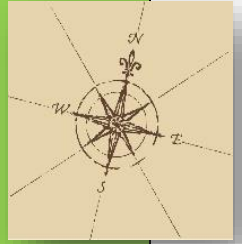




Cuban Experience

October 7-14, 2017
Led by Fine Travel Experiences



At last, the long-awaited opportunity to travel to Cuba, one of the world's last remaining countries following the Marxist-Leninist ideology—a mere 90 miles outside of the USA. Enjoy 6 nights and 7 days in the culture-rich capital of Havana while experiencing the true highlights of this magical city and its people. Music seems to pour out of every doorway & window, classic American cars are everywhere you look. You feel as though you're walking on a movie set. Cuba is simply amazing; all we ask is you leave your western expectations at home and bring along a sense of adventure. This *Humanitarian* worry-free program is nearly *all-inclusive* and limited to 18 travelers. As with all FTE programs, we prefer to keep our groups small & intimate. Join us on our Experience "before it's too late".

Mark your calendar for October 2017 and secure your spot with us on this *Fine Travel Experience* to the island of old cars & fine cigars. We welcome you with open arms.

Your Cuban Experience Itinerary;

Arrival Day

Saturday October 7, 2017 – Welcome to Miami, Florida



Arrival day into Miami – You will be met at the airport by Michael and fellow staff. Transfer directly & check-in to Courtyard Miami Airport Hotel and settle in. Introduce and reacquaint yourself with your fellow travelers at the Welcome Orientation dinner this evening by the local staff. Overnight stay at the Courtyard Hotel in Miami



The Malecón, Havana's 8km-long sea drive, is one of the city's most soulful and quintessentially Cuban thoroughfares

Day 2 – Sunday October 8, Miami to Havana, Cuba

This morning we're off to the airport to check in for our quick flight to Havana. Once through customs & immigration transfer directly to the Hotel Parque Central in the heart of old Havana for check in. Enjoy a relaxing orientation lunch at the hotel with our local Cuban guide. This afternoon, enjoy a short coach tour of Havana to get our "bearings" of the city. Later this afternoon we listen to a discussion on Cuban music prior to our Havana welcome cocktail reception at a local artist studio. Dinner is included this evening at a local Havana Paladar (L, R, D)

Day 3 – Monday October 9, Havana

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast in the hotel this morning followed by a seminar on Development of Colonial Cuba. After the short lecture, we venture out for a walking tour and exploration of Old Havana. Also, included is a horse & carriage ride through Old Town. Lunch is included at the beautifully restored Havana Printing Press Restaurant, La Imprenta. After lunch enjoy exploration & shopping time on your own in Old Havana. Dinner is included this evening at a local Paladar (B, L, D)



Typical Cuban musicians

Day 4 - Tuesday, October, Havana

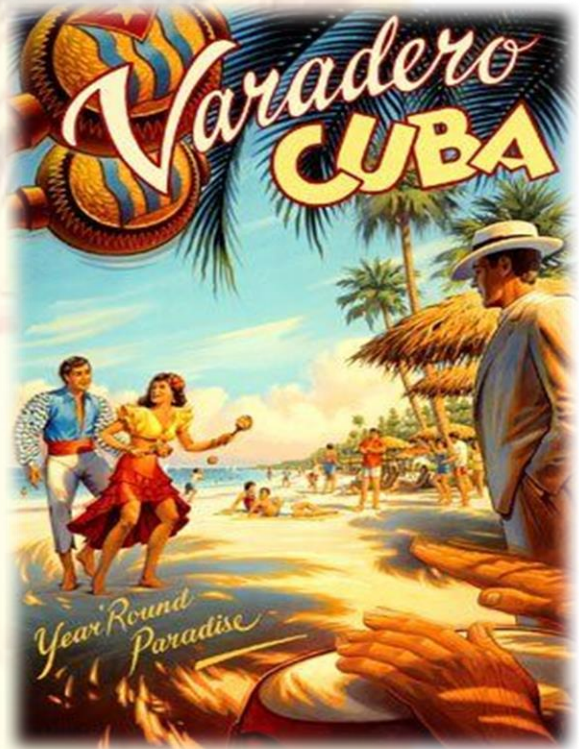
After breakfast this morning, please join us in the hotel for our next seminar on "Modern Architecture of Havana". Immediately following enjoy a coach tour of Havana including several of its famous Hotels. Lunch is included today at a government run restaurant "El Aljibe". This provides the opportunity to experience the difference between government controlled restaurants and the popular (private) Paladar's. Following lunch visit the "Superior Art School "(ISA) with one of the leading architects of Cuba. This evening take vintage American cars from the 50's on a tour through downtown Havana in route to the restaurant for dinner. Enjoy dinner on the lawn of the **"Hotel Nacional de Cuba"** overlooking Havana's Harbor.
(B, L, D)



