

Cuba: Past & Present



Travel with the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation
September 30 to October 7, 2017

GAIN A FRESH PERSPECTIVE OF THE PEOPLE AND CULTURE OF CUBA. . .

Havana, in its faded glamour, was once known as the “Paris of the Caribbean”, is now a shadow of its former prestige. A world where time is held captive – poised between the past and the future in a place where anything is possible.

Our program allows access to the preservation efforts to preserve some of Cuba’s finest architectural heritage in Havana and Trinidad de Cuba. Meeting and interacting with professionals involved with restoration and urban planning will give you unusual access to the goals and politics involved in preserving Cuba’s heritage in Havana and Trinidad de Cuba.

The Cuban people are proud of their intertwined European and Afro-Cuban cultures exhibited in food, music and religion; all meld into an infectious blend, as the Cuban’s say, a “ajiaco”; the traditional stew where everyone contributes and it is always being reinvented. We have operated exchange groups in Cuba for 20 years and we are pleased to offer this program to the Florida Trust.



Itinerary

DAY 1. MIAMI

Independent flight to Miami. Your overnight will be at the Courtyard Miami Airport Hotel. On your first night enjoy an orientation dinner at the hotel to meet your fellow travelers.

Overnight at **Courtyard Hotel**.

Meals **D**

DAY 2. MIAMI to HAVANA

We will meet you at the hotel, transfer to the airport to check- in. All travel documents will be distributed at the airport. Arriving in Havana we will be

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Please contact Melissa Wyllie at mwyllie@floridatrust.org | 850.224.8128

Program is operated by WorldGUEST and is licensed to travel to Cuba.



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Meet Our Program Director . . .

Tony Ransola was born in Cuba, in the early 1960's he and his family emigrated to the U.S.

Tony is co-owner of our company and he is critical designing and operating our programs in Cuba. We call him "La Proprinia", you will see why and how he performs his magic. Tony will be with you for the entire week.

met by our English-speaking Cuban guide and coach to transfer to the 5-Star Hotel Parque Central in Old Havana. Light lunch and a program orientation while your luggage is delivered to your room. Join your guide on an overview coach tour of Havana. Our first talk will be **The Roots of Cuban Music** followed by welcome cocktails at an artist's studio and dinner in a private home, a *paladar*.

Overnight at **Hotel Parque Central**.

Meals **L R D**

A RECOMMENDATION

The Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation traveled to Havana with Tony Ransola and we were absolutely delighted with the experience. The itinerary was custom designed for our group and we had several highly informative lecturers speak to us to bring key insight and expand our appreciation of Cuban art and architecture.

The travel details were handled very well and I would highly recommend this tour organizer to my colleagues.

Mark C McDonald
President and CEO
Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation

DAY 3. OLD HAVANA

We have a talk reviewing the **Restoration Projects in Old Havana** followed by a walking tour of the historic district including the **Palacio de los Capitanes Generales** and the important plazas. The Old Town was designated a World Heritage Site in 1982 by **UNESCO**, we conclude with a carriage ride through the quarter before lunch. Visit the campus of the **Institute of Superior Art (ISA)** with an architect involved in current restoration projects. Balance of afternoon at leisure. Dinner at the **Plaza of the Cathedral** in a splendid private restaurant in a colonial building in Old Havana.

Overnight at **Hotel Parque Central**.

Meals **B L D**

DAY 4. CIENFUEGOS & TRINIDAD DE CUBA

After breakfast check-out and depart for Cienfuegos. Rest stop and independent lunch *en route*. Arrive in Cienfuegos, tour the Old Quarter, visit City Museum, artisan cooperative and enjoy a private performance by the Cienfuegos Chorus before continuing on to Trinidad de Cuba. Arrive in Trinidad, check-in at the 5-Star Gran Hotel Iberostar. Independent dinner at one of the fine new *paladars* in Trinidad. Join the local community for live music in the Old Town Square, blocks from the hotel.

Overnight at **Gran Hotel Iberostar**.

Meals **B**

DAY 5. TRINIDAD de CUBA

Full day explorations of Trinidad de Cuba including the restored sugar plantation at *Manacas Iznaga*, a 19th century steam-engine ride through the **Valley of the Sugar Mills** (*based on availability*) walking tour of the Old Quarter, a visit to the Museum of the City and a private visit to the 16th century church. After lunch at our hotel we will meet with the historian of the city to discuss the current and past restoration projects and visit private homes in the old quarter. Balance of the afternoon is free. Dinner tonight will be independent at one of many of the fine *paladars* (private homes permitted to serve meals) in the old town.

