



JOURNEY -TO- CUBA



MCLE

April 17-21, 2020

A Delegation in Support of the Cuban People

Anticipated 6.0 MCLE Hours

2020 OCBA CLE Travel Seminar Co-Chairs:

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ITINERARY

(Subject to Change)

DAY 1 (L,D)

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

Upon arrival at Havana International Airport (HAV): Clear immigration, customs and baggage, a process that takes about 30-60 minutes.

1:30 PM Welcome lunch at **Al Carbon** by Chefs **Ivan y Justo**.

Check into the **Hotel Parque Central** or your *Casa Particular* (**B&B**).

Hotel Parque Central

Neptuno, esquina Prado y Zulueta, Havana
Tel. 53 7 860 6627

After check-in or as time permits, you may explore the historic area surrounding the hotel. Stroll down the **Paseo de Marti (el Prado)**, a tree lined pedestrian promenade leading to the sea. Continue to the **Parque de la Fraternidad**. This is “Old Taxi” central; here you will find all make and models of American cars from the 1950’s.

Private Bed & Breakfasts (or **Casas Particulares**) are a new form of private enterprise in Cuba affording Cuban homeowners and independent workers new employment opportunities, higher wages and incomes, increased Independence from the state, as well new ways to exchange with foreigners.

After check-in or as time permits, you may explore the surrounding neighborhood of **Vedado** or consider a walk along the Malecón or **La Rampa**.

6:45 pm Depart for **Centro Asturianos** for a private musical performance and dinner. The band leader is **Professor Alberto Faya** who has been working as a musician, professor and researcher within the Cuban musical world since 1973. He has won national awards in music and musicology. He will be joined by several young musicians who will treat us to a lively journey through the history of Cuban music.

8:30 pm Group dinner at **La Terraza**, on the third floor of Centrol Asturanos.



DAY 2 (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

Complimentary breakfast is served daily at your B&B and in the hotel lobby restaurant from 7am to 10am.

9:00 am **INTRODUCTION TO CUBAN LEGAL SYSTEMS AND PRINCIPLES** with Cuban attorneys **Ileana Sarria** and **Pedro Pablo Sanchez**. The presentation will provide a historical background of the Cuban legal system beginning with its colonial heritage and summarize significant reforms to the Cuban Constitution from 1940 to today. The Cuban Civil Codes, Judiciary, Migration Law and Foreign Investment Acts will also be introduced, highlighting a number of legal curiosities. *MCLE Credit Anticipated*

10:45 am Depart for a guided walking tour of **Havana Vieja**. Please make sure to wear comfortable shoes!

We start at **Plaza De Armas**, a scenic tree-lined plaza formerly at the center of influence in Cuba. It is surrounded by many of the most historic structures in Havana as well as important monuments.

We continue to **Plaza de la Catedral** before visiting **Plaza Vieja**. Learn about the massive historic preservation program which began in this Plaza under the leadership of City Historian, Eusebio Leal.

12:30 pm Group lunch at **Paladar Los Mercaderes**. This impeccably restored mansion is a welcome retreat from the bustling streets of the old city. We enjoy delightful tapas and a selection of seasonal specialties.

After lunch, we visit the **Plaza de San Francisco**, a cobbled plaza surrounded by buildings dating from the 18th century, dominated by the baroque **Iglesia and Convento de San Francisco** dating from 1719.

2:30 pm We will take a leisurely stroll back towards Central Park via **Obispo Street** in Havana Vieja.

3:30 pm Before arriving to the hotel, we stop for a Cocktail at **a local bar**.

4:00 pm **CUBA'S EMERGING PRIVATE SECTOR: The rules and regulations for private enterprises in Cuba.** **Lecture** by Cuban attorney **Joanna Soler**. In this presentation, Ms. Soler will share her experiences representing cooperatives and licensed private enterprises in Cuba and discuss the status of business regulation and taxation in today's growing Cuban private sector. *MCLE Credit Anticipated*

8:00 pm Group dinner at the now famous **Fabrica de Arte Cubano (FAC)** inside FAC's **VIP Salon**. Once an old cooking oil factory, this repurposed complex is without doubt the hippest place in Havana. Part Miami Art Basel, part Williamsburg warehouse party, the FAC is taking the Cuban arts scene by storm hosting viewings, performances and exhibitions of cinema, theatre, dance, music, literature, fashion, architecture, graphic design, photography, and the visual arts.

