CUBA – HAVANA THEN AND NOW
7 DAYS/6 NIGHTS

(1) Miami – (5) Havana

TOUR FEATURES

• ROUND TRIP AIR TRANSPORTATION - Round trip airfare from Miami
• FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS - 6 nights first class hotels
• CUISINE - 12 included meals consisting of 5 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 2 dinners
• TOUR PROGRAM - People to people discussions, interactions and unusual visits such as: Jose Fuster, known as the "Picasso of Cuba", a Cigar Factory, Cuban farmhouse, Santeria experience, meet a Cuban baseball player, the National Museum of Fine Arts, the Cuban Literacy Museum, Hemingway’s Farm, Old Havana and more...
• TOUR DIRECTOR - Assistance of a Central Holidays Tour Director
• PROFESSIONAL CUBAN GUIDE - Assistance and guiding from a professional specialized bilingual Cuban guide
• DELUXE MOTORCOACHES - Touring by private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
• PEOPLE TO PEOPLE INTERACTIONS – There are daily people to people discussions and interactions on unique Cuban events and issues
• BAGGAGE HANDLING AND TRANSFERS – Baggage handling for one piece of checked luggage outside of the airport upon arrival in Cuba
• VISA - Cuban travel visa
• HEALTH INSURANCE - Cuban health insurance
• WATER - Bottled water on the coach each day.
• GRATUITIES - Pre-paid gratuities for hotel porters, waiters for included meals, all people to people visits, discussions and interactions
• LOCAL TAXES AND SERVICE CHARGES - Hotel & City taxes and service charges
• DEPARTURE TAXES - U.S. air departure taxes

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Day 1  Arrive Miami

Your celebration of this amazing adventure begins with your arrival in Miami, Florida and transfer to your hotel. Tonight, join Central Holidays for an introduction to your Cuba people-to-people program. Meet your fellow program participants and U.S. Tour Director, review your travel documents and itinerary, and get ready for the experience of a lifetime in the fascinating island nation of Cuba.

Day 2  Miami – Welcome to Havana Cuba

This morning, you will be transferred to Miami International Airport for a short flight to Havana, Cuba. Upon arrival at Jose Marti International Airport and after clearing customs, you will meet your professional, Cuban English-speaking Tour Director. Your people-to-people interactions begin right away with a group lunch at a local “paladar,” a privately-owned small restaurant serving homemade Cuban dishes. Here you will have a cultural exchange with the restaurant’s owner and enjoy learning about such topics as Cuban history and the free enterprise system in Cuba. Next, you will head to Bocoy Rum Factory, originally established in 1878. Take part in an informative dialogue with a local docent about the history of Cuba’s renowned rum industry and the rum making process as you tour this long-standing factory and working museum dedicated to Cuban rum. (L)

Day 3  Havana

After breakfast you will enjoy a photo stop at Revolution Square, one of the largest public squares in the world. Continuing onwards you will have an educational exchange with a local expert who will speak about Havana’s unique architecture, the challenges of renovating the city’s exquisite historic buildings, and the future of these restorations. Then, you will explore the charming cobblestone streets of Old Havana, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, while participating in an open dialogue with the local expert on architectural topics of interest. Next, visit the Maqueta Vieja Habana Museum that houses the scale model of the City of Havana to see the whole city, and learn about its architecture as well as more about restoration efforts. Following lunch in Old Havana, you will tour the Museum of the Revolution that displays a vast array of items related to Cuba’s three revolutionary leaders. After this enlightening interaction you will learn about tobacco cultivation and the tobacco leaf drying process then experience a cigar rolling demonstration firsthand. Enjoy a visit inside the farmer’s home and have a sit-down with his family while sipping on a “caféito” – a sweetened shot of Cuban-style espresso coffee. This is a superb opportunity to witness up-close how Cuban families live in a rural setting. After this exciting encounter, a stop at Los Jasmínistas viewpoint offers the ideal photo-op with its awe-inspiring views of Viñales Valley, perfect for panoramic pictures of this splendidly beautiful region. (BL)