Overnight at **Gran Hotel Iberostar**.

Meals **B L**

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Old Town Square in Trinidad de Cuba.



The colorful streets of Old Havana.



Havana's Institute of Superior Art (ISA).



Interior, private home in Trinidad de Cuba.

Traveling with Experts

- Two 5-hotels, the **Hotel Parque Central** in Old Havana, located within the Old Quarter and in walking distance to all of the important historical sites and the **Gran Hotel Iberostar** in the colonial center of Trinidad Star de Cuba.
- Travel in our private air conditioned coach with your English-speaking Cuban guide.
- An informative orientation dinner in Miami prior to departure.
- Talks by English-speaking Cuban experts including: Cuba's colonial heritage, a review of restoration efforts in Havana, jewels of pre-Revolutionary modern architecture and the current restoration, a private visit to the **Institute of Superior Art (ISA)** campus and exclusive visits to private homes.
- Meet with local residents for free exchanges of ideas and cultural values.
- Engage in meals in local homes, private restaurants and an artist studio.
- Take advantage of free time to enjoy local cuisine independently.
- Included, gratuities for our guide and driver.
- We included full health insurance issued by the Cuban agency Asistur.

DAY 6. TRINIDAD de CUBA to HAVANA

After breakfast check-out, return to Havana. Independent lunch *en route*. Visit the **Hemingway Estate**. Return to the Hotel Parque Central. Free afternoon for the craft markets. Dinner at a fine paladar in the Vedado section of Havana.

Overnight at **Hotel Parque Central**.

Meals **B D**

DAY 7. HAVANA

Participate in a talk on **Contemporary Cuban Art** followed by visit to the **Museum of Fine Arts - Cuban Collection**. Enjoy a private dance rehearsal by the **Malpaso** contemporary dance company. Explore the grandiose **Colon Cemetery** containing monuments, tombs and statues created by some of the most prominent artists of the 19th and 20th centuries. Lunch is outside Havana at an artist's studio. Return to Havana. Balance of afternoon at leisure. For our farewell dinner we travel in vintage American cars from the 1950's to the famous **El Aljibe** restaurant, known for its *Cuban Creole* menu of chicken and rice and beans served family style in the open air roof restaurant. Evening free for a night of Cuban Jazz.

Overnight at **Hotel Parque Central**.

Meals **B L D**

DAY 8. HAVANA to MIAMI

After breakfast depart for the airport.

Meals **B**

PROGRAM DATES & RATES

The program dates are September 30 to October 7, 2017. The per person in Double Occupancy is **\$5,125.00**. Single availability is limited and requests will be wait-listed, please add **\$980.00**. The program includes hotels in Miami and Cuba; airport transfers; flights between Miami and Havana; private air-conditioned coach and local guide throughout; meals as indicated; all gratuities and the complete program and seminars as described. Flights to/from Miami are not included. Cuban Travel Card (Visa), medical insurance and Airport Departure Tax are provided.

Please refer to our Reservation & Information Form for complete details.

THE FINE PRINT

This program is licensed to travel to Cuba by the U.S. government to interact with the Cuban people. The program is limited to travelers willing to engage in this exchange program. All travelers will receive a copy of the license and a letter authorizing travel.

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Reservation & Traveler Information Form

Florida Trust for Historic Preservation People to People Program to Cuba September 30 to October 7, 2017

How to Register to Join this Program.

Travel to Cuba is regulated by the U.S. government.

We will be traveling with an authorization license by the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC). Each traveler will receive a copy of the license and a letter authorizing travel under our license.

To join this program **each traveler** will need to complete the following steps:

- ① Return the **Traveler Registration & Information Form**.
- ② Attach a copy of your **Passport Photograph Page**.
- ③ Complete the **HIGHLIGHTED** sections on the **Travel Affidavits**.
- ④ Return the above and include with a **\$500 deposit**, required for each traveler. Please make deposit to The Florida Trust for Historic Preservation. Please return all items listed above to:

The Florida Trust for Historic Preservation

accommodations, transportation within Cuba, Cuban Travel Card, Cuban Medical Insurance and Departure Tax are included. Flights to/from Miami are not included in the program.

