

# CUBA – A TALE OF FOUR CITIES

APRIL 14-21, 2018

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(2) Camaguey • (2) Cienfuegos • (3) Havana



## TOUR FEATURES

- **ROUND TRIP AIR TRANSPORTATION** - Round trip airfare from Washington Dulles
- **FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS** - 7 nights first class hotels
- **CUISINE** - 19 included meals consisting of 7 breakfasts, 7 lunches and 5 dinners
- **TOUR PROGRAM** - People to people discussions, interactions and unusual visits such as: The King Ranch and rodeo, visit a Cuban home and family, meetings and visits with artists, Santeria Museum, a Cigar Factory, Bay of Pigs Museum, meet a Cuban baseball player, Hemingway's House, Museum of the Revolution, Ballet Academy, Old Havana and more...
- **TOUR DIRECTOR** - Assistance of a Central Holidays Tour Director for the entire length of the tour upon arrival in Cuba
- **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

## DESTINATION HIGHLIGHTS

Cultural Infusions • Gain an understanding of the Cuba economy

- Colonial Cities • Cattle Ranch Visit & Rodeo • Cigar Factory • Bay of Pigs • Local choir performance • Vintage American cars • Santeria • Museum of the Revolution • Visits with Artists • Artisan Market • Colon Cemetery • Local Farmers Market • Hemingway's House • Old Havana and more...

**DAY 1 DEPART USA** This morning, a flight takes you from Washington Dulles International Airport to Camagüey, Cuba's third-largest city. Upon arrival you will meet your professional, English-speaking Cuban Tour Director, who will take you to discover the city's historic center. Unique and beautiful, the oldest part of this city is a labyrinth of narrow winding streets and alleys that begin and end in public squares or "plazas" purposely designed in this manner to protect the town from pirate raids in colonial times. As one of the first seven villages founded by the Spaniards, much of the city has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Here you will enjoy lunch at a local restaurant and then engage with artists on such topics as their work, how it impacts their community, and how art motivates people. Afterwards you will head to the hotel, check in and relax for the rest of the evening. Tonight dinner on your own. (L)

**DAY 2 CAMAGÜEY – KING RANCH – CAMAGÜEY** Today after breakfast gear up for a day full of exciting activities. First, you will travel along to King Ranch, originally developed as an expansion of the famous ranch of the same name in Texas. Here you will experience a Cuban rodeo and have the fascinating opportunity over lunch to engage with Cuban cowboys that have called this ranch their home for generations. After lunch you will visit the local village that subsists to service the ranch. Here you will share time in one of the local homes to see how they live, cook, eat, and more. On the way back to Camagüey you will visit Casanova pottery studio and learn about the unique earthenware pots called "tinajones" known as the symbol of Camagüey. Used to store rainwater historically and even to this day, these red clay pots can measure up to two meters in height and are still seen outside of homes and throughout the city. In an educational exchange you will see the traditional way these vessels are made and interact with the artists. Tonight, savor dinner at a local paladar and enjoy a fiery Flamenco dance performance, featuring an opportunity to dance and interact with the performers in an open-air setting. (B,L,D)

**DAY 3 CAMAGÜEY – TRINIDAD – CIENFUEGOS** After breakfast you will journey south to the Cuban province of Sancti Spiritus to visit the colonial city of Trinidad. Along the way you will experience the Valley of the Sugar Mills, home to approximately 70 historic sugar mills that are representative of the importance of sugar to the Cuban economy over centuries. Founded in 1514 as the third Spanish settlement in Cuba, Trinidad is acknowledged as a UNESCO World Heritage Site for its colonial architecture, dating back to the 18th century. This verdant valley embedded between mountains and the sea features one of Cuba's most well preserved cities often referred to as a living museum. Enjoy sharing time and interacting with local residents as you stroll along the pedestrian, cobblestone streets of Trinidad, lined by pastel-colored houses with wooden shutters and wrought-iron grilles. Having songbirds in ornate birdcages outside the home is a tradition in Trinidad that is still kept alive today. Partake in an insightful guided walking tour of the colonial city and have meaningful cultural exchanges with local residents, musicians, and new business owners. After lunch your journey continues towards your next destination, Cienfuegos. Upon arrival to Cienfuegos, check into your hotel and enjoy the evening relaxing and enjoying your dinner on your own. (B,L)