Havana Street

Day 5 - Wednesday October 11 - Pinar del Rio

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel. Today takes us to a local farmer's market to experience the best of available fruits, vegetables and other delectable fresh choices available to all. Afterwards we make our way out of Havana to the countryside of "**Pinar del Río**", the Las Terrazas Community. This beautiful area of the island is known as the tobacco mecca and for its large cattle ranches. Pinar del Río was one of the last major cities in Cuba founded by the Spanish. We have lunch in the lush **Sierras del Rosario** mountains at the "**Farmers House**". Following lunch, visit the Orchid Gardens at "**Soroa**". Return back to Havana late afternoon. The evening is free to further explore Havana restaurants on your own (B, L)



Day 6 – Thursday October 12, Havana

Following breakfast in the hotel, we start our day in the hotel with another educational lecture on Cuban Interiors. Immediately following we visit the "**Museum of Decorative Arts**" in the former residence of the María Luisa Gómez-Mena, Countess of Revilla de Camargo. Opened as a museum in 1964, "Casa Vedado" was inspired by French Renaissance and was built between 1924 and 1927 in a neo-classical style. Enjoy lunch on your own this afternoon in Old Havana.



Following lunch, visit the infamous Hemingway Estate just outside of Havana. Prior to returning to Havana and the hotel, stop for a visit of the “**Shrine of the Virgin of Regal**” and learn about the Afro-Cuban religion of Santeria. This evening we have an included dinner in one of Hemingway's favorite hangouts, “**La Bodguita del Medio**” Return to the hotel after dinner
(B, D)

Day 7 – Friday October 13 - Havana

Today is yet, another interesting and educational day beginning with a seminar on Modern & Contemporary Art in Cuba followed by a visit to the Museum of Fine Arts (the Cuban Collection). Keeping with the art theme, we have an included lunch at “Artist Studio” outside of the city of Havana. In route, back to Old Havana for free time, we stop at a local charity to provide gifts to those in need on the island hence, our “*Humanitarian Program*” to Cuba. This evening celebrates our week-long *Cuban Experience* with a farewell dinner in a Paladar (a private home). Salud todos!
(B, L, D)

Cuban patriotic car



Colon Cemetery - Havana



Day 8 – Saturday October 14, 2017

Enjoy breakfast in the hotel prior to checking out. We have time this morning to visit the famous **Colon cemetery** in Havana, one of the great historical cemeteries of the world. With more than 800,000 graves and 1 million interments, space in the Cemetery is at a premium. Following our visit at Colon, we depart for the Havana International airport for the short flight to Miami.
(B)



Included in your *Cuban Experience* program:

- Airport meet & greet upon arrival into Miami and fully escorted into Havana
- One pre-Cuba night in Miami – followed by morning flight to Havana
- Welcome orientation in both Miami and in Havana
- Welcome cocktail reception at an Artist Studio in Havana
- All transfers upon arrival & departure days and during stated program dates.
- All hotel portorage/luggage handling on arrival and departure
- Cuban Medical Insurance for each guest
- Cuban Travel Card
- Cuban departure taxes
- US Treasury license for this Humanitarian program to Cuba
- Various meals listed in the itinerary – 6 dinners, 5 lunches – breakfast daily
- All breakfasts each morning throughout the program
- Farewell dinner on final evening of program in Havana
- Local beer & house wine included with lunch & dinners (1 each)
- Bottled water on all bus rides and excursions
- Professional and knowledgeable English speaking local Cuban guide to accompany the group throughout the program
- All sightseeing activities as outlined in the itinerary, all entrance fees, and guided tours, museums, etc.
- Full program of excursions focused on educational & Cuban cultural, historical topics described above from expert local guides & lecturers
- All coach travel/transportation in modern coaches
- Free time on your own to sightsee, explore, & shop or relax in the hotel
- Gratuities for portorage, included restaurant meals, Cuban guide & coach driver
- Veteran Travel Director/Tour Leader, Michael Jensen, to accompany and oversee all aspects of the program from beginning to end
- Recommended veteran air agent available to assist with your air & travel arrangements to & from Miami

Not included in your *Cuban Experience* program:

- Your round trip flight inbound & outbound to Miami, Florida
- Any excess baggage fees/airline fees-set by airlines
- Passport fees & taxes
- Additional gratuities to local guides, restaurant servers, etc.
- Hotel upgrades/suite upgrades
- Added or extra hotel nights outside of scheduled program dates in Miami
- Transfer costs outside of scheduled program dates
- Personal amenities such as; phone calls, laundry, personal meals/room service, alcoholic beverages not listed in “included in program”.
- US Medical services or emergency evacuations
- Personal travel insurance (recommended – please inquire)

➤ **Price per-person based on double occupancy**

\$ TBD

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Please inquire regarding single travel – it's best to have a travel partner

For further program details & reserving your seat, please contact:
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Reserving your space on the *Cuban Experience*

- A deposit of \$500 per-person deposit is required to secure your space. Please contact Michael Jensen to receive your initial reservation documents via email, or via USPS. Accepted and preferred forms of deposit payment are; personal check, Visa, Master, or Discover card and Paypal. If submitting deposit via personal check, please make payable to: **Michael Jensen** and return along with the necessary registration forms via usps mail, fax, or email.
- Payment schedule will be listed on your reservation application. Optional payment plans are accepted. Please note, final payment will be due 30 days prior to program start date of October 7, 2017

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