Program Rate & Payments:

- The per person rate In Double is: **\$ 5,125.00**. For Single accommodations please add: **\$ 980.00**. Single availability is limited, and Wait-Listed. Additional airline charges based on reservations may apply.
- We can not guarantee locating a roommate. If you register as a share/double you will be invoiced as a single traveler if you can not identify a room share.
- A deposit of **\$500.00** is payable and sent to: **The Florida Trust for Historic Preservation**. Final payments will be invoiced by: **WorldGuest Inc, Escrow Account | 5959 La Gorce Drive | Miami Beach, FL 33140**. Final payments are due **August 30, 2017**.

Cancellation Policy:

Cancellation requests must be received in writing. The deposit is non-refundable. Cancellation 60 to 31 days before the program date will result in a forfeiture of 50% of the program cost and any cancellation at or within 30 days of departure will result in forfeiture of the entire cost of the program.

Special Conditions:

- ① This program will operate based on the Specific License granted by the Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of Treasury, to interact with the Cuban people. This structured program is limited to travelers willing to engage in the exchange program. Members are required to attend each exchange event. All travelers will receive a letter of authorization to travel to Cuba under the guidelines issued by the U.S. government. Failure to comply with the structured program will be reported to U.S. officials.
- ② We urge each traveler to respect the laws and customs of Cuba. WG will assume no responsibility and will not be held liable due to inappropriate actions or activities of the traveler while in Cuba.
- ③ **Travelers born in Cuba are required to secure a Cuban Visa before traveling.** Please contact us at info@worldguest.com for assistance.

Signature and Acknowledgment - Must be signed by each traveler:

I have read, understand and agree with the terms, liability, responsibility as stated above. I acknowledge that I have been offered travel insurance. Furthermore, I state that I am traveling to Cuba on a People to People delegation and I agree to comply with the requirements of the Specific License for travel to Cuba.

I will make my own air arrangements, transfers and secure a Cuban Travel Visa. _____ Initial to confirm.

Traveler's Signature: X

Date:

Print Traveler's Passport Name:

Home Telephone:

Home Address:

Mobile Telephone:

Please Print Email Address: Name as it appears on your Passport:

Street City State Zip

Your Name for the Name Badge:

Circle One: Single Double

Share Room With:

Passports MUST be valid for 6 months after your return date.

Passport Number:

Expiration Date:

Date of Birth:

Place of Birth:

Nationality:

Mother's Maiden Name:

Occupation:

IMPORTANT →

I request a room with **ONE BED.** I request a room with **TWO BEDS.**

Emergency Contact Name:

Telephone (Home or Mobile):

Liability and Responsibility:

Please read the following conditions carefully. Making a reservation or acceptance of tickets and documents shall be deemed to be consent to the conditions outlined below.

WorldGuest, Inc. (WG) is the program operator and acts solely as an agent for the traveler and assists organizing the program. The expressed mission of this People to People program is to interact with the Cuban people. As such, there is no responsibility whatsoever in whole or part for any occurrences including but not limited to any delay, loss, accident, personal injury, illness, or death, medical expenses, or property damage occasioned by fault or negligence of any person, employee, or company entrusted with the performance of such services from whatever cause. I understand that all travel contains some risks that may be caused by forces of nature, or negligence, or actions of others. I agree on my behalf, my dependents, heirs, and administrators to release and hold harmless WG and any of its officers, employees, agents, or representatives from any and all liability, expense, or inconvenience caused by late arrivals, departures, or any changes of schedule beyond our control, or the loss of, or damage to your luggage, money, jewelry, valuables, or other belongings whatsoever, whosoever, or howsoever caused. Any and all independent activities not part of this program is the travelers personal risk and not condoned by WG.

If for any reason beyond reasonable control, such as Force Majeure or governmental actions, WG shall have the right to cancel the program and refund all monies to the traveler. Such refund shall be the sole measure of damages. The right is reserved to make any changes to the program that might become necessary based on changing schedules with or without notice. WG reserves the right to accept or decline any person as a member of the program at any time for behavior that is deemed to be disruptive to the group or program or if it is deemed that the traveler is not complying with the structured program as authorized by the license issued by the Office of Foreign Assets Control. Any claim or dispute by a traveler with WG arising out of or relating to this contract or services pursuant to this contract shall be settled by binding arbitration in accordance with the rules then in effect adapted by the American Arbitration Association, which arbitration shall take place in the State of Florida. A request for arbitration must be filed within one month of the scheduled program start date.