**DAY 4 CIENFUEGOS** Today you experience Cienfuegos – known as Cuba's "Pearl of the South" due to its impressively beautiful bay. Founded in 1819 by French settlers, Cienfuegos is one of Cuba's newest cities. In 2005, UNESCO inscribed the Urban Historic Center of Cienfuegos on the World Heritage List, citing Cienfuegos as the best extant example of the 19th-century early Spanish enlightenment implementation in urban planning. The French influence is seen in many traits, particularly in architecture, including the city's many mansions. During your time in this breathtaking city, you will enjoy a panoramic overview of its historic center. Next you will visit Thomas Terry Theater, built in 1889 by Leno Sanchez Marmol. The theater remains in its original state, beautifully

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embellished with painted ceiling frescoes. After lunch, experience a performance by the local choir and take the opportunity to interact with them to learn about the musical history of this group and the music culture of Cuba. Next, participate in an exchange with tobacco rollers at a local cigar factory and discover the importance of tobacco in Cuba, both culturally and commercially. Tonight, after dinner it's time to don your dancing shoes for Salsa dance lessons with a local dance group. (B,L,D)

**DAY 5 TRINIDAD – BAY OF PIGS – HAVANA** This morning after breakfast you will journey to Havana through the countryside's sugar cane regions. Our first stop will be at Playa Girón for a guided visit and interaction with docents of the Bay Of Pigs Museum, housed in an old sugar mill and used by Fidel Castro as his center of operations during the 1961 conflict. The Bay of Pigs attack was an attempted military invasion of Cuba by Cuban exiles backed by the United States in April 1961 with the aim of overthrowing the Cuban government. Next, enjoy lunch at Caleta Buena, a lovely protected cove filled with multicolored sea life. This afternoon you will arrive to the vibrant capital city of Cuba, Havana where you will check into your hotel. Tonight, enjoy dinner at a local paladar. (B,L,D)

**DAY 6 HAVANA** After breakfast you will have an educational exchange with a local architect 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 open dialogue with the local architect 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 visit Cuban Literacy Museum where you will learn about a national effort to educate rural farmers and families. Education and the development of human capital was a post revolution priority for the Cuban government. After the Revolution in 1959, the country suffered from an exodus of educators and intellectuals. A nationwide program, known as the Cuban Literacy Campaign of 1961, was instituted in response. More than 250,000 literate adults and children, some as young as 11 years old, formed brigades of people, or brigadistas, and traveled throughout the countryside to teach their fellow Cubans how to read. Through interactions with the museum director and docents you will learn about this highly successful campaign. Next, visit to Prodanza Ballet Academy where you will enjoy a cultural exchange with the dancers and teachers. Heading out of the city you will arrive at the fascinating fishing village of Jaimanitas and visit the home, studio and gallery of world-renowned artist, and painter Jose Fuster, known as the "Picasso of Cuba." Roofs, walls, doorways and benches, stretching for blocks around his studio are adorned with his brightly colored sculptures and mosaics. Here you will engage with the Fuster family and meet Fuster himself, if his schedule permits, as well as local residents of the town, to discuss the influence of the artist's work on their lives and the community. Dinner this evening is at a local restaurant. After dinner, meet members of the American Car Association and enjoy a ride back to your hotel in a vintage American car. (B,L,D)

**DAY 7 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



Havana



Cienfuegos

La Milagrosa – the “Miraculous One” visited by Cubans as a pilgrimage site believed by many to have healing influences. Continue your day with a visit to a local clinic to learn about the Cuban medical system. Next, you will tour the Museum of the Revolution that displays a vast array of documents, weapons, relics and even planes from the revolution. The museum is housed in the former presidential palace that was the home to Cuba's leaders from the 1920s until 1959. Then, it's off to the district of Guanabacoa, known for its rich religious diversity. This town boasts 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 beliefs and was created by slaves who were brought to Cuba to work on the country's sugar plantations. You will visit the intriguing Guanabacoa Museum of Santeria Orishas and see many displays of Afro-Cuban culture. Here you will also experience a Santeria musical performance and get to know the dancers and locals via a personal exchange. Following a lunch, you will meet a former Cuban baseball player and join in a dialogue regarding the history and the love of this favorite pastime in Cuba. As the day's activities continue, you will enter the realm of Ernest Hemingway with a visit to Hemingway's House at Finca La Vigia. The house where the Nobel Prize winner lived with his wife Martha for 21 years is situated on this beautiful property overlooking Havana. Tour the perfectly preserved home where many of Hemingway's personal belongings remain today, as well as his wooden yacht “Pilar.” On this vessel, Hemmingway patrolled for Nazis and it was also featured in his novel “Islands in the Stream.” Further along, you visit El Morro Castle, built in 1589 to protect the mouth of Havana Harbor. Perched on the headland opposite the harbor from Old Havana, it can be viewed from miles around as it dominates the port entrance and is therefore used as a navigational landmark. This evening, experience a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B,L,D)

