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2018

WELCOME TO Central Holidays CUBA

Central Holidays is committed to Cuba. Following the White house announcement of June 16th, 2017 on travel to Cuba, **the only travel category eliminated is the People to People travel for Individuals traveling alone. Individuals, however, are permitted to join one of Central Holidays People to People groups outlined in this brochure.** Of the entities mentioned as possibly being prohibited in the future, none include the hotels or the visits in the Cuba programs of Central Holidays. All of our Cuba offers in this brochure or online, therefore, still **fall completely into the legal and possible category of travel to Cuba.**

Cuba is an incredibly beautiful, undiscovered country on our Southern door step. From culturally enriching Havana-focused itineraries and our popular religious programs, to our cultural Afro-Cuban itinerary and Cuba Cruises, to new special interest travel opportunities, we offer a simply unparalleled array of programs that showcase Cuba authentically via its people, culture, customs, music, food, and natural wonders.

Before travel policies change again and either release the hordes of US mass tourists or close the access all together, the time and **the opportunity is now to visit Cuba!**

If your clientele is looking for other **Latin-American destinations**, remember we also offer strong programs and customized, independent travel to **Costa Rica, Peru, Ecuador & the Galapagos Islands, Chile, Colombia, Argentina, Uruguay or Brazil.** This last destination is making a strong comeback and Central Holidays is positioned well to take your travelers to the land of samba, soccer and sunshine!

Central Holidays also continues to offer some of the greatest tours and programs to Italy and the Mediterranean. We have substantially added to our Italy, Egypt and Israel programs. Check these out online at www.centralholidays.com.

For 2018 our strong **Group Travel Experiences** team at Central Holidays now also has its own web site to promote their special, customized and themed groups and experiences. Visit them and enter your group requests at www.grouptravelexperiences.com.

Specifically for your higher end, more sophisticated and last minute clientele, our sister brand, **Journeys**, offers multiple tailor-made travel experiences ranging from access to exclusive villas to chauffeurs, guides and cooks. Please visit us at www.chjourneys.com.

As we resolutely move forward with Central Holidays in the next years, the renewed management team at Central Holidays looks forward to helping you make your customers' travel experiences the best ever.

The Team at Central Holidays

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Why CUBA with Central Holidays

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What was once a destination that Americans could only dream of visiting and exploring is now a nation they can discover first-hand and in inspired ways with Central Holidays. Located in the idyllic Caribbean just 90 miles off the coast of the U.S. we welcome you to visit the enchanting island nation of Cuba with us. Off-limits to U.S. citizens since 1961, Cuba's mystique and intrigue make for an unparalleled and unforgettable experience full of history, adventure, educational enrichment and interactions with its inviting people.

Our destination specialists have been respected providers and developers of acclaimed people-to-people travel programs throughout Cuba for years. Our insightful guides, tour directors, and program developers work tirelessly to create itineraries that share the authentic Cuba, showcasing its culture, traditions, natural wonders, people, and way of life. Beyond newcomers to this segment, our dedicated team knows the ins and outs of traveling throughout Cuba, making it easy for you to have a genuinely rich, seamless experience backed by the reliability of the Central Holidays family of companies and our more than 42 years delivering outstanding travel programs across the globe.

We understand that for many, traveling to Cuba is truly a once in a lifetime experience and we are delighted to provide programs that take travelers to discover the most well-known parts of the island nation as well as its lesser known gems including its world-famous cities, small fishing villages, vast valleys, and beautiful seaside splendors. Our programs feature many meals at "paladar" restaurants owned by locals, where travelers can indulge in homemade farm-to-table dishes prepared with island-grown ingredients. Musical performances and art expositions, plus visits with farmers, craftsmen, historians, educators and more also offer a truly profound look at Cuba's culture and customs.

Join us to have an in-depth adventure in Havana...Once known as the playground of the rich and famous, Cuba's capital beckons with its acclaimed Spanish colonial architecture, famed watering holes and family-run restaurants, live music and percussion that wakens the dancing spirit, plus the coast-hugging Malecón overlooking the seemingly never-ending sea, old world traditions and warm, welcoming people that easily captivate your soul.

Further along your travels in Cuba...Enjoy some time in the colonial city of Trinidad, founded in 1514, a well preserved UNESCO World Heritage Site situated between the mountains and the sea. Visit Camagüey, Cuba's third-largest city, where a labyrinth of winding streets and alleys spill into public plazas in this first of seven villages founded by the Spaniards. Experience Cienfuegos, known as Cuba's "Pearl of the South." Cross as many of Varadero's 17 bridges as you can while visiting this seaside town. Explore the Afro-Cuban capital of Santiago de Cuba, the birthplace of some of the country's most famous musicians and home to the annual Fiesta del Fuego and Carnaval celebrations in July.

Across this magical country, you can take in expansive city views and breathtaking natural beauty; go behind the scenes at cigar rolling workshops and meet tobacco farmers; see how rum is made; enjoy lively music and colorful art; and fall under Cuba's hypnotic cultural spell. All of this and more are intricate parts of the Central Holidays Cuba travel program. Come let us share this magnificent country with you!



Every Small Group trip on pages 6 to 11 includes the following features:

- U.S. Department of the Treasury authorization under a General People-to-People License
- Hotel accommodations in Cuba
- Round trip transfers from the airport to the hotel**
- Welcome cocktail or non-alcoholic drink
- Full people-to-people cultural exchange program
- Two bottles of water per day
- Tips & gratuities for programmed activities
- All ground transportation with the services of a tour director
- All meals as outlined in the itinerary
- Professional English-speaking Cuban guide

Every Large Group trip on pages 18 to 29 includes the following features:

- U.S. Department of the Treasury authorization under a General People-to-People License
- Hotel accommodations in Cuba
- All ground transportation & airport transfers in Cuba via deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- Fresh bottled water while touring
- Full people-to-people cultural exchange program
- All entrance fees for scheduled activities and events
- Professional English-speaking Cuban guide who will be with your group from the moment you land until your departure
- Tour manager
- Cuban visa & Cuban health insurance
- All tips for porters and restaurant staff as well as for programmed activities during the tour
- All meals as outlined in the itinerary

**In order to take advantage of the round trip group airport transfers, you will be advised which flights to take at the time of booking.
NOTE: Round trip airfare to Cuba is not included. The following tips are not included as they are at your personal discretion: Cuban guide, bus driver and hotel housekeeping.

HAVANA THEN & NOW

3 Nights/4 Days FROM \$1,792 Havana

Thursday Arrivals



ESCORTED PEOPLE-TO-PeOPLE PROGRAM

(3) Havana



- No. of Overnight Stays

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Delve into the nostalgia of yesterday's and the vibrant hope of today's Havana at every turn sharing time with its Cuban artists, writers, museum curators, musicians, students, and locals
- Live the ingenuity of the locals traveling by classic American cars and taking in the vibrant sights, sounds, and pulse of Havana
- Take part in an interactive cocktail demonstration and sip on a tasty mojito
- Get your dancing shoes on for a one-hour salsa lesson lead by professional Cuban dance instructors
- Savor flavorful, authentic Cuban recipes made with fresh farm to table local ingredients at privately owned paladar restaurants
- Step back in time at The Museum of the Revolution with its artifacts, weapons and planes from the 1950's

DAY 1 | HAVANA Your people-to-people all Havana adventure in Cuba begins with your flight to Havana International Airport. Upon arrival, the excitement commences right away with a panoramic tour of Havana where you will discover the colonial Spanish architecture and beautiful homes once owned by some of the wealthiest Cuban families in the Vedado neighborhood, see the University of Havana, then drive along the world-famous Malecón seawall overlooking the

Atlantic, take pictures in Revolution square where many political rallies have been held, and take in the impressive capitol building – modeled after the U.S. capitol in Washington, D.C. Continue to your hotel for check-in. Tonight you will be taken to dinner in a vintage American car to an acclaimed Paladar, a privately-owned restaurant, for a fusion-style meal to inaugurate your first night in Havana. (L,D)

DAY 2 | HAVANA After breakfast at your hotel, set out on an enlightening walking tour of Old Havana, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, while participating in open dialogue with a local expert on the area. Learn about the challenges of renovating the city's exquisite historic buildings, and see some of the area's elegant restorations as you stroll the charming cobblestone streets of Old Havana's four main plazas. Take part in an interactive cocktail demonstration and sip on a tasty mojito. Then, get your dancing shows on for a one-hour salsa lesson lead by professional Cuban dance instructors. Lunch promises to be yet another delight for your tastebuds at a paladar in Old Havana. Next, it's off to the Museum of the Revolution, housed in the former Presidential Palace where you will see artifacts, weapons and planes from the 1950's. Discover the Almacenes de San Jose Artisans' Fair and Market where you can take your time to discover the unique finds at this open-air crafts market situated on the Port of Havana. Return to the hotel and get ready to explore Havana's night life and food scene at your own pace with time at leisure this evening. (B,L)

DAY 3 | HAVANA This morning after breakfast embark on the day's adventures starting with a visit to Finca Vigia, Hemmingway's winter home from 1939 to 1960. It was built in 1886 and now serves as a museum where visitors can see his 9,000-volume library, living quarters, yacht "Pilar," as well as the actual typewriter on which he wrote some of his greatest works. Complete the tracing of Hemmingway's footsteps with a visit to the fisherman's village of Cojimar where you will take part in a lively exchange with local fisherman. Then, head to the charming fishing village of Jaimanitas to visit the home, workshop and gallery of world-renowned artist and painter José Fuster, often called the "Picasso of Cuba." Roofs, walls, doorways and benches stretching for blocks around his studio are adorned with his brightly colored sculptures and mosaics. Return to the hotel to freshen up, then tonight enjoy a fine farewell dinner at a local paladar with a meal that blends classic Cuban flavors with a touch of modern kitchen styling. (B,L,D)



Taxi cabs parked at the Revolution Square



An authentic cuban sandwich on pressed medianoche bread with pork, ham, cheese, pickle, and mustard

DAY 4 | HAVANA TO USA After breakfast this morning, you will be transferred to the airport in Havana for your return flight home with near endless moments to cherish and memories to share from your Havana Then and Now people-to-people travel experience in Cuba. (B)

(B) Breakfast - (L) Lunch - (D) Dinner

The included features for this program can be found on page 5. Tour includes 8 meals: Breakfast daily, 2 lunches and 1 dinner.