Please return this form, your deposit, a copy of your passport and travel affidavit to:

Melissa Wyllie | The Florida Trust for Historic Preservation

P. O. Box 11206 | Tallahassee, FL 32302-3206

Program:

For full program details please refer to our program itinerary. Program includes meals as indicated, all accommodations, transportation within Cuba, Cuban Travel Card, Cuban Medical Insurance and Departure Tax are included. Flights to/from Miami are not included in the program.



TRAVEL AFFIDAVIT

I understand that, under current United States travel restrictions with respect to Cuba, travel-related transactions are prohibited except for the following categories and that by signing my name at the bottom of this Affidavit, I am declaring that I fall under the category I have checked below.

Family Visit (A4-561):

- I am traveling to visit a close relative in Cuba, who is (i) a Cuban national, (ii) Resident in Cuba, (iii) Person authorized to be located in Cuba for extended time period of time, which complies with the regulations identified in §515.561.

Government Official (A1-562):

- I am a U.S. or foreign government official or a representative of an international organization of which the United States is a member, and I am traveling on official business, which complies with the regulations identified in §515.562.

Journalist (A2-563):

- I am regularly employed as a journalist by a news reporting organization, or I am regularly employed as supporting broadcast / technical person, or freelance journalist or technical person supporting freelance; traveling to Cuba to engage in journalistic activities, which complies with the regulations identified in §515.563.

Full-time Professional-Research or Professional Meetings (A5-564)

- I am a full-time professional whose travel transactions are directly related to non-commercial, academic research in my full-time professional area, which complies with the regulations identified in §515.564, or
- Attending a professional meeting or conference in Cuba. The purpose of the meeting or conference is not to promote tourism. , which complies with the regulations identified in §515.564.

Educational Activities (A11/A12-565):

- I am a faculty member, staff person, or student of an accredited U.S. graduate and undergraduate degree-participating in a structured education program of a course offered for credit; or academic research for obtaining undergraduate or graduate degree; or participating in formal course in Cuba; or teaching at Cuban academic institution; or sponsor/co-sponsor of noncommercial academic seminars/conference/workshops; or preparation of any of the activities listed, which complies with the regulations identified in §515.565. (a)

- People to People exchange – which is sponsored by an organization that sponsors such exchanges, and accompanied by a full-time employee or consultant from the sponsoring organization, which complies with the regulations identified in §515.565 (b)

Religious Organization (A10-566):

- I am a member or staff of a U.S. religious organization, and my travel is for participation in a full-time program of religious activities in Cuba which complies with the regulations identified in §515.566

Public performances, clinics workshops, athletic and other competitions and exhibitions (A14-567):

- I am a participant or staff of a U.S. organization, and my travel is for participation in a full-time program of Public performance; or Athletic competition; or clinics/workshops, or other competitions and exhibits that meet the regulations identified in §515.567

Support for the Cuban People (A15-574):

- I traveling to Cuba to perform activities with recognized human rights organizations; or independent organizations which promote a peaceful transition to democracy ; or to perform activities which strengthen civil society in Cuba, , which complies with the regulations identified in §515.74.

Humanitarian Projects (A16-575)

- I am traveling to Cuba for a humanitarian reasons for medical/health related projects; construction projects; environmental projects, educational training, , which complies with the regulations identified in §515.575.

Private foundations or Research/Education Institutes (A17-576):

- I am traveling to Cuba with a US foundation/institution established interest is international relations to collect information for non-commercial use, which complies with the regulations identified in §515.576.

Exportation, importation, or transmission of informational materials (A18-578):

- I am traveling in conjunction with exportation/importation activities, which complies with the regulations identified in §515.578.

Exportation transactions authorized under US Commerce Department (A19-578):

- I am traveling to Cub in conjunction to authorized exportation transactions authorized by the US Commerce Department, which complies with the regulations identified in §515.578.

Name: _____
Home Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Tel: _____
City/State/Zip: _____

I certify that the above information is true and correct. _____ Date _____

Affidavit and Documents Reviewed/Screened by Travel Service Provider (TSP):