DAY 3 (B,L)

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

8:00 am **CROSS-BORDER INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES & CHALLENGES**
Lecture by Havana-based Canadian attorney **Gregory Biniowsky**. Gregory is a Canadian lawyer and political scientist who has lived in Cuba for more than 20 years, and has a diverse background involving a multitude of for-profit and nonprofit endeavors, including teaching at the **University of Havana**, doing consulting work for foreign companies exploring or setting up ventures in Cuba, and working as a consultant for the **Canadian Embassy** and **United Nations** in Havana. Gregory presently works for the Canadian based international law firm **Gowlings WLG**, focusing on offering strategic advice, business intelligence, and venture options to prospective investors and companies, from around the world, who are looking at the Cuban market. Gregory will share his personal insights into Cuban society, the evolving political landscape, and the fast changing business and investment environment. *MCLE Credit Anticipated*

9:30 am **ERNEST HEMINGWAY TOUR**
We depart to the picturesque fishing village of **Cojímar**. Ernest Hemingway loved this little seaside town. He kept his boat, **El Pilar**, in the harbor of Cojímar, and he used this village setting for his story *The Old Man and the Sea*, which won him the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1954.

Before leaving, we enjoy a cocktail at a local bar.

12:30 pm From Cojímar you may return to the hotel or continue eastward towards **Playas del Este** for our private beach party.

BEACH PARTY - We enjoy an outdoor lunch and live music at a local beach. Sun, sand and live entertainment make for a fun afternoon.

4:30 pm Return to hotel. Remainder of afternoon/evening free.

Optional visit to the **Havana Arts & Crafts Market**.

Evening *Dinner on your own. Suitable recommendations and suggested 'dine-arounds' will be provided.*

DAY 4 (B,L,D) MONDAY, APRIL 20

9:30 am **GENDER & SEX EQUALITY IN CUBA**
Presentation by **Rita Pereira**. Ms. Pereira is a Cuban attorney whose areas of expertise are **gender, sexuality and the law**. Rita is an adjunct professor of Gender and the Law at the Faculty of Law of the **University of Havana** and in her presentation she will discuss gender and sexual rights in Cuba with an emphasis on the heavily debated **amendments to the Cuban Constitution** opening the door for same-sex marriage in Cuba. *MCLE Credit Anticipated*

10:45 am Visit to the studio/gallery of a local artist.

12:30 pm Group lunch at **Vistamar** in the upscale Havana suburb of **Miramar**.





After lunch, remainder of afternoon free.

Optional visit to the **Havana Arts & Crafts Market**.

4:00 pm Optional Salsa **dance class** at **La Casa del Son**.

5:45 pm Depart for an unforgettable private performance by the **Orchestra Sinfonica Juvenil** (Havana Youth Orchestra). This group of supremely talented young music professors represent the finest artists of their generation. The 16-member orchestra will perform a medley of international classical favorites as well as several Cuban compositions.

7:00 pm Farewell dinner at the famous **La Guarida** restaurant. One of the best restaurants in Havana and famous not only for its delectable dining, but also as the location for the film “Strawberry and Chocolate.” It is housed on the third floor of a large, old town house carrying the charming ambience of the 1920’s.

DAY 5 (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

Departure Day

Optional morning activities depending on departure time.

Hotel check-out and depart for airport (*approx. 3 hours prior to departure*).

BE SURE TO COLLECT YOUR PERSONAL BELONGINGS FROM THE SAFE IN YOUR ROOM, INCLUDING:

- ✓ **PASSPORT**
- ✓ **VISA**

* Please note: This is a “working” itinerary. There may be some changes, additions and/or subtractions to the final itinerary. All venues and artist’s studios are subject to final confirmations. Be assured any changes made will be done to enhance the total program as well as to promote smooth operation of the tour.



