGLE OCCUPANCY: \$3,920

CUSTOM DESIGNED PROGRAM INCLUDES

- Itinerary design and coordination
- Compliance with US Treasury Department
- 5 Star Hotel Parque Central Havana (standard room)
- All ground transportation
- Full time private tour escort
- Daily breakfast in Cuba
- Meals as listed in itinerary (including tips)
- Entrance fees to museums etc.
- Bottled water on bus and in room
- Gratuities for restaurants, porters
- Departure tax

EXCLUDES

- Airfare to/from Cuba and associated fees
- Cuban Tourist Card/Visa
- Airline baggage fees
- Gratuities for guide and driver
- Individualized hotel expenses (mini bar, room service, laundry fees, etc)
- Trip cancellation insurance

**OREGON WOMEN LAWYERS
PEOPLE TO PEOPLE CULTURAL EXCHANGE
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TOUR COST & CONDITIONS

HOTEL NACIONAL & IBEROSTAR TRINIDAD

Double room occupancy (per person): **\$4,450**
Single room occupancy: **\$4,875**

UPSCALE CASA PARTICULAR (HAVANA & TRINIDAD)

Double room occupancy (per person): **\$3,395**
Single room occupancy: **\$3,920**

INCLUDED

- 7 night accommodations as selected in Havana and Trinidad (standard room)
- Daily breakfast in Cuba
- Meals as listed in itinerary (including tips)
- Air-conditioned transportation throughout the trip equipped with cold water at all times
- Admission to all museums and public buildings listed in itinerary
- Cuba Cultural Travel Escort and local Cuban tour guide
- Compliance with U.S. Treasury Department
- Cuban Tourist Card *

NOT INCLUDED

- Roundtrip airfare to/from Cuba and associated fees
- Meals other than listed on itinerary or described as on your own
- Gratuities for guide and driver (recommended amount is 7-10CUC per person per day for guide, and 5-7CUC per person per day for driver)
- Individualized hotel expenses (mini bar, room service, laundry fees, etc)
- Trip cancellation insurance

PAYMENT DUE DATES

DEPOSIT DUE BY: DECEMBER 10, 2018

FINAL PAYMENT DUE BY: JANUARY 25, 2019

You may contact Laura Adams via email at Laura@CubaCulturalTravel.com or by phone at (760) 645-3269 Monday thru Friday from 9am to 5pm PST with any questions.

REGISTRATION: Registration is on a first come, first served basis with limited enrollment. Confirm your participation by completing and returning this form along with your deposit to the address noted below. **Your passport must be valid for 6 months after the dates of travel. If you need to renew your passport, please do so immediately.**

PROGRAM QUESTIONS: Please note, the proposed itinerary is subject to change. There may be some changes, additions and/or subtractions to the final itinerary. Be assured any changes made will be done to enhance the total program and promote a smooth operation of the tour. If you have any questions regarding the proposed itinerary, please contact Dani Perez at Daniel@CubaCulturalTravel.com.

REGULATIONS: Cuba Cultural Travel is a licensed California Seller of Travel. Under the Seller of Travel Act, 100% of customer funds are deposited into a business client trust account and can only be used to pay for your services. In the event legal travel to Cuba should be suspended due to new rules and regulations, your payments will be returned.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTATION: Approximately two weeks prior to the final payment due date you will receive information regarding the necessary forms for travel, final invoice, and our comprehensive travel tips. Approximately two weeks prior to travel you will receive your travel documents and emergency contact information.

** Cuban born travelers, please contact Cuba Cultural Travel prior to mailing your deposit and registration form. Fees associated with special visas for Cuban born travelers are not included.*

A note from Cuba Cultural Travel: Trips to Cuba require quite a bit of walking on uneven cobblestone streets along with stairs where an elevator is not always available. Participants must be able to walk unassisted. Please keep these physical requirements in mind when making your reservation. If you require mobility assistance, please contact us directly, prior to completing your reservation form, as Cuba is not adequately able to accommodate physically handicapped persons.

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REGISTRATION FORM If reserving space in a double, please indicate names of both parties. Deposits may be paid separately. Please note Cuba Cultural Travel does not pair individuals. Deposit must accompany this form to confirm participation. Complete one form per room. **Initial here to indicate you understand the passport requirements previously noted:** _____

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION: **COMPLETE ONE FORM PER ROOM**

GUEST 1				U.S. CITIZEN: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
	LAST NAME (AS SHOWN ON PASSPORT)	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE	CUBAN BORN: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
ADDRESS	ANSWER YES OR NO TO <u>BOTH</u>			
	STREET ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
PHONE				
	HOME	CELL	OFFICE	
EMAIL**	ALT EMAIL			
** ALL INFORMATION, TRAVEL TIPS, FORMS, CONFIRMATIONS, AND INVOICES ARE SENT ELECTRONICALLY.				

GUEST 2				U.S. CITIZEN: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
	LAST NAME (AS SHOWN ON PASSPORT)	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE	CUBAN BORN: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
ADDRESS	ANSWER YES OR NO TO <u>BOTH</u>			
	STREET ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
PHONE				
	HOME	CELL	OFFICE	
EMAIL**	ALT EMAIL			
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ACCOMMODATIONS: (COST PER PERSON)

HOTEL OPTION: HOTEL NACIONAL HAVANA & IBEROSTAR TRINIDAD <input type="checkbox"/> DOUBLE ROOM \$4,450 <input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE ROOM \$4,875	B&B OPTION: UPSCALE CASA PARTICULAR (HAVANA & TRINIDAD) * <input type="checkbox"/> DOUBLE ROOM \$3,395 <input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE ROOM \$3,920
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IF RESERVING SPACES IN **DOUBLE OCCUPANCY IN HOTELS ONLY**, PLEASE INDICATE: 1 LARGE BED OR 2 TWIN BEDS

* DOUBLE OCCUPANCY OPTION IN AN UPSCALE/LUXURY B&B IS AVAILABLE ONLY WITH ONE LARGE BED.

Total amount of check \$ _____ . Enclose your deposit check payable to **Cuba Cultural Travel** for the amount of **\$1,000 per person** to reserve your space. **Deposit due no later than December 10, 2018.**

Upon receipt of your deposit, a letter of confirmation will be sent to you electronically. Additional information and forms to be completed will be sent at a later date. An invoice for the remaining balance owed will be included at that time. **Full payment is due by January 25, 2019.**

PAYMENT:

- Payments are nontransferable and nonrefundable after the dates noted in the cancellation policy
- Due to OFAC regulations, payment must be made via personal or business check; or cashier's check issued from a US bank/account
- **CREDIT CARDS, BANK CHECKS ISSUED ONLINE, AND/OR WIRE TRANSFERS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED**

CANCELLATION POLICY:

- Cancellations made prior to December 10, 2018 will receive a full refund
- Cancellations made between December 10, 2018 and January 25, 2019 will forfeit full deposit of \$1,000
- Cancellations after January 25, 2019 will forfeit entire cost of trip
- All cancellations must be made in writing via email to Laura Adams at Laura@CubaCulturalTravel.com

By signing below, I hereby agree to the aforementioned cancellation policy.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

We strongly recommend you purchase Trip Cancellation Insurance to cover unforeseen circumstances requiring cancellation of your travel. Information on acquiring trip insurance will be sent to you with your letter of confirmation. You will have two weeks from the date of confirmation to apply for insurance for coverage of pre-existing conditions.

Please return this form along with your check made payable to **CUBA CULTURAL TRAVEL** to:

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