Day 4  Havana

Today we experience Havana’s world-famous Colon Cemetery to see elaborately sculpted stone and marble memorials. 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. You will also visit the tomb of La Milagrosa – the “Miraculous One” visited by Cubans as a pilgrimage site believed by many to have healing influences. Next it’s off to the district of Guanabacoa, known for its rich religious diversity. This town hosts some of the finest colonial churches where locals worship both Catholic and Santeria saints. Santeria is a fusion of religious influences from West African, Caribbean and Roman Catholic backgrounds. You will visit the Museum of the Revolution that plays a vast array of items related to Cuba’s three revolutionary leaders. After this enlightening interaction you will learn about tobacco cultivation and the tobacco leaf drying process then experience a cigar rolling demonstration firsthand. Enjoy a visit inside the farmer’s home and have a sit-down with his family while sipping on a “caféito” – a sweetened shot of Cuban-style espresso coffee. This is a superb opportunity to witness up-close how Cuban families live in a rural setting. After this exciting encounter, a stop at Los Jasmínistas viewpoint offers the ideal photo-op with its awe-inspiring views of Viñales Valley, perfect for panoramic pictures of this splendidly beautiful region. (BL)

Day 5  Havana – Viñales - Pinar Del Río - Havana

Today you will venture northwest out of Havana through the Cuban countryside to the UNESCO World Heritage site of the Viñales Valley, located in Cuba’s western most mountainous range. This region, situated in the province of Pinar Del Río, is known for its breathtaking scenery. The area is dotted with spectacular limestone mountains (mogotes) rising to a height of up to 300 meters. Here you will gaze upon spectacular caverns and rivers and discover the region’s vast tobacco fields, still cultivated today using traditional methods that have survived unchanged for centuries. In Pinar Del Río you will tour the Don Quijote Cigar Factory to learn about the manufacturing of fine Cuban cigars and enjoy an educational exchange with workers about the history and process of cigar-making in Cuba. As your day continues, you will visit a traditional tobacco plantation and farmhouse where you will get to know an authentic tobacco farmer. During this enlightening interaction you will learn about tobacco cultivation and the tobacco leaf drying process then experience a cigar rolling demonstration firsthand. Enjoy a visit inside the farmer’s home and have a sit-down with his family while sipping on a “caféito” – a sweetened shot of Cuban-style espresso coffee. This is a superb opportunity to witness up-close how Cuban families live in a rural setting. After this exciting encounter, a stop at Los Jasmínistas viewpoint offers the ideal photo-op with its awe-inspiring views of Viñales Valley, perfect for panoramic pictures of this splendidly beautiful region. (BL)

Day 6  Havana – Matanzas - Havana

Today’s activities begin after breakfast with an introductory exploration of the world of art in Cuba as you delve-into the National Museum of Fine Arts in Havana. Housed in its current location since 1954, the museum boasts an impressive collection of artwork from painters dating back to the earliest colonizers of Cuba. Here you will meet with a Cuban art expert and a local historian for a presentation on the importance of the artistic pieces housed in this spectacular museum. Next along your journey, you will travel through rural Cuba and arrive in Matanzas, known as “the Venice of Cuba” for its many bridges. Enjoy a city tour where your guide will provide insight into the city’s rich history. Tour the well-preserved El Museo Farmacéutico, an old French Colonial pharmacy formerly known as Botica La Francesa that was originally founded 1882. It was operational until 1964 when it was transformed into The Museo Farmacéutico. Time has remained still here where many of the items that would have been found in a pharmacy during that time period still line the shelves, such as: hand painted French porcelain vases, more than 500,000 original medical recipe formulas, antique bottles and jars, other seemingly ancient pharmaceutical items. During an illuminating tour you will discover the museum’s interesting exhibits and collections including, a prize-winning dispensary table (winner of a bronze medal in the Paris Exposition of 1900), together with tools used for the production of medicines. Next, you will enjoy a brief architectural tour of the famous DuPont Mansion including lunch. Further along you will experience a pottery-making demonstration at the Taller de Cerámica Artística (artistic ceramics workshop) and interact with artists to learn about this art form. A stop is made at Bacunayagua Bridge, the highest bridge in Cuba with an observation area offering excellent views for photos. (BL)

Day 7  Depart Havana - USA

After breakfast, bid “adios” to Cuba and depart for the airport and your return flight to Miami with memories to cherish and share of your Discover Cuba trip to this enchanting country in the Caribbean. (B)