**DAY 8 HAVANA – USA** After breakfast, while on- route to the airport you will enjoy a photo stop at Revolution Square, one of the largest public squares in the world. Bid “adios” to Cuba and board your flight to the USA with unforgettable memories of your people-to-people journey to this captivating and engaging Latin country in Caribbean. (B)

B – Breakfast, L – Lunch, D – Dinner

## TOUR PRICE

Tour price is **\$3,999** per person, double occupancy.

For single occupancy, add \$599.

There is a Cuban departure tax of \$32 per person that is not included. This will be charged at final payment. Fuel surcharges, air taxes and departure taxes are valid at the time of printing but are subject to change.

This itinerary provides a full time schedule of activities that result in meaningful exchanges through people-to-people contact. U.S. law requires all travelers joining this program adhere to the full time schedule and imposes on Central Holidays the responsibility to ensure such observance. The hotels, itinerary, inclusions and people-to-people visits are subject to change.

# REGISTRATION FORM (one per passenger)

We strongly recommend registration via our online booking engine [www.centralholidayswest.com/booking](http://www.centralholidayswest.com/booking). Please use booking code: B002277

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PLEASE PRINT, CIRCLE AND CHECK THE APPLICABLE INFORMATION - NAMES MUST BE LISTED AS THEY APPEAR ON YOUR PASSPORT

Please complete the form below (one per passenger) and e-mail it with a clear copy of your passport information page to Mike McMullin at [mmcmullin@carrollcountychamber.org](mailto:mmcmullin@carrollcountychamber.org).

Name: Mr. /Mrs. /Ms. : \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ M / F  
First/Middle Name Last Name

Passport#: \_\_\_\_\_ Country of Issue: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Billing/Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Business/Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Traveling in a:  Single occupancy  Double/Twin occupancy with \_\_\_\_\_  
First/Middle Name Last Name

## TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN:

We strongly recommend protecting your trip with our Optional Travel Protection Plan. The applicable Premium must be paid upon registration.

For a Full disclosure of coverage, please visit: [www.centralholidays.com/files/travel-protection.pdf](http://www.centralholidays.com/files/travel-protection.pdf).

Premium Rates are based on the total Tour Cost per person including taxes.

<b>TOUR COST:</b>	from \$3,501 to \$4,000	from \$4,001 to \$4,500	from \$4,501 to \$5,000
<b>PREMIUM COST:</b>	\$ 252	\$ 283	\$ 318

YES, I accept travel protection  NO, I decline travel protection (not recommended)

## PAYMENTS\*:

Total Trip Cost\*\*/Deposit: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Deposit of \$500 per person is due at time of Registration.)  
Travel Protection: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \*\* If you are registering within 90 Days of trip departure, Total Trip Cost is due at time of registration.)  
Total (inc. Insurance) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*Final Payment is due 90 days prior to trip departure date.

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

## PAYMENT METHODS:

CHECK:

Make checks payable to Central Holidays West and send to: Carroll County Chamber of Commerce – 9 East Main Street, Suite105, Westminster, MD 21157

CREDIT CARD:         Name that appears on the card: \_\_\_\_\_

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## CANCELLATION POLICY:

Cancellations with more than 90 days prior to departure 25% of total cost per person (or a minimum of \$500 per person) is retained, between 89 and 31 days prior to departure 50% is retained, 30 days or less, or no show 100% of the package price is retained.

Note: A person becoming a single as a result of the roommate's cancellation must pay the single supplement.

I have read the schedule of activities for the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce – Cuba – A Tale of Four Cities program – April 14-21, 2018 and accept the terms and conditions outlined on our website [www.centralholidayswest.com/terms-conditions](http://www.centralholidayswest.com/terms-conditions) and authorize \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to be charged to my card (including insurance premium if applicable).

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_