ACCOMMODATIONS

City	Nights	Hotel
Havana	3	Four Points Sheraton

ARRIVAL DATES & PRICES*

2017 - \$1,919	Dec. 14
2018 - \$1,999	Jan. 18; Feb. 1 & 15; Mar. 1, 15 & 29; Apr. 12 & 26
\$1,792	May 10 & 24; Jun. 7 & 21; Jul. 5 & 19; Aug. 2, 16 & 30; Sep. 13 & 27; Oct. 11 & 25

*Prices are per person based on double occupancy. Single room supplement available upon request.

Our programs are catered to groups under the General License category for people-to-people travel as outlined by the US Treasury Department.

THE ESSENTIAL CUBA

5 Nights/6 Days FROM \$3,171

Sunday Arrivals

Cienfuegos | Havana



ESCORTED PEOPLE-TO-PeOPLE PROGRAM

(2) Cienfuegos • (3) Havana



- No. of Overnight Stays

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Delve into Cienfuegos, known for its French architectural influences and seaside setting
- Explore the colonial town of Trinidad, a well-preserved UNESCO World Heritage Site founded in 1514
- Savor flavorful, authentic Cuban recipes made with fresh farm to table local ingredients at privately owned paladar restaurants
- Visit Playa Giron site of the notorious Bay of Pigs conflict
- Drive along Malecon and stroll along the famed Paseo del Prado
- Take part in an interactive cocktail demonstration and sip on a tasty mojito
- Get your dancing shoes on for a one-hour salsa lesson lead by professional Cuban dance instructors

DAY 1 | CIENFUEGOS Fly to Cienfuegos, and upon arrival you'll meet your Cuban Tour Guide and local expert. Transfer to your hotel in the bayside city of Cienfuegos, known for its French influence and scenic location. Check in and relax for the rest of the day. Later, your guide will meet with you to enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. (D)

DAY 2 | CIENFUEGOS | TRINIDAD | CIENFUEGOS Enjoy breakfast at your hotel before departing for the charming town of Trinidad at the mountainous edges of Topes de Collantes National Park! Enjoy an insightful walking tour of historic Trinidad, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Visit the Trinidad History Museum, Palacio Cantero, which houses a collection of objects from the 18th & 19th centuries & offers a great overlook of Trinidad. Walk through the narrow streets of Trinidad and interact with the locals, visit art galleries, or pop into artisan shops along the colorful corridors. Share in a typical lunch together at a local “paladar”, a privately-owned restaurant. Then drive back to Cienfuegos and explore its historical center on a comprehensive city tour with your guide. Here you will walk along the main “bulevar” and learn about shopping practices in Cuba and the difference between ration stores and regular markets, as well as daily challenges people face. Visit the Thomas Terry Theater, a late 19th century eclectic jewel, where important legends such as Sarah Bernhard and Enrico Caruso once performed. Dinner will be on your own. (B,L)

DAY 3 | CIENFUEGOS | BAY OF PIGS | HAVANA Have a nice breakfast at your hotel before going to Cienfuegos’ nearby Cigar Factory to get a glimpse into the backstory of this famous Cuban product. Then, it’s off to Havana, stopping at Playa Giron, site of the notorious Bay of Pigs conflict. Enjoy lunch at a favorite local eatery before continuing the journey towards the capital city. Arrive in Havana in the late afternoon and check in to your hotel for the next 3 nights. Your guide will pick you up in time for dinner at restaurant “Fusion Habana” where you can enjoy Cuban tunes along with your delicious meal. (B, L, D)

DAY 4 | HAVANA - OVERVIEW OF THE CITY Savor breakfast at your hotel before heading on a panoramic tour of the city. Stop at the Plaza de la Revolución with its statue of Cuba’s national hero, Jose Martí, as well as symbols of the country’s revolutionary heroes including Camilo Cienfuegos and Che Guevara. Learn about the different neighborhoods in Havana, including the vibrant Vedado district, where the University of Havana is also located. Drive along the Old Havana seaside promenade, known as the malecón, and Prado Avenue, an elegant tree-lined boulevard with architectural gems on each side. A brief stop at the Capitol area will be a great place to get an iconic photo of one of Old Havana’s most beautiful squares. You’re sure to find many American antique cars in great condition. Stroll through Old Havana and learn firsthand from an architect about the recent restorations and the historical importance of its glorious buildings, many dating to Colonial times. Explore the 4 major squares in Havana: Plaza Vieja, Plaza de la Catedral, Plaza de Armas and Plaza San Francisco. Next, meet with local dancers for an interactive salsa lesson and learn the Cuban style of salsa. Take in a cocktail demonstration where you will discover the secret of how to make the perfect mojito and other famous Cuban beverages. Enjoy a light lunch before continuing towards the town of Jaimanitas which is also a public community project started by renowned Cuban artist Jose Fuster. Head to the San Jose Craft Market to meet local artists and artisans, and discover how a variety of crafts are made in Cuba. This evening you may choose to venture out on your own to try one of the local restaurants, or take in a show that demonstrates Cuban talents and musical heritage. (B, L)

DAY 5 | HAVANA - HEMINGWAY & THE ARTS After breakfast at your hotel, depart to Hemingway’s home, Finca Vigia “the lookout house.” See the famous writer’s home where time has stood still since his departure in 1960. Have lunch at a paladar back in Havana, then visit a local artist in his home studio and learn about the life of an artist in Cuba today. Next, you’ll visit the Angeles del Futuro children’s project that teaches young kids acrobatics to



Overview of the City in Havana

prepare them for the Cuban circus. Return to the hotel for some downtime, and soon be whisked away by an old American car! Interact with your drivers to learn about the interesting ways they’ve been able to maintain these vehicles throughout the years. Share in a special farewell dinner at one of the capital’s finest restaurants. (B, L, D)

DAY 6 | HAVANA TO USA This morning your driver and Cuban guide transfer you to Havana International Airport where you will board your flight home. Your brief introduction to Cuba and your Colors of Cuba program ends here, taking home many memories and wonderful experiences of this colorful place! Buen viaje! (B)

(B) Breakfast - (L) Lunch - (D) Dinner

The included features for this program can be found on page 5. Tour includes 12 meals: Breakfast daily, 4 lunches and 3 dinners.

ACCOMMODATIONS

City	Nights	Hotel
Cienfuegos	2	Jagua
Havana	3	Sevilla

ARRIVAL DATES & PRICES*

2017 - \$3,380	Dec. 3 & 17
2018 - \$3,380	Jan. 7, 14, 21 & 28; Feb. 4, 11, 18 & 25; Mar. 4, 11, 18 & 25; Apr. 8, 15, 22 & 29; May 6, 13, 20 & 27
	\$3,171 Jun. 3, 10, 17 & 24; Sep. 16, 23 & 30; Oct. 7, 14 & 21

*Prices are per person based on double occupancy. Single room supplement available upon request.

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NEW COLONIAL CUBA

6 Nights/7 Days FROM \$2,394

Monday Arrivals

Camaguey | Santa Clara | Havana



ESCORTED PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE PROGRAM

(2) Camaguey • (2) Santa Clara • (2) Havana



- No. of Overnight Stays

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the storied town of Camagüey by bicitaxi
- Savor flavorful, authentic Cuban recipes made with fresh farm to table local ingredients at privately owned paladar restaurants
- See the Mausoleum of Che Guevara located on a hill in a remote area outside Santa Clara
- Discover the colonial town of Trinidad, a well-preserved UNESCO World Heritage Site founded in 1514
- Visit the fertile and famed Sugar Mills Valley
- Delve into Spanish-inspired Cuban colonial architecture as you stroll Old Havana's four main squares on a guided walking tour

DAY 1 | CAMAGÜEY Welcome to Cuba! Upon arrival in Camagüey your bilingual local guide will meet you and from here, you begin your 6 night Cuba journey! Depart for your hotel in the city and be assisted with check in. The adventure begins right away with artist Martha Jimenez welcoming you into her workshop and art gallery where you will find many examples of her fine sculptures, ceramics, and paintings. Listen to her explain the meanings and significances behind her work as you admire her pieces. Dinner tonight will be at a typical “paladar,” or privately-owned restaurant, to inaugurate your first night in Cuba. (D)

DAY 2 | CAMAGÜEY Have a nice breakfast at the hotel, then set out on the town. Your first activity will be to see Camagüey the way that many locals do: by bicitaxi. Your driver will manually cycle you to some of the

best highlights of the city such as the main plazas (Plaza del Gallo, Plaza de los Trabajadores, Plaza Ignacio Agramonte, and Plaza San Juan de Dios) and unique streets. Then, experience a rehearsal by the world-renowned Camagüey Ballet Company and afterwards have the chance to meet with the dancers and see how they create their own shoes and costumes. Savor lunch at a local paladar, then depart for the house of the artist Cassanova which is outside of the city. Here you will learn how Camagüey's most famous visual icons are made—the “tinajon.” Tinajones are large red pots often found outside of homes, used back in the day to store water. You may even be able to sit at the wheel and create your own! Return to the hotel, and enjoy dinner on your own. (B,L)

DAY 3 | CAMAGÜEY | SANCTI SPIRITUS | SANTA CLARA Power up with a full breakfast at your hotel, then depart for the city of Sancti Spiritus. Here you will visit the gallery of talented artist Jorge Antonio Gonzalez Perez. Follow this interaction with lunch at a local paladar, then continue on to the important city of Santa Clara. Here you will find a famous Revolution Square which features 14 palm trees to symbolize Che's birthday (June 14, 1928) and can hold up to 80,000 people for political and cultural events. Nearby is the Mausoleum of Che Guevara located on a hill in a remote area outside of Santa Clara. The main feature is a larger-than-life statue of Che situated in this, the city where the last battle of the Cuban Revolution was fought. Inside, is a museum about his life and his final resting place; while he passed away in battle in Bolivia his remains were ultimately found and shipped back to Cuba. Next, head to your hotel for check-in. Dinner will be on your own tonight. (B,L)

DAY 4 | SANTA CLARA | TRINIDAD | SANTA CLARA After breakfast at your hotel, embark on a scenic three hour drive to the town of Trinidad, a colonial town locked in time. On the way, visit the fertile Sugar Mills Valley from which the region once earned its riches and made people very prosperous. Passing green farms and pastures, arrive at the Manaca-Iznaga Tower which offers a stunning bird's eye view of the region from the top. Have lunch at a local paladar in the center of Trinidad. Afterwards, you will want to walk off your meal on a city tour of Trinidad's historical center with its cobblestone streets, people atop horses and buggies, and music in the air. Dip into the different galleries, shops, workshops, bars, and restaurants with your guide who will share a unique story about each place visited. The Trinidad history museum, also called Palacio Cantero, displays a collection of objects from the 18th and 19th centuries, recreating the ambiance of those eras. There is even an area with a timeline of the town history that shows the heydays of sugar production. Take some time to explore the town on your own and interact with community members. Try seeking some of the famous local crochet work for which Trinidad is famous! Return to the hotel at the end of the day and have dinner on your own tonight. (B,L)

