

CUBA

4 DAY HAVANA EXPRESS

October 28-31, 2024

\$2,499.00

Per Person, Double Occupancy

\$2,799.00

Single Occupancy

Includes:

*Roundtrip Air from Miami to Havana

*Airport/Hotel Transfers

*3 Nights Hotel Accommodations in Havana

*Hotel Taxes, Fees, Service Charges, Portage

*8 Meals

***HIGHLIGHTS:** Sightseeing and People-to-People Activities including cultural exchanges with locals, artists, musicians, dancers; Cigar Factory Visit; Walking Tour of Old Havana; Stop at the famous San Jose Handicraft Market; Enjoy a ride to dinner in a 1950 classic car; Visit the Hemingway Museum; and the Havana Compas Dance Company to learn Afro-Cuban, Flamenco dances; Attend a cooking class and interactive mojito-making and tasting experience.

A Visa is required to enter Cuba, the cost is \$85.00, and can be purchased on-line.

SPACE IS EXTREMELY LIMITED!

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CUBA TRAVEL INFORMATION

This active program covers a good amount of ground each day. Expect from two to three hours walking on touring days. The pace is moderate, however, you will encounter some uneven surfaces, stairs, steps and significant slopes. Cuban people are friendly and welcoming, but the economics and politics of Cuba are complicated. Due to Government regulations for travel to Cuba, there will be limited to no free time, as most meals and sightseeing are included to be consistent with OFAC General License. The tourism and general infrastructure are more limited than what you might be accustomed to from other escorted tours. You can expect hotel properties with less amenities. Exploration can require walking in the open air with no shade. Vegan, gluten-free, Kosher, and other dietary demands cannot be accommodated. Mobility aids, elevators, escalators, handrails, and accessible rooms are not readily available. Cubans enjoy their famous cigars and smoking is prevalent throughout the country, including in restaurants. Not recommended for people who have difficulty walking or who have heart conditions.

A visa is required to travel to Cuba. To save time and skip some of the lines, we recommend purchasing your tourist card online in advance from Cuba Travel Services. When purchasing your visa, you must select "Educational Activities" or "People to People" as your OFAC Category. The cost of this tourist card is \$85 plus shipping and handling. Travel to Cuba is monitored by the Office of Foreign Assets Control ("OFAC") of the U.S. Department of the Treasury. OFAC issues general licenses for People-to-People travel (31 CFR § 515.565[b]), an initiative that allows U.S. citizens and legal U.S. residents to travel to Cuba on a limited basis to participate in cultural experiences and have direct contact with the Cuban people in order to learn more about them and their culture. Each traveler will have a full-time schedule of educational exchange activities that will result in meaningful interaction between the traveler and individuals in Cuba.

Additionally, all passengers must complete and electronically sign a Travel Affidavit prior to departure. Once completed, this form must be printed and kept with your travel documents. When completing the Travel Affidavit, you will be asked to provide the OFAC Category and Travel Dates. The OFAC Category for all tours is "Educational Activities" or "People to People." For the Travel Dates, please include the day, month, and year for your arrival and departure dates. Form locations will be provided.

Your required OFAC documents will be stored, including a copy of the final tour itinerary and individual travel documents for five years. This will serve as proof that, under the requirements of the OFAC, you have visited Cuba for educational purposes, in the rare circumstance that a U.S. official asks for proof of the educational nature of your journey.

Cuba requires the purchase of Mandatory Health Insurance (called Asistur) which is included in your air ticket price. Please keep a copy of your boarding pass which indicates the carrier provider, your date of arrival to Cuba and your point of entry. The boarding pass, or flight record itinerary is your proof of health insurance.

The telecommunications in Cuba is changing rapidly, so before you travel, be sure to check with your wireless provider for the latest developments. Some U.S. carriers have or are beginning to make agreements with service carriers in Cuba to provide roaming services for cell phones and personal devices. If your carrier offers a roaming plan and your mobile phone is capable of roaming in Cuba, you should ask your carrier about any additional charges for voice calls, data, and outgoing text messages that you may incur during your trip. Please note that we are unable to provide compensation for phone calls regardless of reason.