TRIP COST

5 DAYS AND 4 NIGHTS

HOTEL PARQUE CENTRAL

DOUBLE, PER PERSON: \$3,400

SINGLE OCCUPANCY: \$3,725

UPSCALE CASA PARTICULAR (B&B)

DOUBLE, PER PERSON: \$2,700

SINGLE OCCUPANCY: \$3,050

CUSTOM DESIGNED PROGRAM INCLUDES

- Itinerary design and coordination
- Compliance with US Treasury Department
- Accommodations as selected (standard room)
- All ground transportation
- Full time private tour escort
- Daily breakfast in Cuba and meals as listed in itinerary (including tips)
- Entrance fees (if applicable)
- Bottled water on bus and in room
- Gratuities for restaurants, porters
- Cuban Tourist Card/Visa

EXCLUDES

- Airfare to/from Cuba and associated fees
- Airline baggage fees
- Gratuities for guide and driver
- Individualized hotel expenses (mini bar, room service, laundry fees, etc)
- Trip cancellation insurance

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TOUR COST & CONDITIONS

Hotel Parque Central

Double room occupancy (per person): **\$3,400**

Single room occupancy: **\$3,725**

Upscale Casa Particular (B&B)

Double room occupancy (per person): **\$2,700**

Single room occupancy: **\$3,050**

INCLUDED

- Accommodation as selected (standard room)
- Daily breakfast in Cuba
- Meals as listed in itinerary (including tips)
- Air-conditioned transportation throughout the trip equipped with cold water at all times
- Entrances fees (if applicable)
- Cuba Cultural Travel Escort and local Cuban tour guide
- Compliance with U.S. Treasury Department
- Cuban Tourist Card *

NOT INCLUDED

- Roundtrip airfare to/from Cuba and associated fees
- Meals other than listed on itinerary or described as on your own
- Gratuities for guide and driver (recommended amount is 7-10CUC per person per day for guide, and 5-7CUC per person per day for driver)
- Individualized hotel expenses (mini bar, room service, laundry fees, etc)
- Trip cancellation insurance

PAYMENT DUE DATES

DEPOSIT DUE BY: DECEMBER 31, 2019

FINAL PAYMENT DUE BY: JANUARY 17, 2020

You may contact Laura Adams via email at Laura@CubaCulturalTravel.com or by phone at (760) 645-3269 Monday thru Friday from 9am to 5pm PST with any questions.

REGISTRATION: Registration is on a first come, first served basis with limited enrollment. Confirm your participation by completing and returning this form along with your deposit to the address noted below. Your passport must be valid for 6 months after the dates of travel. If you need to renew your passport, please do so immediately.

PROGRAM QUESTIONS: Please note, the proposed itinerary is subject to change. There may be some changes, additions and/or subtractions to the final itinerary. Be assured any changes made will be done to enhance the total program and promote a smooth operation of the tour. If you have questions regarding the itinerary, please contact Dani Perez at Daniel@CubaCulturalTravel.com.

REGULATIONS: Cuba Cultural Travel is a licensed California Seller of Travel. Under the Seller of Travel Act, 100% of customer funds are deposited into a business client trust account and can only be used to pay for your services. In the event legal travel to Cuba should be suspended due to new rules and regulations, your payments will be returned.

FLIGHTS: Please do not book your flights prior to receiving confirmation and additional information regarding the trip.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTATION: Approximately two weeks prior to the final payment due date you will receive information regarding the necessary forms for travel, final invoice, and our comprehensive travel tips. Approximately two weeks prior to travel you will receive your travel documents and emergency contact information.

OCBA REQUIREMENTS: All attendees, whether attorney or not, must sign a release form from the OCBA, no exception.