DAY 5 | SANTA CLARA | HAVANA Enjoy breakfast at your hotel, then head out on your drive to Havana. Time permitting, stop at Morro Castle, considered one of the oldest stone forts in the Americas and which offers an unparalleled bird's eye panoramic view of Old Havana and Havana Harbor. Have lunch at a local paladar, then stop by the Museum of the Revolution, housed in the former Presidential Palace. Today the museum displays the storyline of Cuban history and features memorabilia from the colonial days to modern times, mainly focusing on the period of the revolutionary war of the 1950's. The afternoon will be a busy time on Paseo del Prado which is a promenade leading into the heart of Old Havana which is great for people-watching and where you will see a density of vintage American cars, Cubans young and old spending time together, and a mixture of colonial and modern architecture. Check in at your hotel, and then have dinner as a group at a local paladar. (B,L,D)

DAY 6 | HAVANA Early in the morning, have a hearty breakfast at the hotel before setting out on a full day of sightseeing. Your local guide and driver will take you deep into Old Havana which has been a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1982. Here you will enjoy an



insightful walking tour showcasing the restoration and preservation process of its most elaborate buildings, along with old ties and new hopes around every corner as you explore Plaza Vieja, Plaza de Armas, Plaza de San Francisco, and Plaza de la Catedral. Pass by the community project “Jovenes Emprendedores” which sponsors the growth and development of young entrepreneurs. Go for lunch at a nearby paladar, then drive off to Finca Vigia, also known as the old Ernest Hemingway house. Here is where the famed author of “A Farewell to Arms” and “For Whom the Bell Tolls” spent 20 years when living in Havana beginning in mid-1939. At this living museum you can peer in to see items just as Hemingway left them, including more than 8,000 books, personal relics, and collections; his precious boat Pilar and the legendary swimming pool where he hosted some of the biggest cultural icons of the times. Drive back to the Old Town and visit the San Jose Craft Market, an expansive warehouse transformed into a bazaar with over 100 privately-owned artisan and handicraft stalls – a fantastic place to purchase souvenirs. Take time to converse with the local entrepreneurs to learn about this burgeoning sector of private enterprise. Return to the hotel. Tonight enjoy a special farewell dinner at a local paladar together as a group to reminisce about the last few days. (B,L,D)

DAY 7 | HAVANA TO USA Have breakfast at the hotel, then at a convenient time, your guide and driver will take you by bus to the Havana airport for your international flight home. Be assisted with check in, then have a short flight back to the USA. Thank you for exploring Cuba with us! (B)

(B) Breakfast - (L) Lunch - (D) Dinner

The included features for this program can be found on page 5. Tour includes 14 meals: Breakfast daily, 5 lunches and 3 dinners.

ACCOMMODATIONS

City	Nights	Hotel
Camaguey	2	El Marques, Colonial or Sevillana
Santa Clara	2	America
Havana	2	Nacional

ARRIVAL DATES & PRICES*

2017 - \$2,639	Dec. 18
2018 - \$2,639	Jan. 8 & 15; Feb. 5 & 19; Mar. 5 & 19; Apr. 2 & 9
\$2,456	May 7 & 21
\$2,394	Jun. 11 & 25; Jul. 2 & 23; Aug. 13 & 27; Sep. 10 & 24; Oct. 8 & 22

*Prices are per person based on double occupancy. Single room supplement available upon request.

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CUBA-RIBBEAN CRUISE

7 Nights/8 Days FROM \$2,129

4 Days in Cuba | Cruise to Montego Bay | Grand Cayman | Cozumel

Sail From Cuba on the MSC Opera, All Inclusive - Saturday Departures



DEC. 2, 2017 THRU MARCH 17, 2018 FROM \$2,129

DEPARTURES FROM HAVANA EVERY SATURDAY

ITINERARY

SAT. - HAVANA - Transfer from the Airport to the Pier

SUN. - HAVANA - People to People Program including City tour in Old Havana, lunch at a local restaurant, Ernest Hemingway's House Finca Vigia, Mercado San Jose, El Morro and/or El Cristo de Havana, & Tropicana Night Club show

MON. - HAVANA - People to People Program including Bellas Artes Museum, Museum of the Revolution & lunch at a local restaurant – Depart: 1:00 PM

TUE. - ISLAND OF YOUTH, CUBA - Arrive: 8:00 AM/Depart: 6:00 PM

WED. - FULL DAY AT SEA

THU. - MONTEGO BAY, JAMAICA - Arrive: 8:00 AM/Depart: 7:00 PM

FRI. - GEORGETOWN, GRAND CAYMAN - Arrive: 8:00 AM/Depart: 2:00 PM

SAT. - HAVANA - Transfer from the Pier to Airport – Arrive: 3:00 PM





Capitol Building in Havana

APR. 14, 2018 THRU NOV. 10, 2018 FROM \$2,199

DEPARTURES FROM HAVANA EVERY OTHER SATURDAY

ITINERARY

SAT. - HAVANA - Transfer from the Airport to the Pier

SUN. - HAVANA - People to People Program including City tour in Old Havana, lunch at a local restaurant, Ernest Hemingway's House Finca Vigia, Mercado San Jose, El Morro and/or El Cristo de Havana, & Tropicana Night Club show

MON. - HAVANA - People to People Program including Bellas Artes Museum, Museum of the Revolution, & lunch at a local restaurant - Depart: 6:00 PM

TUE. - FULL DAY AT SEA

WED. - MONTEGO BAY, JAMAICA - Arrive: 8:00 AM/Depart: 7:00 PM

THU. - GEORGETOWN, GRAND CAYMAN - Arrive: 8:00 AM/Depart: 3:00 PM

FRI. - COZUMEL, MEXICO - Arrive 10:00 AM/Depart 6:30 PM

SAT. - HAVANA - Transfer from the Pier to Airport - Arrive 3:00 PM

NOV. 17, 2018 THRU DEC. 29, 2018 FROM \$2,199

WEEKLY DEPARTURES FROM HAVANA

ITINERARY

SAT. - HAVANA - Transfer from the Airport to the Pier

SUN. - HAVANA - People to People Program including City tour in Old Havana, lunch at a local restaurant, Ernest Hemingway's House Finca Vigia, Mercado San Jose, El Morro and/or El Cristo de Havana, & Tropicana Night Club show

MON. - HAVANA - People to People Program including Bellas Artes Museum, Museum of the Revolution, & lunch at a local restaurant - Depart: 6:00 PM

TUE. - OCEAN CAY, MSC MARINE RESERVE - Arrive: 8:00 AM/Departs: 5:00 PM

WED. - FULL DAY AT SEA

THU. - MONTEGO BAY, JAMAICA - Arrive: 10:00 AM/Depart: 7:00 PM

FRI. - GEORGETOWN, GRAND CAYMAN - Arrive: 8:00 AM/Depart: 2:00 PM

FRI. - SAT. - HAVANA - Transfer from the Pier to Airport - Arrive 3:00 PM

INCLUDED FEATURES

- Free roundtrip transfers between Havana Airport and the MSC OPERA
- 7 Nights' accommodations in your selected Cabin Category
- Full Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Daily
- A wide choice of Gourmet cuisine to celebrate the tastes of the Mediterranean
- A Gourmet buffet with gastronomic corners open 20 hours a day including Burger Paradise with Pasta & Pizza Stations
- Cabin service 24 hours per day
- Unlimited Bar & Beverage Package
- "People to People" cultural exchange program while in Cuba via air conditioned Motor coach with a licensed Cuban Guide
- Port Charges, Taxes & All Shipboard Gratuities
- A full program of daily activities
- Priority in choice of Dinner seating
- Rich Theatrical Shows
- On Board Casino
- Swimming Pool, Panoramic Gym and open-air sports facilities
- Cuban Visas & Health Insurance
- Cuban Visas & Health Insurance

(*) Prices are per person based on double occupancy. Single room supplement & children's rates available upon request.



Snorkeling at the spectacular reefs of Cozumel, Mexico

CUBA PEOPLE TO PEOPLE CRUISE

7 Nights/8 Days FROM \$2,369

Montego Bay | Santiago de Cuba | Havana (2 days) | Cienfuegos

Sailing every Friday from Montego Bay, Jamaica



- No. of Overnight Stays

DAY 1 | FRI | MONTEGO BAY | DEPART 8:00 PM Upon your arrival in Montego Bay, Jamaica you will be met and transferred to the port where you will board Celestyal Cruise Lines – Crystal – your home for the next 8 days.

AFTERNOON: Welcome Briefing by our destination expert. Our seven-day cruises around Cuba appeal to those travelers who want to learn about the culture and history of Cuba, who want to meet her warm and lively people. We offer the most Cuban ports of call on a single itinerary, including many of the fantastic island's hidden gems, and we're delighted to have the opportunity to convey to you the authentic Cuba.

DAY 2 | SAT | SANTIAGO DE CUBA | ARRIVE: 7:00 AM | DEPART 3:00 PM

MORNING: "Panoramic Santiago" Welcome to Santiago de Cuba, capital of the island's "Wild East" and its glittering cultural nerve center, one that's core to the evolution of Cuban architecture, literature and music. Our first stop is the African Cultural Center, Fernando Ortiz, where we'll meet with director Dr. Martha Cordié Jackson and enjoy a traditional dance performance - after the performance we'll meet with the dancers. We'll then stroll through the Patio of the Artisans and to Conga Gallery and its collection of contemporary Cuban art. Our next stop is the Loma de San Juan and its manicured grounds. This is the site of the only land battle of the Spanish-American War where, on July 1, 1898, flanked by his rough riders, Teddy Roosevelt led a victorious cavalry charge against the Spanish. Loma de San Juan is also the home of the Unknown Mambi Soldier. Our tour continues through this fascinating city along its most famous avenues. We will pass the University of Oriente and visit the former Moncada Barracks, Revolution Square and El Morro Castle - built at the end of the 17th century, the castle occupies a promontory high above the sea.

AFTERNOON: "Rum Tasting" briefing by our destination expert.

AFTERNOON: Let's Learn Salsa!

EVENING: Dance Like a Cuban - It's Rumba Time!

DAY 3 | SUN | AT SEA | AUTHENTIC CUBAN EXPERIENCE PROGRAM ON BOARD

MORNING: A Taste of Cuba: How to "mix and match" the Most Mouthwatering Dishes by our destination expert. Join us for a Cuban cooking lesson and learn about some of the unique gems endemic to Cuban cuisine. You'll learn how to take fresh ingredients and create incomparable tastes that burst with the flavors of Cuba. Our chef will show you how Creole and Spanish cuisine blend to create the authentic, singular Cuban gastronomic experience loved all over the world.