HOTELS: Gran Muthu Habana Hotel, La Habana, www.muthahotelsmgm.com; OR
Quinta Avenida Habana Hotel, www.quintaavenidahabana.com

FLIGHTS ON AMERICAN AIRLINES: All flights depart Miami before 12 noon and return to Miami before 12 noon. Arriving the night before departure is advisable.

DEPOSIT AND FINAL PAYMENT: The airline ticket is an instant purchase and is issued when the reservation is made – ticket can be purchased with a credit card – includes 1 checked bag. The nonrefundable airline ticket cost is **\$380.00** per person. The land deposit is **\$500.00 (\$600.00 for single)** and must be paid by transfer or check. The final payment is due **July 20, 2024** and can be paid with a credit card.

TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN: Trip cancellation insurance cost is \$209.00, including Pre-Existing Medical Condition Coverage when criteria is met. Cancel For Any Reason Coverage (cancel up to 72 hours before departure) is available, cost \$39.00.

RESERVATIONS WILL BE MADE ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

YOUR PASSPORT MUST BE VALID THROUGH APRIL 2025.

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OCTOBER 28-31, 2024

Monday, October 28 - Depart for Cuba from Miami on American Airlines

Welcome to Havana, Cuba's vibrant capital. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel. Your tour will begin with an Orientation Meeting with your Tour Manager at approximately 6 PM, followed by a light dinner.

Overnight: Havana

Meals: Dinner

Tuesday, October 29 - Visit a Cigar Factory, Old Havana, San Jose Handicraft Market, Antique Car Club "A Lo Cubano"

Begin the morning with a visit to a cigar factory. Get insight into the art and history of this iconic industry from picking the leaves to the process of hand rolling each individual premium cigar. Then, take a walking tour through La Habana Vieja (Old Havana), a UNESCO World Heritage Site. On your stroll along Calle Obispo, interact with artisans and small business owners and learn about Cuba's economy. Later, meet a former Cuban baseball player for a discussion about the history of this sport and what it's like to play professional baseball in Cuba. Following lunch, tour the San Jose Handicraft Market. Stroll the lanes of this massive indoor market, offering the largest selection of Cuban handicrafts. Afterwards, meet the president of the Antique Car Club "A Lo Cubano" from the popular TV series Cuba Chrome and visit a private body shop. Dinner is at a local restaurant.

Overnight: Havana

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Wednesday, October 30 - Hemingway Museum, Havana Compas Dance, Community Project Visit

After breakfast, participate in a discussion by a local expert on the current political policies between the U.S. and Cuba. Then, depart for the Hemingway Museum at Finca Vigia San Francisco de Paula. During your visit, get a glimpse into Ernest Hemingway's life and work in Cuba. For lunch, head to a farm-to-table restaurant. Meet the chef who will lead you in a cooking class and interactive mojito-making and tasting experience. Continue to the Havana Compas Dance Company for a demonstration of Afro-Cuban, flamenco and other Spanish dances and music. Afterwards, visit Vocal Clave de Sol, a community project, and engage in a unique immersion into the Afro-Cuban Culture. This evening, meet private owners and taxi drivers of classic American cars for a special treat as you step into a classic 1950s American car and ride to a local restaurant for dinner.

Overnight: Havana

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Thursday, October 31 - Depart Havana, Cuba

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight to Miami.

Meal: Breakfast

April 2024

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RESERVATION FORM – Complete and Email to: tonihillman@aol.com

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Please make checks payable to: **Lake Arbor Travel; OR**
ZELLE payment to: **tonihillman@aol.com**

Reserve my space on a: 4 DAY HAVANA EXPRESS, OCTOBER 28-31, 2024		
My deposit of \$ _____ is enclosed. (\$880.00 per person is required)		
PLEASE ENCLOSE A COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT PICTURE PAGE.		
E-mail address: _____		
Name (As it Appears on Passport): _____		Date of Birth: _____
Street: _____	City & State: _____	ZIP: _____
Telephone: Home _____	Office _____	Cell _____
Name of Roommate: _____		Hotel Bedding: ___ 1 Bed; ___ 2 Beds

If you prefer to pay for the airline ticket, \$380.00, with a credit card, please provide card information or call 301-390-1639.