

Travel to Remember

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The People of Cuba: Havana and the Countryside

An exclusive Learning Adventure
April 28 – May 6, 2016
Escorted by Bob Zehr
A People to People excursion from Road Scholar

Thursday, April 28 – Day 1 We will depart Indianapolis for our included flight to Miami and transfer to the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel at the Miami Airport and convention Center. We will be greeted by representatives of Road Scholar for an orientation to our adventure in Cuba. Tonight, we enjoy an included dinner at the hotel.

Friday, April 29 – Day 2
We will enjoy our on the go breakfast provided by the hotel for our early morning departure. We will board a bus for transfer to the airport and to check in for our flight to Havana. Upon arrival in Havana, we will meet our Cuban Study Leader who will provide local history and knowledge throughout the program. Today, we visit the famous Revolution Square in Havana and learn about the monumental events that have taken place there.

Our included lunch is planned at a Paladar (privately owned restaurant.) where we will meet with the restaurant owner and hear his story about how he sources his fresh supplies.



After lunch, we will have an overview of Havana's sites to get a sense of the city. See the capitol, the Malecón – Havana's seafront promenade, U.S. Interest Section, La Rampa, and Havana University. As part of the People to People Connection, we will meet with local photographers and discuss their inspirations.



Our next stop is to check into our hotel, the historic Hotel Nacional de Cuba.

www.hotelnacionaldecuba.com/en/home.asp

We will have an orientation of the Hotel Nacional's sprawling property which will show you the services as well as the Hall of Fame, where famous past guests such as Frank Sinatra, Marilyn Monroe, Eva Gardner, John Wayne and many more are immortalized. Dinner tonight is included at the hotel.

Saturday, April 30, Day 3

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel and then we leave to explore the Fine Arts Museum of Havana with our Cuban Study Leader. Cuban art is renowned world-wide. Delve into the stories that each work of art relates and the statement on politics, culture and society that each artist conveys.

After lunch in a local restaurant, we will meet with a local artist in his home studio.

This afternoon, discover two of the historic "plazas" in Old Havana: Plaza de la Catedral, Plaza Vieja and learn about the city's restoration project, with fascinating before and after images around the square. We will have another chance to meet with members of a graphic arts cooperative and discuss what they do.



Tonight, we will enjoy an included dinner in a local Paladar in Old Havana. After dinner, we will have some time to enjoy the ambiance of Old Havana at night before returning to the hotel.

Sunday, May 1 Day 4

After an included breakfast, we will spend part of our day experiencing different styles and types of Cuban music. Explore one more of Old Havana's historic squares, the Plaza de Armas, the oldest part of the city. See the Greek-Roman 'El Templete' site of the first Mass and town council meeting in 1519. Next, visit the City Museum, which was once the Governors palace.

After lunch, we have another opportunity to see Free Enterprise in action as you talk with artists and entrepreneurs at the San Jose Feria.

Tonight for dinner, we will enjoy a homemade meal prepared by the members of a neighborhood arts center and learn the story of the center's unique construction. After dinner, we will enjoy an evening of music with locals at the neighborhood community arts center.



Monday, May 2, Day 5

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel and then we drive to the outskirts of Havana to Finca La Vigia, the Hemingway Farm. This beautiful property hosts the house where the Nobel Prize-winning author lived with his third wife Mary for over 30 years. We then have a chance to visit with an emerging dance troupe of renowned dancers from the Danza Combinatoria. We will enjoy a boxed lunch with the performance group, a unique opportunity to have one-on-one conversations.

This afternoon we meet the artist Joaquin Crespo Manzano, known throughout Cuba as “Bebo”. Born in 1927, Bebo is one of Cuba’s most important engraving artists. Later this afternoon, we will enjoy the expansive views of the Havana skyline and visit the fortress of El Morro, built in 1589 to defend Havana harbor. Tonight we will enjoy a special dinner at El Aljibe, a local favorite, famous for its roast chicken and secret sauce.

Tuesday, May 3, Day 6

After breakfast in the hotel, today we have a chance to meet with members of a local community center to learn about the work done by the charity that runs the center.

For lunch we will visit the offices of OnCuba Magazine and learn about the first American business to be authorized in Cuba. Meet the writers and artists featured by the publication for conversation. Enjoy the panoramic views overlooking all of Havana from the office’s advantageous location.

This afternoon, we have a chance to enjoy a demonstration and presentation by the Alex Bosch Jazz Group. For dinner tonight, you have a chance to explore one of the many Paladars that are turning Havana into a “foodie” destination on your own.

Wednesday, May 4, Day 7

After enjoying breakfast at the hotel, we will depart Havana by private motorcoach for the drive to Varadero. En route, stop in Matanzas for a People to People Connection with a dance company that preserves Afro Cuban culture and the traditions of Santeria and visit the oldest continuously used baseball diamond in the Western Hemisphere, Palmeras del Junco where you will meet a Cuban Hall of Fame player. We continue on to Coincidence Farm, home and pottery workshop of a couple whose unique vision is expressed through both their agricultural and artistic creativity.