AFTERNOON: "Cuban Cigars - The Story behind the Smoke"

AFTERNOON: Documentary about Cuba.

EVENING: Dance Like a Real Cuban: It's Cha Cha Cha Time!

DAY 4 | MON | HAVANA | ARRIVE: 8:00 AM

MORNING: Lecture Join us for a lecture where we will have the unique opportunity to learn and discuss topics on which Cuba excels, such as social security, family code and agricultural co-ops.

MORNING: "Real Taste of Havana" Tour. The old city center comprises a breathtaking mix of Baroque and neoclassical monuments and a homogeneous ensemble of private houses with arcades, balconies, wrought-iron gates and internal courtyards. Come meander along the narrow streets of this fascinating city with our expert guide, who will regale you with tales of this magical city's storied history. We begin with a walking tour of the historical center of Old Havana ("Habana Vieja"), where we'll see the Royal Forces Castle, Saint Francis of Assisi Square, the Cathedral Square, the Old Square and Arms Square. We'll have the opportunity to see and buy old books in all languages and interact with the book sellers.

AFTERNOON: "More of Authentic Havana" Tour. This Panoramic tour includes a photo stop at the famed Old Capital Building, then we drive past Revolution Museum, The Fine Arts Museum, The Parque Central (Central Park) and the Gran Teatro de Havana. We then stop at Revolution Square for some free time and photos - you'll find the Jose Marti Memorial, the National Library and the Revolution Palace here. We leave Revolution Square to continue our tour with a drive past some of Old Havana's most important buildings, the University of Havana and its escalinata (stairway) and the Alma Mater statue, La Rampa; the Coppelia ice cream parlor, the Yara movie theater and the Habana Libre hotel. We end our tour at San Jose Market for more free time and the market's unique shops and hospitable vendors. Overnight in Havana.

DAY 5 | TUE | HAVANA - DEPART: 10:00 PM

MORNING: "More of Real Havana" Tour. Old Havana and its fortifications are a UNESCO World Heritage site. The city was founded in 1519 by the Spanish, and by the 17th century it had become one of the Caribbean's main centers for ship-building. Our "More of the Real Havana" Tour features a visit to the Fine Arts Museum and the famed "Museo de la Revolución" (The Museum of the Revolution). Housed in the former Presidential Palace, the museum is devoted to the revolutionary war of the 1950s and to the country's post-1959 history. Following the Museo de la Revolución we will make a stop to marvel at some of the outdoor installations of legendary Cuban ceramicist and graphic artist Jose Fuster, a pioneer of Cuban visual art. We then return on board Celestyal Crystal.

EVENING: Dance like a Cuban. Come join us for a selection of beautiful Cuban dances and live Cuban music by the "Latin Souls" band. We will take you through the steps - by the end of the hour, you'll feel as if your feet aren't touching the dance floor.

DAY 6 | WED | DAY AT SEA

MORNING: "El Ajíaco" Cultural Briefing by our destination expert. This hearty Cuban stew has been eaten on the island since the 1500's! It's a mix of chicken, pork spare ribs, corn malanga (yellow taro), plantains,

yucca, Cuban boniato and pumpkin! Join us prior to your shore excursion to discuss the ways in which the authentic Cuba you'll experience ashore is similar to the legendary meal, a mix of diverse accents, myths, races and religion all stewed together - and to perfection!

MORNING: Cooking Demonstration - Cuban Festive Dishes. Join us for a Cuban cooking lesson and discover some of the many gems of Cuban cuisine. You will learn how to take fresh ingredients and create incomparable tastes that burst with the flavors of Cuba. Our chef will show you how some of the most popular Cuban festive dishes are prepared.

EVENING: Dance like a Cuban - Que Rico Mambo!

DAY 7 | THU | CIENFUEGOS | ARRIVE: 7:00 AM - DEPART: 3:00 PM

MORNING: Cienfuegos City Tour. You will have the unique opportunity to visit Cienfuegos, a 19th century planned city and a UNESCO World Heritage site. "The Pearl of the South", this colonial gem was founded in 1819. Situated on the Caribbean coast of southern-central Cuba at the heart of the country's sugar cane, mango, tobacco and coffee production area, the town first developed in the neoclassical style - it became more eclectic as it grew but still retained a harmonious overall townscape. We then stop at the Graphic Society of Cienfuegos, where we'll meet with local artists and view their prints - the society is beloved by the people of Cienfuegos for its programs for children with special needs. Our tour continues at Project Trazos Libres: artist Santiago Hermes Martinez converted his family home into an art collective in 2009 to support local artists and collaborate with them - get ready to view unique handicrafts, murals, photographs and traditional costumes. We will then enjoy a panoramic view of Cienfuegos, before we visit the magnificent Teatro Thomas Terry: built between 1887 and 1889 to honor Venezuelan industrialist Tomás Terry, this 950-seat opera house and theater is decorated with Carrara marble and hand-carved Cuban hardwoods. After Teatro Thomas Terry we'll return to the Celestyal Crystal.

EVENING: Make Your Own Cocktail. Try a real mojito.

EVENING: Farewell event. Before your disembarkation, join us for a get together and a farewell drink.

EVENING: Dance like a Cuban.

DAY 8 | FRI | MONTego Bay | ARRIVE: 8:00 AM Instead of saying Adios... say hasta pronto - meaning "until soon" as you bid farewell to this culturally rich People to People experience by sea in Cuba. This morning disembark the ship and transfer to Montego Bay airport for your flight back home. Thank you for sailing with us in Cuba.

INCLUDED FEATURES

- Free roundtrip transfers between Montego Bay airport and the ship
- 7 nights' accommodations in your selected cabin category
- Two full days in Havana
- Full breakfast, lunch and dinner daily
- Unlimited bar & beverage package
- "People to People" cultural exchange program in Havana, Cienfuegos & Santiago de Cuba via air conditioned motor coach
- Port charges and all shipboard gratuities
- Daily entertainment program
- Fitness center
- Evening entertainment and theme nights
- Cuba visa & Cuba health Insurance

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Havana | Cienfuegos or Cienfuegos | Havana

On board the M/V Voyager, S/C Panorama or M/Y Callisto



- No. of Overnight Stays

DAY 1 | FRI | HAVANA Arrive in Havana where you will be met and assisted by a member of our team. Visit the Plaza de la Revolucion followed by a welcome lunch at La Barraca Restaurant, located in Hotel Nacional de Cuba. Remain at the hotel for an engrossing lecture with well-known architect Pedro Vasquez then continue to the pier for embarkation on our ship, followed by a boat drill and welcome briefing. Dinner onboard and overnight in Sierra Maestra Port- Old Havana. (D)

DAY 2 | SAT | HAVANA After breakfast, disembark for a walking exploration through Old Havana and Centro Havana. Witness a mixture of beautiful old baroque and neo-classical monuments, arcades and private balconies. We will stop at a local restaurant for lunch, followed by a scenic drive in vintage American cars to Finca Vigia, beloved home of Ernest Hemingway. Upon our return, enjoy some free time before we make our way to Café El Mercurio for dinner, and then to the Café



Taberna to experience the wonderful salsa music of the Buena Vista Social Club style performance. Overnight in Sierra Maestra Port- Old Havana. (B,L,D)

DAY 3 | SUN | HAVANA** After breakfast, visit Fusterlandia, the studio of artist Jose Rodriguez Fuster. The brightly colored mermaids, roofs, walls, benches, and doorways were greatly inspired by Gaudi in Barcelona and Brancusi in Rome, but most of all by Picasso and Dubuffet. Enjoy 2 hours at leisure to experience the wonders of Havana on your own before returning to the ship for embarkation. Lunch, dinner, and overnight onboard as we sail to Maria La Gorda. (B,L,D)

DAY 4 | MON | MARIA LA GORDA After breakfast, we disembark in Maria La Gorda and visit a local school to meet the Cuban children and their teachers, and discuss the differences and levels of the Cuban and American educational systems, particularly in the rural areas of the country. Visit the headquarters of Guanahacabibes National Park, one of the country's largest nature reserves on the westernmost tip of the island. Time-permitting, we will venture into the park, followed by free time for swimming, snorkeling and a BBQ lunch in Maria La Gorda before embarking our ship. Dinner and overnight onboard as we sail to the Island of Youth-Isla de la Juventud. (B,L,D)

DAY 5 | TUE | ISLA DE LA JUVENTUD Disembark in Marina Colony for a panoramic sightseeing drive of the capital city of Nueva Gerona. Visit the Presidio Modelo, an abandoned panopticon prison where both Fidel and Raul Castro were imprisoned from 1953-1955. Enjoy lunch in a paladar before visiting an art school and the maternity ward of a local hospital, if available. There will be some free time for independent exploration and enjoyment around Nueva Gerona's grand boulevard before returning to embark the ship. Overnight at sea to Casilda. (B,L,D)

DAY 6 | WED | CASILDA | TRINIDAD** Today we visit Trinidad, a meticulously well-preserved Spanish colonial city. We will walk through the town, visit a scale model of the city, and have lunch at a local restaurant. Stop at the Romantic Museum located in the old palace of the Count Brunet, or Palacio Cantero, the Trinidad General Municipal Museum. Visit the studio of Lazaro Niebla, a very unique woodcarver. Depart Trinidad by bus and drive to Cienfuegos, where we will meet the ship for an overnight in port. (B,L,D)

DAY 7 | THU | CIENFUEGOS Enjoy breakfast onboard before disembarking for our visit to Cienfuegos, known as the Pearl of the South. Visit the graphic arts workshop and the Benny More School of Art. Walk around the city center and admire outstanding examples of French neo classical architecture from the 19th Century. We will stop at a local farmer's market before having lunch. A special treat will be a concert by the singers of the Chorus of Cienfuegos, or string quartet. Overnight in port. (B,L,D)

DAY 8 | FRI | CIENFUEGOS Disembark and transfer to the airport for your return flight. (B)

(B) Breakfast - (L) Lunch - (D) Dinner

****Day 3 on the S/C Panorama or M/Y Callisto visits Vinales Valley and there is a stay at the Hotel Maria La Gorda or similar. Day 6 on the S/C Panorama or M/Y Callisto lunch will be onboard the ship, dinner will be in a local restaurant and you will sail to Cienfuegos.**