A NOTE FROM CUBA CULTURAL TRAVEL: Trips to Cuba require quite a bit of walking on uneven cobblestone streets along with stairs where an elevator is not always available. Participants must be able to walk unassisted. Please keep these physical requirements in mind when making your reservation. If you require mobility assistance, please contact us directly, prior to completing your reservation form, as Cuba is not adequately able to accommodate physically handicapped persons.

** Cuban born travelers, please contact Cuba Cultural Travel prior to mailing your deposit and registration form. Fees associated with special visas for Cuban born travelers are not included.*

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REGISTRATION FORM If reserving space in a double, please indicate names of both parties. Deposits may be paid separately. Please note Cuba Cultural Travel does not pair individuals. Deposit must accompany this form to confirm participation. Complete one form per room. **Initial here to indicate you understand the passport requirements previously noted:** _____

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION:

COMPLETE ONE FORM PER ROOM

GUEST 1				U.S. CITIZEN: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
				CUBAN BORN: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
	LAST NAME (AS SHOWN ON PASSPORT)	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE	ANSWER YES OR NO TO <u>BOTH</u>
ADDRESS				
	STREET ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
PHONE				
	HOME	CELL	OFFICE	
EMAIL**	_____		ALT EMAIL _____	
<small>** ALL INFORMATION, TRAVEL TIPS, FORMS, CONFIRMATIONS, AND INVOICES ARE SENT ELECTRONICALLY.</small>				

GUEST 2				U.S. CITIZEN: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
				CUBAN BORN: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
	LAST NAME (AS SHOWN ON PASSPORT)	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE	ANSWER YES OR NO TO <u>BOTH</u>
ADDRESS				
	SAME AS ABOVE <input type="checkbox"/> (IF NOT: STREET ADDRESS)	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
PHONE				
	HOME	CELL	OFFICE	
EMAIL**	_____		ALT EMAIL _____	
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ACCOMMODATIONS: (COST PER PERSON)

OPTION 1: HOTEL PARQUE CENTRAL <input type="checkbox"/> DOUBLE ROOM \$3,400 <input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE ROOM \$3,725	OPTION 2: UPSCALE CASA PARTICULAR (B&B) <input type="checkbox"/> DOUBLE ROOM \$2,700 <input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE ROOM \$3,050
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IF RESERVING SPACES IN **DOUBLE OCCUPANCY**, PLEASE INDICATE: 1 LARGE BED OR 2 TWIN BEDS

Total amount of check \$ _____. Enclose your deposit check payable to **Cuba Cultural Travel** for the amount of **\$1,000 per person** to reserve your space. **Deposit due no later than December 31, 2019.**

Upon receipt of your deposit, a letter of confirmation will be sent to you electronically. Additional information and forms to be completed will be sent at a later date. An invoice for the remaining balance owed will be included at that time. **Full payment is due by January 17, 2020.**

PAYMENT:

- Payments are nontransferable and nonrefundable after the dates noted in the cancellation policy
- Due to OFAC regulations, payment must be made via personal or business check; or cashier's check issued from a US bank/account
- Payments not honored by the bank are subject to a \$25 returned payment charge
- **CREDIT CARDS, BANK CHECKS ISSUED ONLINE, AND/OR WIRE TRANSFERS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED**

CANCELLATION POLICY:

- Cancellations made prior to December 17, 2019 will receive a full refund
- Cancellations made from December 17, 2019 to January 17, 2020 will forfeit full deposit of \$1,000
- Cancellations on or after January 17, 2020 will forfeit entire cost of trip
- All cancellations must be made in writing via email to Laura Adams at Laura@CubaCulturalTravel.com

By signing below, I hereby agree to the aforementioned cancellation policy.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

We strongly recommend you purchase Trip Cancellation Insurance to cover unforeseen circumstances requiring cancellation of your travel. Information on acquiring trip insurance will be sent to you with your letter of confirmation. You will have two weeks from the date of confirmation to apply for insurance for coverage of pre-existing conditions.

Please return this form along with your check made payable to **CUBA CULTURAL TRAVEL** to:

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