We will enjoy lunch, a delicious array of homemade dishes prepared from the farm’s produce and then we check into our hotel on Varadero Beach, the Melia Varadero www.meliacuba.com/cuba-hotels/hotel-melia-varadero?qclid=CJfEwMLdoccCFYyRHwodBt8Lag

Tonight we will enjoy the dinner buffet at Restaurant La Habana and relax by the beach. .



Thursday, May 5, Day 8

Enjoy a bountiful breakfast buffet and then we will have a chance to meet with a group of vivacious seniors who share their enjoyment of the most traditional dance of Cuba, Danzon with you.

Enjoy lunch by the pool and then this afternoon, we will meet and interact with dance instructors to learn Salsa, the most popular of Cuban dances. The remainder of the afternoon is at your leisure to prepare for the return home.

Tonight we have our farewell dinner in the hotel and then enjoy one last evening in Cuba.

Friday, May 6, Day 9

This morning, we will have an early departure for Havana and our flight home. When we arrive in Miami, we will transfer to our flight back to Indianapolis.



A couple of things to remember. This day-by-day schedule should only be used as a guide since program elements are subject to change as availability is controlled by the Cuban government.

All accommodations in Cuba feature clean, comfortable rooms with private baths and standard amenities. Please note that Cuban hotel standards may not equal to their American or European counterparts. Improvements are ongoing, and we hope that the potential glitch in service or amenities is a minor tradeoff for the authentic connections and enrichment you'll experience.

What's included:

- Round trip Airfare from Indianapolis to Miami
- Round trip Charter air service from Miami to Havana
- 8 nights Hotel Accommodations.
- 21 meals: 8 Breakfasts, 6 lunches, 7 dinners
- Guided tours and hands on experiences
- Modest gratuities, taxes and destination fees
- Motor coach transfers throughout the week.
- Your visa to visit Cuba
- A group leader to accompany throughout the week.
- Road Scholar emergency and Travel Assistance plan, including 24 hour assistance for medical and other emergencies

Not included: wines, liquors, mineral waters and meals not mentioned in the itinerary, travel insurance; all items of a strictly personal nature

Price: The price of the trip is \$4500.00 per person (double occupancy) Single Occupancy is available for an additional fee. The price is based upon cash or check payments. Payment by credit card will incur an additional fee of 3%.

Payment Schedule: To confirm your place on the trip, please complete the registration form and return with your deposit of \$500. per traveler, due by September 15, 2015.
An additional payment of \$2000.00 will be due November 15, 2015.
Final Payment as invoiced will be due January 15, 2016.

Cancellation: Once you have made a payment, If you must cancel before 120 days prior to the trip, you will be entitled to a full refund. Between 120 days and 66 days prior to the trip, you will be entitled to a refund of the total trip cost less the cost of the airline ticket and any non refundable deposits paid to hotels and other vendors. If you cancel between 66 days and 30 days prior to the trip, you may be entitled to a refund of 50 % of the trip price less any non refundable charges from the airlines and a \$200 administrative fee. If you cancel less than 30 days prior, there will be no refund. Cancellations after 120 days will incur a \$200 fee.

Trip Insurance: Trip insurance may be purchased to protect the cost of the trip in case of a last minute emergency. To cover pre-existing conditions, trip insurance must be purchased within 14 days of the initial deposit. Once you have placed a deposit for this trip, I will provide you with a brochure for trip insurance through the National Tour Association that you may choose to use.

Baggage: Most airlines allow for one free checked bag on international flights. For the domestic flight, you will be charged a fee for your checked bag. You will be allowed a small carryon and one personal bag. Please be sure you meet the specifications for the carry on bag so you are not surprised with a charge at check in.

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Road Scholar: This Cuba experience is offered through Road Scholar, formerly known as Elderhostel, a not-for-profit organization founded in 1975 to provide lifelong learning opportunities for baby boomers and beyond. Its mission is to inspire adults to learn, discover and travel. Its learning adventures engage expert instructors, provide extraordinary access, and stimulate discourse and friendship among people for whom learning is the journey of a lifetime. As a leader in educational programs, Road Scholar offers 5,500 educational adventures in all 50 states and 150 countries.

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Name(s)_(as they appear on your passport(s))

#1 _____

#2 _____

Address _____

City/State _____ Home Phone _____

#1 E-Mail _____ Cell _____

#2 E-Mail _____ Cell _____

#1 Date of Birth _____ #2 Date of Birth _____

#1 Passport Number _____ #2 Passport Number _____

#1 Passport Expiration Date _____ #2 Passport Expiration Date _____

____ My roommate will be _____

____ I wish to travel as a single and understand there will be an additional charge.

____ Please help me find a roommate.

Payment Schedule

Checks made out to: "Travel to Remember" Memo: "Cuba Adventure"

Deposit of \$500 per person – by September 15, 2015

Second Payment of \$2000 per person – by November 15, 2015

Final Payment of balance – tbd – January 15, 2016

Please print this and mail with your checks to:

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