Enjoying dinner aboard your ship

INCLUDED FEATURES

- 7 night/8 day cruise aboard the M/V Variety Voyager, S/C Panorama or M/Y Callisto
- Enrichment program with lectures from our guides on board and off the ship
- Services of a professional Cruise Director during the cruise
- Complete program of tours and excursions as per itinerary
- Airport/pier transfers and handling of luggage
- Welcome and farewell cocktail parties
- All meals on board and off the ship at local restaurants as per the itinerary
- Regular (filter) coffee, tea and still mineral water free all day

CRUISE DATES

M/V VOYAGER – 36 cabins & a crew of 32

Havana to Cienfuegos cruise

2017 - Dec. 8*, 22

2018 - Jan. 5*, 19; Feb. 2, 16; Mar. 2, 16

Cienfuegos to Havana cruise

2017 - Dec. 1*, 15*, 29

2018 - Jan. 12, 26; Feb. 9, 23; Mar. 10

S/C PANORAMA – 24 cabins & a crew of 17

Havana to Cienfuegos cruise

2017 - Dec. 29

2018 - Jan. 26; Feb. 23

Cienfuegos to Havana cruise

2018 - Jan. 5*; Feb. 2

M/Y CALLISTO – 17 cabins & a crew of 17

Havana to Cienfuegos cruise

2017 - Oct. 20; Nov. 3, 17*; Dec. 1, 15*

2018 - Apr. 13

Cienfuegos to Havana cruise

2017 - Oct. 27; Nov. 10, 24*; Dec. 8*

2018 - Apr. 20

*Special - \$500 discount per person & no single supplement

CRUISE STARTING FROM PRICES

Cat.	M/Y Callisto	S/C Panorama	M/V Voyager
Cat C	\$4,140	\$4,669	\$5,242
Cat B	\$4,356	\$5,234	\$5,919
Cat A	\$4,985	\$6,143	\$6,373
Cat P	\$5,315	N/A	\$7,571
Owner's Suite	N/A	N/A	\$9,070

Not Included: Cuba Visa and Port taxes of \$430

Prices are per person based on double occupancy. Single room supplement & triple occupancy available upon request.

Note: These itineraries may be subject to change as a result of weather and other factors not in our control. Our vessels have been granted the longest stays of any cruise boats in the port of Havana. Since space at the dock itself is severely limited, these itineraries might involve a combination of having to tender in to shore, as well as docking at one of only two piers. Reverse itineraries are also available.



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National Capitol Building in Havana

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(4) Havana



- No. of Overnight Stays

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover enchanting Cuban culture, people, history, food, music and more on this Havana people-to-people adventure
- Tap your feet to the innovative percussion movement of Habana Compás Dance Company during a live performance
- Let the rhythms of Cuban music envelop you at dinner and a show at Habana Café showcasing the renowned Buena Vista Social Club
- Stroll along the Malecón, sip on a Mojito at the Hotel Nacional, and try some salsa dance steps on this educational exchange
- Learn about Cuba and its people firsthand via interchanges with Cuban artists, writers, museum curators, musicians, students, and locals

DAY 1 | THU | HAVANA Upon arrival at José Martí International Airport and after clearing customs, you'll meet your professional English speaking Tour Director. Drive through the city where time stands still and American classic cars abound, stopping at Revolution Square to see the famous Che Guevara image with his well-known slogan of "Hasta la Victoria Siempre" (Until the Everlasting Victory, Always). After, check-in at your hotel overlooking Havana's world famous Malecón, gather with your group for a brief meeting to review your enriching cultural program over appetizers and a welcome drink. Your people-to-people interactions begin right away with a dinner at

"Mediterraneo," a "paladar" which is a small, privately-owned restaurant serving homemade farm-to-table Cuban dishes. (D)

DAY 2 | FRI | HAVANA After a hearty breakfast at your hotel, enjoy a tour of the Museum of the Revolution that displays documents and artifacts, weapons and planes from the 1950s revolution. The museum is housed in the former presidential palace that was the home to Cuba's leaders from the 1920s until 1959. Next, visit the Antonio Núñez Jiménez" Foundation (FANJ) Headquarters in Sancti Spiritus, which focuses its work on urban sustainability. Here you will have the opportunity to engage with representatives and members of the organization. Then you head to the charming fishing village of Jaimanitas to visit the home, workshop and gallery of world-renowned artist and painter José Fuster, often called the "Picasso of Cuba." Roofs, walls, doorways and benches stretching for blocks around his studio are adorned with his brightly colored sculptures and mosaics. After lunch, you will have a special opportunity to experience a performance by the Habana Compás dance troupe, featuring an exhilarating mix of percussion and dance rooted in flamenco and Afro-Cuban rhythms and moves that are sure to thrill you. Tonight, dinner and a show showcasing the renowned Buena Vista Social Club await at Habana Café. (B,L,D)

DAY 3 | SAT | HAVANA Start your day with a delicious breakfast at your hotel then in an enlightening walking tour of Old Havana, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, while participating in open dialogue with a local architect. Learn about the challenges of renovating the city's exquisite historic buildings, and see some of the area's elegant restorations as you stroll the charming cobblestone streets. Visit the Maqueta Vieja Habana Museum that houses the scale model of the City of Havana, and wander through Old Havana's four main plazas and the Graphic Arts Workshop. Savor a flavorful lunch at the "Ivan Justo Paladar" then visit with some of the members of the community arts project "Imagen 3" which combines music, plastic arts and design. Later you will have the opportunity to visit the historic Hotel Nacional and tour the building and grounds before relaxing with a typical Cuban mojito in the gardens overlooking the Malecón or at the Bar de la Fama. The evening is yours to explore this great city at your leisure. (B,L)

DAY 4 | SUN | HAVANA A buffet breakfast at your hotel is a great way to commence the day before you visit the Alamar Organóponico. Located in the eastern part of Havana, it is the largest farm cooperative in the city. Here you will enjoy a fascinating exchange with the workers and local residents about the history and objectives of urban gardens in Cuba. Take your time to discover the unique finds at Almacenes de San Jose Artisans' Fair and Market, the open-air crafts market situated on the Port of Havana. Lunch today will be yet another delight for your taste buds at La Moneda Cubana, a paladar



Having a drink in Old Havana, Plaza de la Catedral

in Old Havana. After you will have a special visit with the Danza Chevere Project and take part in a lively salsa lesson. This evening enjoy a ride to dinner in one of Cuba's iconic classic American convertibles. Your delectable farewell meal tonight will be at "El Litoral" on the famed Malecón where the spectacular sunset and blue ocean views will remain etched in your memory forever. (B,L,D)

DAY 5 | MON | HAVANA TO USA After breakfast, bid "hasta luego" or "see you later" to Cuba before you depart for the airport and your return flight to the USA, with memories to cherish and share of your Taste of Havana cultural travel program to this enchanting country. (B)

(B) Breakfast - (L) Lunch - (D) Dinner

The included features for this program can be found on page 5. Tour includes 10 meals: Breakfast daily, 3 lunches and 3 dinners with a cocktail and wine.

ACCOMMODATIONS

City	Nights	Hotel
Havana	4	Melia Cohiba

DEPARTURE DATES

2017 - Dec. 7, 21 & 28
2018 - Jan. 11 & 25; Feb. 22; Mar. 8; Apr. 5 & 19; May 3, 17, & 31;
Aug. 23; Sep. 6 & 20; Oct 4 & 18; Nov 8 & 22; Dec 6, 20 & 27

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Sunset in Old Havana with the street lights of El Malecon

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy this perfect opportunity to get to know the Cuba of yesterday and today on this amazing people-to-people experience
- See up-close how the world's acclaimed Cuban cigars are made from growing and drying tobacco to rolling
- Discover the vibrant mosaic art and the inspired neighborhood project of the "Picasso of Cuba" José Fuster
- Stroll along the Malecón, sip on a Mojito at the Hotel Nacional, and try some salsa dance steps on this educational exchange
- Learn about Cuba and its people firsthand via interchanges with Cuban artists, writers, museum curators, musicians, students, and locals
- Journey to Cienfuegos, with its beautiful botanical gardens and Trinidad, a well-preserved UNESCO World Heritage Site founded in 1514 situated between the mountains and the sea

DAY 1 | SUN | HAVANA Upon your arrival in Havana you will be met at the airport and taken by deluxe motor coach to begin your exploration of Havana. We start with a visit to the former presidential palace, now the Museum of the Revolution that displays documents and artifacts, weapons and planes from the 1950s revolution. The museum was formerly the home to Cuba's leaders from the 1920s until 1959. Upon check in at your hotel there will be a briefing to review your tour schedule, followed by your official welcome-to-Cuba dinner. (D)

DAY 2 | MON | HAVANA ¡Bienvenidos! After breakfast at the hotel, depart for Old Havana, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, to explore its four main plazas and cobblestone streets. Stop at the Maqueta Vieja Habana Museum that houses the scale model of the city before continuing to the Graphic Arts Workshop where you will have an opportunity to speak with their artists. Next it's on to meet locals at ArteCorte, a community project started by a successful hairdresser that gets idle young kids off the streets and teaches them money-making skills. After an enjoyable lunch at El Figaro, a local paladar, continue through Old Havana and see the Almacenes de San José, an artisans market for shopping and learning first-hand how some of the local crafts are created. Dinner this evening will be at "La Elite" Paladar. (B,L,D)

DAY 3 | TUE | HAVANA Your culturally enriching adventure continues today with a morning visit to a local cigar factory to see firsthand how they grow, dry and prepare the tobacco before hand-rolling the famous Cuban cigars. Next, in the Romero neighborhood, you will visit one of Cuba's most well-known artists, Kcho, world-renowned for his monumental and evocative sculpture, installations, paintings and prints inspired by his island home. Following, continue on to the home/studios of acclaimed artist José Fuster who specializes in ceramics, painting, drawing, engraving and graphic design. His ongoing project is redecorating his and his neighbors' houses into what is called Fusterlandia in Jaimanitas with lunch following. In the afternoon enjoy a special presentation and tour of the Antonio Núñez Jimenez Foundation for Nature and Humanity, a scientific and cultural institution dedicated to the research and promotion of culturally and socially directed environmental protection. This evening is yours to enjoy dinner and explore the city at your leisure – make Cuba your own tonight! (B,L)

DAY 4 | WED | HAVANA Following breakfast, depart for a visit to a community dance project where you will see and learn firsthand how to dance and sway to the marvelous rhythms of salsa. Then it's on to the Litz Alfonso Dance Company to meet the students and be treated to a special live rehearsal. After a visit to a marvelous children's art project, lunch has been organized at a local paladar. Next, step back to the 1940s and 50s as you enter the landmark Hotel Nacional de Cuba. Feel like Hollywood elite as you tour the hotel where time stands still and sip on a mojito in the lovely gardens overlooking the Malecón (broad esplanade and seawall) and Straits of Florida beyond. The balance of the afternoon is at leisure to enjoy the wonders of Havana. Take in the sounds of the Buena Vista Social Club with dinner at Café Habana where you can dance late into the night. (B,L,D)

