

Air Force One landing Havana, Cuba: Mar. 20, 2016

# HAVANA, CUBA: 7 nights – 8 days Sample itinerary

#### Day 1: Miami- Havana

Check in early this morning for your charter flight from Miami International Airport to Havana, Cuba.

Transfer directly to Old Havana

- Visit the Plaza de la Revolucion
- Lunch at a local restaurant in Old Havana.
- Guided walking tour of Old Havana including the Plaza de Armas, the Used Booksellers Market and the Plaza de la Catedral generally soak in the sights and sounds of Habana Vieja!
- Stop for a no-host mojito or daiguiri at the famed La Floridita Bar
- Check-in to our hotel between 4:00 and 4:30PM.
- Welcome dinner at a local Paladar (private enterprise home restaurant) this evening

Hotel tba (D)

### Day 2: Old Havana - Artist Studios & Museo des Belles Artes

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Visit the Museo de la Revolucion which was built to house the provincial government in 1913 and is now home to the Granma Memorial.
- Visit the Fine Arts Museum (Museo des Belles Artes)
- Lunch at a Paladar this afternoon
- Visit the impoverished yet vibrant barrio of Muraleando. A small but devoted group of artists volunteer their time and skills to help establish a center for arts, music, dance and theatre.

- Private visit to Galleria La Lavanderia, a project of young Cuban artists., and meet Founder and famed artist Rafael Perez.
- Dinner this evening is not included.

Hotel tba (B, L D)

## Day 3: Havana-Las Terrazas & Fuster

- Breakfast at the hotel
- A 1 ½ hr. drive to Soroa, in ARTEMISA Province. Visit the Orchid Farm.
- Las Terrazas, a "must see" in Cuba and known worldwide for its magnificent scenic beauty.
- Visit Café Maria 'best coffee in the country''.
- Visit to the home and private studio of artist Lester Campa subject to his being in residence. Should Mr. Campas not be in residence one of his assistants will escort you through the studio.
- Country-style Cuban lunch prepared and served outdoors at a local farmhouse near Las Terrazas.
- Enroute back to Havana after lunch we have the distinct pleasure of visiting "Fusterlandia", the home and surrounding neighborhood of "The Picasso of the Caribbean", Jose Fuster.
- Dinner this evening is not included.

Hotel tba (B, L)

## Day 4: Havana - Santa Clara - Trinidad or Trinidad Area

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Four hour drive to Santa Clara where we stop at the Che Guevarra Museum and Mausoleum.
- Lunch will be served buffet style in the Los Caneyes Hotel in Santa Clara.
- A 45 minute drive to the small town of Sancti Spiritus, one of the original seven cities founded in Cuba by the Spanish five centuries ago.
- Visit a local ration store in Sancti Spiritus.
- Check-in to our hotel between 4:30 and 5:00PM.
- Dinner this evening will be served at local restaurant located within walking distance of the hotel.

Hotel to be advised subject to availability (B, L, D)

### Day 5: Trinidad – Sancti Spiritus

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Drive to charming old Spanish colonial town of Trinidad.
- Visit the Casa del Alfarero, a pottery house that was founded and has been managed by the Santander family for generations.
- Visit Templo de Yemaya where a Santeria Practitioner, along with some of the religion's devotees, explain the basic principles of Santeria.
- Lunch today is at a local Paladar in Trinidad.
- Visit the Hacienda de Manaca Iznaga, located 20-25 minutes from Trinidad, in the heart of the Valley de los Ingenios, a series of valleys once known as a Cuba's center for sugar production.

• Dinner included this evening is at a Paladar

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### Day 6: Trinidad or Trinidad Area - Cienfuegos - Havana

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Shortly after breakfast this morning depart the hotel and drive to Cienfuegos.
- We explore the town's main square, the Punta Gordo Peninsula, and Teatro Terry.
- Enjoy lunch at Paladar Villa Lagarto overlooking the Bay of Cienfuegos.
- 4 hour drive returning to Havana arriving late this afternoon.

Dinner this evening is not included.

### Day 7: Havana - Finca Vigía

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Visit the Callejon de Hamel artist alley and Salvador Gonzalez gallery
- Half hour drive to Finca Vigia, Ernest Hemingway's Cuban home and currently a national museum.
- Walk through the local fishing village of Cojimar, the setting for 'The Old Man and the Sea".
- Lunch at Paladar El Ajiaco in Cojimar.
- Visit the impoverished yet vibrant barrio of Muraleando. A small but devoted group of artists volunteer their time and skills to help establish a center for arts, music, dance and theatre.
- Visit the Artisans Market located on the Malecon
- Dinner this evening is at a Paladar located within walking distance of your hotel.

## **Day 8: Havana - Miami (**Breakfast provided)

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Transfer to Havana's Jose Marti International Airport and check-in for our charter flight back to Miami. Your guide will meet you in the lobby of the hotel after you check out this morning and assist with your transfer to the airport.
- Check in for your charter flight from Havana to Miami.

## **Program includes:**

- 7 nights accommodation in hotel to be advised
- Meals per day as noted
- One drink per included meal in Havana: bottle of water, coffee, glass of wine, beer, Mojito, soft drink, etc. Any additional drinks can be ordered and paid for by the client in cash.
- Private English speaking national guide daily
- All transportation as noted in itinerary by modern private air-conditioned vehicle
- All entrance fees to included tour sites

- 2 bottles of water per day per person onboard the motor coach (except transfer days).
- Cuban travel insurance covering medical re-patriation expenses only (required by the Cuban government)
- Authorization documentation allowing passengers to clear US immigrations upon returning to the United States provided by Vaya Sojourns, Inc. (USA Office of Foreign Assets Control: licensed Cuba Travel Service Provider)

### Program does not include:

- Air transportation to or from Havana: estimated round trip cost MIA HAV MIA: \$470
- Cuba visa fee estimated cost \$85
- Cuba departure tax to be paid prior to departing USA: \$25
- Gratuities to guides, drivers, hotel maid service, hotels porters,, restaurant waiters.
- Expenditures of a personal nature (laundry, telephone, internet fees, etc.)
- Anything not mentioned in "Included" above