

Travel to Remember

presents

Cuba Today: People and Society Havana to Cienfuegos

An exclusive Learning Adventure

February 28 – March 7, 2018

Escorted by Bob Zehr

A People to People excursion from Road Scholar

Wednesday, February 28 – Day 1 We will depart Indianapolis for our included flight from Indianapolis to Havana and transfer to check in at the iconic Hotel Nacional de Cuba. We will be greeted by representatives of Road Scholar for an orientation to our adventure in Cuba. Tonight, we enjoy a welcome dinner at the hotel.

Thursday, March 1 – Day 2

We will enjoy breakfast at the hotel and then head out for a walking tour of old Havana. We will enjoy a presentation by a local architect involved with the restoration project of Old Havana. We will meet with members of a graphic arts cooperative and get an understanding of how they operate.

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, as part of the People to People Connection, we will meet with local young Cuban professionals



Our hotel in Havana is the historic Hotel Nacional de Cuba. www.hotelnacionaldecuba.com/en/home.asp

At this sprawling property overlooking the sea, you will see 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 will be on your own in one of many popular paladors. The hotel is also the home of a famous Cuban stage show that you might want to enjoy.

Friday, March 2, Day 3

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel and then we will have a presentation on the history of US/Cuban relations with an expert in the field. Hear the Cuban perspective of the tumultuous relationship between the two countries, followed by an open discussion on the subject. Later this morning, we will observe and enjoy a rehearsal of a modern dance company.

We will have lunch in a local palador.

This afternoon, we explore the Colon Cemetery with a local expert and learn about the monumental architecture and of the famous Cuban personalities that are buried there. We will visit "Revolution Square" and explore the Fortaleza de San Carlos de la Cabana, a fortress that protected the mouth of the Havana harbor.



Before dinner, we will enjoy a performance by a women's acapella chorale and a chance to discuss what it like for women today in Cuba. Then, 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.



Saturday, March 3 Day 4

After an included breakfast, we will have a presentation on the role of religion in the Cuban identity and explore how Cuban artists relate their work to politics, culture and society.

After lunch, 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.

Tonight you have dinner on your own. The conceirge will suggest a variety of the new and emerging culinary restaurants of Havana.

Sunday, March 4, Day 5

After breakfast, we leave Havana for our drive to the southern part of the island. The drive through the countryside will give a perspective of the day to day life of the locals that live outside the city. En route, we will stop at Playa Larga, in the heart of the Zapata Wetlands to learn more about ecology and conservation in Cuba.

We will enjoy lunch in a privately owned seaside restaurant with an opportunity to walk along the beach.

After lunch, we will continue to Playa Giron, also known as the Bay of Pigs. This was the site of the famous clash between CIA-trained Cuban exiles and local Cuban rebel forces.

We will visit a small Bay of Pigs museum which reveals the Cuban perspective of the infamous invasion. We will continue on to Cienfuegos and have a chance to explore the city and visit the Plaza Jose Marti, the main square in town. This afternoon, we have a chance to meet with a youth dance group and share in conversation about their lives. Tonight we will enjoy a buffet dinner at our hotel, the Hotel Jagua, a resort style hotel with a magnificent location on the water.

Monday, March 5, Day 6

After breakfast in the hotel, we depart for an excursion to Trinidad, the crown jewel of colonial Cuban cities. Trinidad was settled in 1514 and is a mix of historic landmarks and natural beauty. We will visit an artist's studio when we arrive.

After lunch in a paladar, we will walk to the Plaza Mayor and during our walk will stop to visit with an owner of a free-enterprise "casa particular" or bed and breakfast. We will have a chance to learn more about how new independent businesses are developing in Cuba.

We will return to Cienfuegos and enjoy dinner in a local paladar.



Tuesday, March 6, Day 7

After enjoying breakfast at the hotel, we will depart Cienfuegos to visit the town of Santa Clara where we will enjoy a local farmer's market and spend some time with a local group of senior citizens.

We will enjoy lunch at a restaurant in Santa Clara and then visit the Che Guevara Memorial and Mausoleum which is the final resting place of Ernesto "Che" Guevara and his companions. We will return to Cienfuegos for some time shopping in the main street of town. Later this afternoon, we will be entertained by a performance by one of the local talented musical groups. We will have a chance to talk with the artists and discuss their musical careers

Tonight we will enjoy a farewell dinner in one of the local paradors.

Wednesday, March 7, Day 8

Enjoy a bountiful breakfast buffet and then we will depart for Havana and our flight home 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 Havana
- 7 nights Hotel Accommodations.
- 21 meals: 7 Breakfasts, 6 lunches, 5 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 July 15, 2017. An additional payment of \$2000.00 will be due September 15, 2017. Final Payment as invoiced will be due December 15, 2017.

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. 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.

Selection of Vendors: Travel to Remember, LLC will use the following guidelines for the selection of international and domestic land and air suppliers. All suppliers will be chosen from those recommended by other known and trusted vendors in our industry. We will look for suppliers that have a proven track record for safety and a reputation for being the most experienced local receptive operators. Suppliers will be expected to comply with all local insurance and licensing regulations. One of the tour managers from Travel to Remember will accompany all excursions to make sure that the suppliers provides the best in service and customer response.

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 July 15, 2017

Second Payment of \$2000 per person – by September 15, 2017

Final Payment of balance – tbd – December 15, 2017

Please print this and mail with your checks to:

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