DAY 5 | THU | HAVANA | CIENFUEGOS We depart Havana today for Cienfuegos, Cuba's "Pearl of the South." Our morning commences with a visit to the Museum of Fine Arts or the Museum of Decorative Arts to marvel at Cuban masterpieces and more. On our way to Cienfuegos we visit Finca Yoandra, a farm that supplies many of the local restaurants – including Il Divino Paladar, where we will enjoy lunch. Upon arrival in Cienfuegos you will get to check in to the hotel and then partake in dinner at a local restaurant followed by a stop at the Afro-Cuban community project of Trazos Libres, an art project of murals on homes. (B,L,D)



Aerial view from Palacio Ferrer to Jose Marti park

DAY 6 | FRI | CIENFUEGOS Today, on your way to the colonial city of Trinidad, stop for a walk through the Botanical Gardens of Cienfuegos, brimming with lush greenery and beautiful flora and fauna. Then it's on to Trinidad, a well-preserved UNESCO World Heritage Site founded in 1514 situated between the mountains and the sea. After a city tour and lunch at a local restaurant, tour Casa del Alfarero, a ceramics workshop where you will learn the secrets to creating some of the handicrafts you have seen throughout this adventure. Then enjoy some free time to walk the winding cobblestone streets with oxcarts loaded with local wares, and take in the views of the pastel colored homes and buildings. Dinner and further discoveries are at your leisure this evening back in Cienfuegos. (B,L)

DAY 7 | SAT | CIENFUEGOS | HAVANA After breakfast this morning, enjoy the Cienfuegos Choir before departing the city and heading towards Finca Vigia (Lookout Farm), in San Francisco de Paula, to visit Ernest Hemingway's winter home from 1939 to 1960. See the author's 9,000 volume library, his yacht Pilar and the typewriter on which he wrote some of his greatest works (For Whom the Bell Tolls and The Old Man and the Sea) while learning about his life here during a talk with a docent. Lunch will be enjoyed in the former fishing village of Cojimar, where Hemingway moored his boat and the movie The Old Man and the Sea was filmed. After having time to speak with local fishermen, you will head back to Havana and check in to your hotel. A special farewell dinner is planned this evening to cap off your Cuba vacation. (B,L,D)

DAY 8 | SUN | HAVANA TO USA After breakfast transfer to the airport for your return flight to the USA. We hope you had an inspiring, insightful, and wonderful holiday with Central Holidays in Cuba! (B)

(B) Breakfast - (L) Lunch - (D) Dinner

The included features for this program can be found on page 5. Tour includes 18 meals: Breakfast daily, 6 lunches and 5 dinners with a cocktail and wine.

ACCOMMODATIONS

City	Nights	Hotel
Havana	5	Melia Cohiba
Cienfuegos	2	Hotel Jagua or Similar

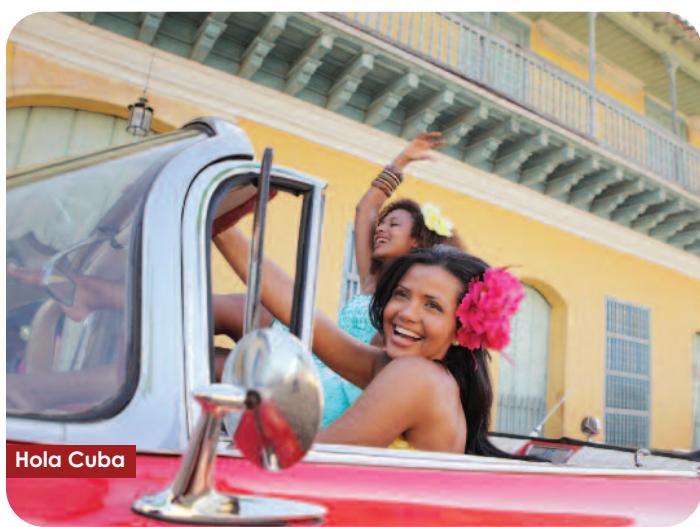
DEPARTURE DATES

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May 6 & 20; Jun. 3 & 17; Jul. 29; Aug. 12; Sep. 9;
Oct. 14 & 28; Nov. 11 & 25; Dec. 2, 16 & 30

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- No. of Overnight Stays

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Delve into Afro-Cuban culture and get to know the Cuban people every step of the way
- Enjoy live cultural and dance performances that showcase Afro-Cuban music and roots
- Participate in insightful interchanges with Afro-Cuban communities
- Learn about Cuban and Afro-Cuban art, culture and life firsthand from artists, writers, museum curators, musicians, students, and locals
- Explore Santiago de Cuba, home of the famed Carnaval celebrations
- Visit El Cobre, the sanctuary of the Patron Saint of Cuba, and climb a short distance to see the Monument of The Runaway Slave
- Dine at the acclaimed Mesón del Príncipe followed by live Afro-Cuba jazz at a local nightclub!

DAY 1 | SAT | HAVANA Upon arrival at José Martí International Airport you will be met by your English-speaking Cuban escort and driven through the city, stopping at Revolution Square to see the famous Che Guevara image with his well-known slogan of "Hasta la Victoria Siempre" (Until the Everlasting Victory, Always). Enjoy your first taste of authentic Cuban cuisine for lunch at El Aljibe, a famous restaurant known for its mouthwatering chicken. The journey then continues to the Museum of the Revolution that displays documents and artifacts,

weapons and planes from the 1950s revolution. The museum is housed in the former presidential palace that was home to Cuba's leaders from the 1920s until 1959. Next, head to your hotel, Melia Cohiba, for check in and an informational briefing. Classic cars from the 1950s will escort you to a welcome dinner at Paladar San Cristobal followed by a variety of optional local and authentic cultural activities. (L,D)

DAY 2 | SUN | HAVANA Following breakfast at the hotel this morning, a representative from the office of the City Historian will escort you on a walking tour of Old Havana where you will have the chance to explore its four main plazas and visit the Graphic Arts Workshop. You will also visit the Casa de Africa (Africa House) and enjoy a live cultural performance before heading to lunch with Cuban guests at the Community Project and paladar. This afternoon we will cross Havana Bay on the Lanchita de Regla and visit the local church to speak with the Afro-Cuban community of Regla, known for its rich colonial history and special carnival and religious celebrations. Upon return to the hotel this evening, the group will enjoy dinner at Paladar Los Mercaderes. (B,L,D)

DAY 3 | MON | HAVANA After a delicious Cuban breakfast at your hotel, we will depart for UNEAC, the Cuban Association of Writers and Artists, followed by a meet-and-greet with a well-known Afro-Cuban filmmaker and an expert on race relations in Cuba. It's then on to the Fine Arts Museum for a detailed tour with a curator to enjoy its masterpieces. Lunch today will be at Café Laurent. Next, you will visit one of Cuba's most well-known artists, Kcho, known for his monumental sculptures, installations, paintings and prints inspired by his island home. Here you will learn about the progress of the community during a film followed by a live performance of the local Colmenita, a children's theater project from the town of Romerillo. This evening you will sip on a mojito, the official Cuban cocktail, at the famed Hotel Nacional overlooking the Malecón, and then choose where to dine at your leisure. (B,L)

DAY 4 | TUE | HAVANA | SANTIAGO DE CUBA Today, depart Havana for Santiago de Cuba, but before you leave, you will meet with the Habana Compas Dance Company for a special interaction and performance by the dancers as well as time with the director. Next it's off to the airport for a quick flight to Santiago de Cuba, the "Heroic City," where you will be greeted with lunch at Paladar Palenquito before checking in to your hotel, the Melia Santiago. Embark on a special bus/walking tour with a local historian and preservationist, Omar Lopez, with whom you will explore the second largest city in Cuba founded in 1515. As the birthplace to some of Cuba's most famous musicians, the city is also known for its traditional dances and its "Carnaval" celebration in July. Share in a dinner featuring local favorites tonight followed by a few special cultural options. (B,L,D)

DAY 5 | WED | SANTIAGO DE CUBA Start with breakfast at your hotel then head out for a full day of discovery in Santiago de Cuba. Visit The Society of Tumba Francesa de la Caridad del Oriente and its president and take-in a special performance at this UNESCO World Heritage Site. Lunch is at a local restaurant, followed by a VIP guided tour and performance at the Museo De Carnaval, that showcases the songs and dances brought to Cuba by African slaves. The museum is home to special items – such as floats to effigies – from the biggest Carnival party between Rio and New Orleans held every July. After, visit Casa del Caribe (Caribbean House), a famous local home/museum that is filled with city history and cultural items. Dinner this evening will be enjoyed at Paladar Aurora, then you will have the chance to speak one-on-one with local residents of the community. (B,L,D)

DAY 6 | THU | SANTIAGO DE CUBA This morning you will visit El Cobre, the sanctuary of the Patron Saint of Cuba, and climb a short distance to see the monument of The Runaway Slave. This sculpture on a hill is built of iron and bronze, and honors one of the earliest and most important slave revolts in the country in 1731. A professor from the University of Oriente, will join the group for lunch at a local restaurant to share even more in-depth knowledge of the city and country. In the afternoon you will take a guided tour of the Moncada



Statues of artist Martha Jimenez, Carmen church, Camaguey

Barracks, where the first armed action of the Cuban revolution occurred on July 26, 1953. This evening you are free to enjoy dinner and activities at your leisure – Cuba is yours to explore! (B,L)

DAY 7 | FRI | SANTIAGO DE CUBA | CAMAGUEY After breakfast depart Santiago de Cuba and head to Camagüey, Cuba's largest province situated in the center of the island. Camagüey's winding maze of streets was designed to confuse marauding pirates, and it is filled with cobblestone plazas, historic statues and lavish churches. On the way, stop in Bayamo, founded in 1513. Walk around the historic town and enjoy some local sounds from musicians while savoring a light lunch at Hotel Royalton. We continue on to Camagüey and check in to the Gran Hotel. This evening dinner is at Paladar 1800. Further optional cultural activities are on offer this evening to get you in the true Camagüey spirit! (B,L,D)

DAY 8 | SAT | CAMAGUEY Start the day's activities with a walking tour of Camagüey's city center with a representative from the office of the City Historian. Explore the many UNESCO-declared sites here and enjoy a special rehearsal by the dancers of the folkloric Ballet of Camagüey. Lunch is on your own in the city center before heading to the Casanova Pottery Studio to see up close how they create their trademark "tinajones," earthenware pots made of clay and other materials that line the streets of Camagüey, designed to collect rainwater. This evening, you are treated to a farewell dinner at Mesón del Príncipe followed by live Afro-Cuba jazz at a local nightclub! (B,L,D)

DAY 9 | SUN | CAMAGUEY TO USA Enjoy breakfast at your hotel this morning before heading to the airport for your return flight home from your amazing Cuba adventure. (B)

(B) Breakfast - (L) Lunch - (D) Dinner

The included features for this program can be found on page 5. Tour includes 22 meals: Breakfast daily, 8 lunches and 6 dinners with a cocktail and wine.

