Travel to Remember
presents
Cuba Today: People and Society
Havana to Cienfuegos
An exclusive Learning Adventure
October 3 – October 10 2020
Escorted by Bob Zehr
A Support of the Cuban People trip from Road Scholar

Saturday, October 3 – Day 1  We will depart Indianapolis for our included flight from Indianapolis to Havana and transfer to check in at the iconic Hotel National de Cuba. Tonight, following an orientation, we will enjoy a welcome dinner at the hotel.

Sunday, October 4 - Day 2

After breakfast at the hotel, we will have a presentation on the relationship between the US and Cuba. We will then visit a community project that helps self taught Cuban artists.

Our included lunch is at a privately owned paladar.

After lunch, we will have a chance to meet members of a local dominoes league and play with club members.

Our hotel in Havana is the historic Hotel Nacional de Cuba.

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. The hotel is also the home of a famous Cuban stage show that you might want to enjoy.

Dinner tonight will be on your own in one of many popular paradors.
**Monday, October 5, Day 3**

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel and then we will head towards Cienfuegos on the southern part of the island. En route, we will stop at Playa Larga, in the heart of the Zapata wetlands to learn about ecology and conservation from the Cuban perspective.

We will have lunch in a local seaside palador.

This afternoon, we will have a chance to walk along the beach and then visit Dancares community project. Once we arrive in Cienfuegos, we will attend a rehearsal of a local music group and have a chance to interact with the musicians.

Before we check into our hotel, we will take a short tour of the city, walking through Plaza Jose Marti, the main square in Cienfuegos.

Tonight, we will enjoy an included dinner at the La Union hotel. [https://www.meliacuba.de/kuba-hotels/hotel-la-union](https://www.meliacuba.de/kuba-hotels/hotel-la-union)

**Tuesday, October 6, Day 4**

After breakfast, we will depart for our full day trip to Trinidad, one of the early Spanish settlements and a UNESCO world heritage site. Founded in 1514, this time capsule of a city is a mix of historic landmarks and majestic natural beauty.

We will enjoy lunch at a local hotel, followed by a visit with a local artisan who uses abandoned wood from houses to create one of a kind sculptures. We will return to our hotel for a leisurely afternoon. Dinner tonight is included.

**Wednesday, October 7 Day 5**

After an included breakfast, we will head back to Havana. Along the way, we will stop at a paladar in Cojimar, a fishing village on the outskirts of Havana.

After lunch, we visit an independent organic farm see the various way that food is grown. We will also visit some of the significant sites of Havana, including Revolution Square, Havana University and Paseo del Prado.

We will check back into the Hotel Nacional to freshen up before our included dinner.
Thursday, October 8, Day 6

This morning after breakfast, we will be joined at the hotel by a local architect who is involved with the ongoing government-funded restoration projects in Old Havana. We’ll learn about the work being done and discuss the challenges and the vision for Havana’s future. Next, we’ll set out on a walking field trip to explore the historic plazas of Old Havana, a UNESCO-designated World Heritage Site. From the UNESCO inscription: “Havana was founded in 1519 by the Spanish. By the 17th century, it had become one of the Caribbean’s main centers for shipbuilding. Although it is today a sprawling metropolis of 2 million inhabitants, its old center retains an interesting mix of Baroque and neoclassical monuments, and a homogeneous ensemble of private houses with arcades, balconies, wrought-iron gates and internal courtyards.” We’ll then meet with members of a graphic arts cooperative and learn what they do.

After lunch, we’ll ride to their practice space to meet with members of a modern dance group. We’ll observe a rehearsal and have conversation and interactions with some of the group’s members. This evening, dinner is on your own.

Friday, October 9, Day 7

We will be joined by an expert in gender studies and sociology for a presentation on women in Cuba that will provide perspectives on women in today’s Cuban society. Next, we will visit the Sephardic Synagogue of Havana and explore the Holocaust museum there.

After lunch in a paladar, we will visit a local market of independent artists. We will regroup at the hotel to attend a performance by a women’s acapella chorale. This is an opportunity to hear beautiful voices and to discuss what life is like for women today in Cuba.

Tonight, we will have a closing dinner at a local paladar.

Saturday, October 10, Day 8

After enjoying breakfast at the hotel and checking out of the hotel, we will depart for the airport and our flight home to Indianapolis.
What's included:

- Round trip Airfare from Indianapolis to Havana
- 7 nights Hotel Accommodations.
- 18 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 $3950.00 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 Feb. 1, 2020. An additional payment of $2000.00 will be due May 15, 2020. Final Payment as invoiced will be due August 15, 2020.

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.

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 Feb. 1, 2020
Second Payment of $2000 per person – by May 15, 2020
Final Payment of balance –tbd – August 15, 2020

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