ACCOMMODATIONS

City	Nights	Hotel
Havana	3	Melia Cohiba
Santiago de Cuba	3	Melia Santiago
Camaguey	2	Gran Hotel

DEPARTURE DATES

2017 - Dec. 9, 23 & 30
 2018 - Jan. 13 & 27; Feb. 10 & 24; Mar. 10 & 24; Apr. 7 & 21; May 5; Jun. 2 & 16; Jul. 14; Aug. 11 & 23; Sep. 8 & 22; Oct. 6 & 20; Nov. 3 & 17; Dec. 1, 15 & 29

(*Prices are per person, based on double occupancy and a minimum of 18 full paying passengers. Single supplements available on request.

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Immerse yourself into Jewish life and Cuban culture on this enriching people-to-people experience
- Share time in Havana's Orthodox Adath Israel Synagogue, the only synagogue that houses a Mikvah in Cuba
- Sample typical Jewish-Cuban cuisine savoring lunch in the Garden of Eden restaurant
- Take-in the Jewish biblically themed paintings by contemporary Cuban artists at Havana's Hotel Raquel
- Share time at the Sephardic Community Center and Synagogue where you will participate in a cultural exchange with members of the Sephardic community
- Partake in a moving visit to the Jewish Cemetery and Holocaust Memorial
- Participate in Friday night services at Temple Beth Shalom
- Enjoy a Friday night Kiddush and Shabbat dinner with members of the local Jewish community
- Tour El Patronato Jewish Community Center (Temple Beth Shalom)

DAY 1 | MON | CIENFUEGOS This morning depart on your flight to Cienfuegos, Cuba. Upon arrival, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. After check-in there will be a briefing by your local English-speaking guide about your L'Chaim Cuba experience. This afternoon after lunch, there is a walking tour of Cienfuegos where you will have the opportunity to meet with community residents as well as small business owners. Tonight, a flavorful dinner awaits at Los Laureles, featuring authentic Cuban dishes. (L,D)

DAY 2 | TUE | CIENFUEGOS Start your day with breakfast at your hotel, then embark on a full-day excursion to the colonial city of Trinidad. Your first stop is at the Cienfuegos Botanical Gardens, teeming with towering palm trees, bamboo plants, flowers and lush tropical greenery. Next, an urban planner from the Office of the City Historian leads you on an insightful walking tour of colorful Trinidad, a well preserved UNESCO World Heritage Site founded in 1514. The day's activities and experiences continue with lunch at Sol Ananda Paladar, a locally owned restaurant serving homemade Cuban fare. Later, visit the Canchanchara Bar where you can relax in wooden armchairs and listen to live music while sipping a mojito or the bar's namesake cocktail served in a small earthenware bowl and made with rum, lime, and honey. Return to Cienfuegos for dinner at your hotel this evening and the opportunity to take in the Trazos Libres art project in Cienfuegos featuring murals on the neighborhood homes surrounding the community center. (B,L,D)

DAY 3 | WED | HAVANA After breakfast your adventure continues with a visit to the Benny More Art School where you will have a chance to interact with the students and teachers before enjoying a concert by the Cienfuegos Choir. Next you will join the members of the small Jewish community of Cienfuegos for lunch and an in-depth discussion about Jewish life in Cuba. (There are fewer than 1,500 Jews in Cuba, 85 percent of who live in Havana. At its peak, there were 15,000 Jews, and Havana boasted five synagogues and six or seven Jewish day schools.) After the introduction, depart for Havana and check in to the Hotel Melia Cohiba overlooking the iconic Malecón and vast azure sea. Authentic Cuban dishes are on the menu for dinner this evening at the local paladar La Moraleja. (B,L,D)

DAY 4 | THU | HAVANA After a buffet breakfast at your hotel, embark on a guided walking tour of the pedestrian streets of Old Havana, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. See the area's famous four plazas, engage with artists at the Graphic Arts Workshop, and enjoy the insights of a local architect as he discusses Old Havana's preservation and continuous restoration processes. Next, visit the Maqueta Vieja Habana Museum that houses the scale model of the City of Havana. Then it's on to the Orthodox Adath Israel Synagogue, the only synagogue that houses a mikvah in Cuba, before venturing along to Cuba's only kosher butcher shop. Next it's time to take a break and sample some typical Jewish-Cuban cuisine for lunch in the Garden of Eden restaurant at the Hotel Raquel. Take note, the hotel's interior poignantly references Jewish culture through its biblically themed paintings by contemporary Cuban artists. After, you will continue the walking tour of Old Havana. The evening is yours to enjoy as you wish, whether it's discovering the local culture at a paladar or at a bar, club or foot-tapping live jazz performance or the world-famous Tropicana cabaret. (B,L)

DAY 5 | FRI | HAVANA Have breakfast at your hotel and then it's off to explore! Your morning adventure takes you to experience the area's local talent with a visit to a working cigar factory to see firsthand how they grow, dry and prepare the tobacco before hand-rolling the famous Cuban cigars. Today you will also discover the Sephardic Community Center and Synagogue where you will participate in a cultural exchange with members of the Sephardic community. Then, it's lunch at La Guarida, a local paladar, before a moving visit to the Jewish Cemetery and Holocaust Memorial to the east of Havana. This evening you will attend Friday night services at Temple Beth Shalom and take part in a Friday night Kiddush and Shabbat dinner with members of the local Jewish community. (B,L,D)

DAY 6 | SAT | HAVANA After breakfast, head off on a tour of the magnificent Fine Arts Museum. As the day continues, you will visit the Hemingway Museum which was Ernest Hemingway's winter home from 1939 to 1960. You will see the authors 9,000 volume library as well as his yacht, Pilar and the actual typewriter on which he wrote some of his greatest works. We then savor lunch at Il Divino Paladar. After is a visit



A family lighting the Hanukkah Menorah

to Finca Yoandra to take part in a cultural and educational exchange about their sustainable agriculture outreach project. Late afternoon return to your hotel and get ready for an evening of excitement and entertainment featuring dinner and a Buena Vista Social Club show at Habana Café. (B,L,D)

DAY 7 | SUN | HAVANA Following a buffet breakfast at the hotel, you will be guided through El Patronato Jewish Community Center (Temple Beth Shalom). Here you will have the opportunity to meet with the center's president, Adele Dworin, the Hadassah leadership and other members. Take part in a tour of the library, pharmacy and Sunday school (Cuban Jewish kids are as lively as Americans and Sunday morning is a very active time at the Center).* You will then enjoy lunch at the colorfully decorated California Paladar and meet members of their community project. Take your time to discover the unique finds at Almacenes de San Jose, an open-air artisans' crafts market. You will have time for a quick rest at the hotel before our memorable farewell dinner at Café Del Oriente. (B,L,D)

DAY 8 | MON | HAVANA TO USA After breakfast, say "hasta pronto" or "until soon" to Cuba before departing on your flight back home with a lifetime of memories to share of your L'Chaim Cuba cultural travel experience. (B)

*The Jewish community in Cuba would appreciate your help. All kinds of donations are gladly welcome, clothes, toys and crayons, etc. for the children, supplies for the Jewish Pharmacy, etc...

(B) Breakfast - (L) Lunch - (D) Dinner

The included features for this program can be found on page 5. Tour includes 20 meals: Breakfast daily, 7 lunches and 6 dinners with a cocktail and wine.

ACCOMMODATIONS

City	Nights	Hotel
Cienfuegos	2	Jagua or Faro Luna or Cayenes
Havana	5	Melia Cohiba

DEPARTURE DATES

2017 - Dec. 11 & 25
 2018 - Jan. 8 & 22; Feb. 5 & 19; Mar. 5 & 26; Apr. 9 & 23;
 May 7 & 21; Jun. 4 & 18; Jul. 2 & 30; Aug. 13; Sep. 24;
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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Get to know Cuba from its coastal splendors of Varadero to its vibrant capital of Havana
- Delve into Matanzas, "The city of Bridges" on a panoramic city tour
- Explore Varadero from its famed Casa DuPont showcasing the area's world-famous sea views to its Danzón Club where you will learn some Cuban dance moves
- Discover the inner workings of farm life and taste some of the native fruits harvested at Matanza's family run Finca Coincidencia
- Venture in-land to breath-taking Pinar del Rio's eco-village of Las Terrazas
- Tap your feet to the innovative percussion movement of Habana Compás Dance Company during a live performance

DAY 1 | VARADERO Your "City and the Sea" people-to-people experience begins with arrival in Havana airport where you will be met by your local, English speaking tour director and depart to Matanzas. Along the picturesque drive, we will stop at the highest bridge in Cuba – Puente de Bacunayagua – where you will have the opportunity to take photos of the breathtaking scenery. Your first taste of authentic Cuban cuisine awaits you today with lunch at Hotel Velasco. After lunch, embark on a panoramic city tour of Matanzas known as the "City of Bridges" named for the seventeen bridges found here. Tour the well-preserved El Museo Farmacéutico, an old French Colonial pharmacy formerly known as Botica La Francesa that was originally founded in 1882. During an illuminating tour you will discover the museum's interesting exhibits and collections including, a prizewinning

dispensary table (winner of a bronze medal in the Paris Exposition of 1900), together with tools used for the production of medicines. Next visit the Ediciones Vigia to see how a book was made in years past and then our journey continues to your hotel in Varadero. Enjoy a welcome dinner at your hotel this evening. (L,D)

DAY 2 | VARADERO A full agenda of exciting activities are planned for you in coastal Varadero today beginning with a cultural exchange at the Casa de la Cultura and the Danzón Club where you can learn some Cuban dance moves. Continue to the Escuela de Artes Plásticas to tour this art school with its director and have a chance to speak with students and professors about the projects they are working on while seeing them up close. Lunch this afternoon is hosted at the Xanadu mansion (Casa Dupont) including a welcome drink at the rooftop bar of the mansion with spectacular views over Varadero and the sea. A quick 10-minute drive lands us in the town of Cardenas where your cultural Cuban experience continues including a visit to a rationing store, historic tour and meeting with students at the Galería de Jóvenes Aficionados de Cardenas. This evening your dinner is included at the hotel with plenty of time to don your dancing shoes and salsa the night away in one of the many area nightclubs and bars. (B,L,D)

DAY 3 | VARADERO Explore Matanzas further, stopping first at the music Conservatory and enjoying a live performance by students. Next, visit La Finca Coincidencia – Coincidencia farm, where you will see the array of native fruit varieties that the farmer and agriculturist with the help and work of his family have taken great care in preserving. Founded by Hector Correa in 1987, this is also the site of the area's first ceramics workshop in Matanzas, blending art with nature. Here you will savor a fresh farm-to-table lunch and engage in an interactive discussion with the farmer and his crew. The day's active adventures continue with an enriching visit to a community project and dinner at your hotel in Varadero this evening. (B,L,D)

DAY 4 | VARADERO | HAVANA After breakfast at your hotel we depart Varadero this morning and head to the capital, Havana. In this colorful and storied city you will have the opportunity to discover old Havana, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and to explore its four main plazas. Here you will learn about the challenges of renovating the city's exquisite historic buildings, and see some of the area's elegant restorations as you stroll the charming cobblestone streets. Enjoy a visit to a local church and delve into a community project at Convento de Belén. Take time to explore the area with plenty of choices for lunch on your own. Next, head out to the ornate Vedado neighborhood and tour the Colón Cemetery showcasing many elaborately sculpted memorials, including some 500 chapels, mausoleums and family vaults. You will discover the cemetery's captivating history and folklore, and hear stories about the many prominent people laid to rest here, including musicians, filmmakers, writers, politicians, and major League baseball players. Visit the tomb of La Milagrosa – the "miraculous one" visited by Cubans as a pilgrimage site believed by many to have healing influences. Tonight, savor the tantalizing Cuban cuisine at Paladar La Moneda Cubana and then visit the Morro Castle for the nightly Cannon Ceremony. Later you have the exclusive opportunity to join in an optional evening of entertainment at La Zorra y el Cuervo one of the best known venues for jazz in Havana that hosted such well-known jazz icons as Chucho Valdés and George Benson. (B,D)

DAY 5 | HAVANA Start your day with an enlightening tour of a Cuban cigar factory where many of the world's most revered cigars are made. Visit the Parraga Day Care Center and have a personal exchange with directors and staff. A trendy, bohemian-chic ambiance welcomes you at Paladar Café Laurent for lunch in this privately owned restaurant. After lunch, you will visit el Museo National de Bellas Artes – the museum of fine Arts, comprised of two buildings exhibiting inspired collections from the colonial times up to contemporary works. The landmark Hotel Nacional welcomes you for drinks in the "Bar de la Fama," frequented over its time-honored history by world-famous celebrities from Winston Churchill and Frank Sinatra to John Wayne and countless others. Moments to cherish continue with free time to enjoy the magic and mystique of Cuba on your own this afternoon and evening. An ultra-enriching optional excursion tonight offers you the exclusive opportunity to discover Havana's Fabrica de Arte Cubano, an independent project and meeting place where the island's avant-garde arts can be enjoyed, with all kinds of arts – music, painting, dance, and more – featured under one roof and offered at prices that make it accessible to the majority of Cubans. (B,L)



DAY 6 | HAVANA Power up with breakfast at your hotel then depart for Pinar del Rio. Today's journey takes you to the eco-village of Las Terrazas, a UNESCO Biosphere reserve and site of the earliest surviving coffee plantations in Cuba. Tour this picturesque white-washed village that overlooks a lake and features a community filled with art studios and workshops, then visit a local clinic for a people-to-people interchange. Enjoy lunch at Cafetal Buena Vista before heading back to Havana. The capital city of this fascinating island nation beckons with the afternoon and evening at leisure for you to explore and discover Havana at your own pace. See the amazing sights, get to know the locals, sample flavorful Cuban dishes at one of the many family owned paladar restaurant, then venture along to check out the lively nightlife at one of the many acclaimed music and dance performances such as inspirations from The Buena Vista Social Club or a Cuban cabaret show at the world-famous Tropicana. (B,L)

DAY 7 | HAVANA This morning, your adventure starts with a visit to the coastal village of Cojimar where you will take part in a lively exchange with local fisherman. Then it's on too Finca Vigia, Ernest Hemmingway's winter home from 1939 to 1960. It was built in 1886 and now serves as a museum where visitors can see his 9,000 volume library, living quarters, his yacht "Pilar," as well as the actual typewriter on which he wrote some of his greatest works. Next, you will visit Finca Yoandra in Havana to learn about their sustainable agriculture outreach project. Sip on a Cuban cocktail while you tour the medicinal gardens and interact with the representatives from community projects for children and the elderly. Then, enjoy lunch at the finca's privately owned restaurant, or "paladar", Il Divino. As the day continues, prepare to be awed by the extraordinary, innovative percussion sounds during a special dance performance by Habana Compas dance troop. Return to the hotel and get ready for this evening's farewell celebration. Tonight we will head out to Old Havana for dinner at Paladar La California, a privately owned restaurant set in a beautiful Cuban home. (B,L,D)

DAY 8 | HAVANA TO USA After breakfast this morning, you will be transferred to the airport in Havana for your short return flight to the USA with amazing memories from your City and the Sea people-to-people experience in Cuba. (B)

(B) Breakfast - (L) Lunch - (D) Dinner

The included features for this program can be found on page 5. Tour includes 18 meals: Breakfast daily, 6 lunches and 5 dinners with a cocktail and wine.

ACCOMMODATIONS

City	Nights	Hotel
Varadero	3	Memories Varadero
Havana	4	Melia Cohiba

DEPARTURE DATES

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CENTRAL HOLIDAYS cannot be held responsible for the cancellation fees of air ticket/s issued by companies other than ourselves even in the case when we may cancel a departure for any reason whatsoever, including a cancellation of a pledged departure for lack of participation or force majeure. Consult with our experienced reservations staff, your travel agent or the airline for the applicable penalties and/or restrictions. We strongly recommend purchasing air thru Central Holidays.

Central Holidays will not be responsible for any additional expenses you may incur because of flight cancellations, flight delays, rescheduled and/or diverted flights, and missed flights after airport check-in.

OWN FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS: If you purchase your own flight tickets from companies, other than Central Holidays, we cannot be held responsible for the cancellation fees of air ticket/s in case we may cancel a departure for any reason whatsoever. If you wish to purchase your own flight tickets with a third party, we suggest you purchase airline tickets that allow you to make changes or cancellations of flights subject to minimum penalties – none of such penalties are the responsibility of Central Holidays.

• PASSPORT/VISA:

US citizens require a valid US passport. Non-US citizens should consult their travel agent or consulate. Passengers are responsible for the validity of their passports as well as checking the rules of the validity of their passports with the countries they intend to visit.

All travelers must have a passport valid for six (6) months after your return to the USA. CENTRAL HOLIDAYS is not responsible for any delays, damages losses, missed portions of tours or other missed services incurred by passengers who fail to obtain the necessary travel documents. All passengers are responsible for ensuring they have the proper travel documents and MUST CHECK with the respective consulates or visa agency to determine whether any visas are required.

A Visa for Cuba is mandatory for everyone travelling to Cuba. Information on the visa application process will be sent to you upon confirmation of your booking. It is your responsibility to comply with all visa regulation processes and timelines.

There is a charge of \$90 per person to issue your visa to Cuba, the price of which is included in the cost of your trip unless you are notified otherwise.

IMPORTANT: If you were born in Cuba, you must contact our office immediately.

Your Cuban Visa, Health Insurance Certificate and your Letter of Authorization allowing you to visit Cuba as well as other travel documents will be mailed to you two weeks prior to your departure.

• DEPARTMENT OF STATE WARNINGS:

In the case of a government issued warning, we will provide our utmost consideration to the severity of the warning and accomplish everything possible to safeguard the well-being of our passengers. We reserve the right to evaluate each booking on a case-by-case basis for potential refund /cancellation fees, re-scheduling of tours or itineraries and postponements. Be aware that during your participation on vacations operated by Central Holidays, certain risks and dangers may arise beyond our control, including but not limited to: the hazards of traveling in undeveloped areas; travel by boat, train, automobile, aircraft, or other means of transportation; forces of nature; political unrest; acts of lawlessness or terrorism; and accident or illness in remote regions without means of rapid evacuation or medical facilities. Central Holidays assumes no liability regarding provision of medical care or the adequacy of any care that may be rendered. While Central Holidays will use its best efforts to ensure that adequate measures are taken, by agreeing to participate in a vacation and/or optional excursions, you agree you will hold Central Holidays harmless regarding any provision of medical care or the adequacy of any care rendered. Central Holidays is not responsible for such risks and dangers that may arise beyond our control. Payment of your deposit indicates you accept these risks and dangers and agree to hold Central Holidays harmless for such.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR TRIP TO CUBA: The Itinerary which has been planned for you encompasses many visits, meetings with individuals and Organizations as well as home visits. These visits have been planned months in advance of your trip and it sometimes becomes necessary to rearrange your itinerary because of a variety of unforeseen circumstances. Cuba, as a destination, is unlike anything that you have experienced in the past so the key word for you to bear in mind is "Flexibility". Be flexible and enjoy this once in a lifetime experience. Your Cuban Guide is very adept at ensuring that any cancelled events will be replaced with other activities of the same caliber and interest.

Your program is filled with People-to-People interactions where you will learn first-hand about everyday life in Cuba. Remember, try not to be shy during these meetings and ask questions of your hosts and/or speakers. By asking questions you will be able to gain much knowledge about the country and the people of Cuba. Your local Cuban Guide will help with many of these People-to-People Cultural exchanges; but it is a very good idea for you to ask questions in order to gain the most out of the person-to-person experience.

As you are an authorized traveler to Cuba, you have certain obligations to comply with as directed by OFAC (Office of Foreign Assets Control) of the United States Treasury Department – One of which is to maintain a record of your expenses and activities during your trip to Cuba and to keep this record for five (5) years. A great way to keep track would be to keep a journal of your trip to Cuba with this information

BAGGAGE: Scheduled service has been reinstated between the USA & Cuba. There is a \$25 fee per checked bag on your flight from the USA to Cuba which will be collected from you at your departure city. There is also a .25 CUC (Cuban Tourism Currency – approximately \$30) which will be collected from you when you depart Cuba.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

We strongly suggest all our passengers purchase

TRAVEL INSURANCE

to protect their investment.

For information on our Travel Protection Plan, visit our website

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2018 CALENDAR

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