



OTHER CUBAN JOURNEYS

FACES OF CUBA ***In Support of the Cuban People***

**Embark on an artfully crafted journey back in time,
Enjoy this in-depth adventure with a fascinating mix of Cuban culture, music,
history, and art. Join OCJ on an adventure of a lifetime.**



Day 1, Havana (D)

- Today you will arrive in Havana from your home city. Feel the Cuban vibe on your way to your accommodations, and don't forget to have your cameras handy!
- Check in, get situated, taste an authentic Cuban mojito and your guide will meet you to start your meaningful Cuban Journey.
- On the way to an included dinner, we'll stop at Plaza de Revolucion which is where you see the familiar iconic silhouette of Che Guevarra, and the place the "bearded one" made his famously long speeches.
- You will continue on your drive along the famous Malecon, Havana's 5 kilometer couch!
- Enjoy your first taste of Cuba at an included dinner.
- After dinner, how about hitting one of Cuba's Jazz clubs? Cuba is known for its different styles of music from jazz and salsa, to bolero and reggeton. (not included)



Day 2, Havana (B, L)

- An included Cuban breakfast, and then off to start our Journey. We will explore the restored plazas of Old Havana which date back to the 16th century. You will witness the greatest wealth of Spanish colonial architecture in the western hemisphere. This area is a bustling area where its residences, government buildings, and churches are actively being renovated. We will learn how this renaissance is having a financial impact on Old Havana. The history of old Havana will unfold as we discover how the old city developed around the plazas. During our walk we will have the chance to peak into stores, private businesses, and visit Taller Grafica printmaking studio; we will have the opportunity to talk to artists while they work at their crafts.
- During a visit to Callejon de Hammel, you will learn about the Santeria religion. This afro-inspired decorated alleyway is only colorful with murals and music.
- After an included lunch we let your sense of whimsy unfold in Jaiminitas at Casa-Estudio de Fuster, the studio-home of Jose Fuster, commonly called the 'Picasso of the Caribbean". Meet with the artist's representative while exploring his unique studio and property. Fuster's art is found in many important collections all over the world.
- Ever wondered what the Hotel Nacional de Cuba reminds you of? It is the sister hotel to the Breakers in Palm Beach built by the same architects McKim, Mead and White. We will visit this historic hotel perched above the famous Malecon and learn about the role it played during the days of the Mafia in Cuba.
- Dinner is on your own to try one of the many new and excellent Paladars in the "new Cuba".

Day 3, Vinales (B, L).

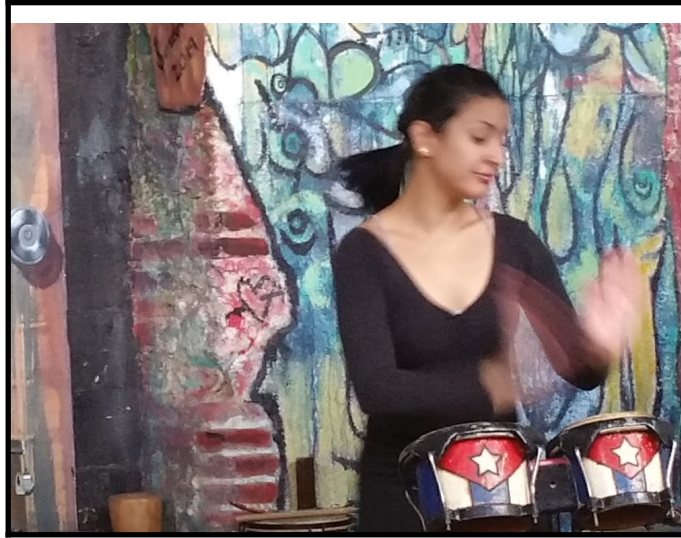
- After breakfast and wonderful Cuban coffee we drive west for 2.5 hours through the stunning province of Pinar del Rio discussing politics, education, the medical system, and housing along the way
- Head to the western province and town of Pinar del Rio and learn about the history of cigar production, tobacco growing and the daily life of tobacco farmers.
- Stop at the home of a tobacco and coffee farmer, meeting with the family. Participate in conversation over homemade coffee about life in the interior and later discuss the hardships of farming in Cuba as we watch the making of a fresh cigar.
- Afterwards, explore the Valley of Viñales, arguably the greenest and most beautiful region in all of Cuba. We'll eat lunch at the home of an organic farmer, meet with his family, learn about organic farming, and sustainability while taking in the breathtaking views and learning about Cuba's Green Revolution.
- Before returning to Havana, we will visit one of these unique land formations (Mogotes) up close, and the chance to even walk through one if you chose!

- Dinner is on your own tonight and this is a great chance to experience the back streets and the hidden Cuba.
- For late night enthusiasts, you will have the option to see the show at Tropicana Cabaret. Tropicana is Cuba's oldest and most famous Cabaret located in Havana. Known as the "Paradise under the Stars", it opened in 1931 and has been pleasing crowds ever since. Surrounded by lush vegetation, you will enjoy a glittering spectacle featuring over 200 singers, dancers, musicians and vocalist.(not included)



Day 4, Havana (B, D)

- Enjoy your daily breakfast before driving to one of the most beautiful vintage points of Havana, The Morro Castle. From there you will be able to see why so many people fall in love with this city. Learn about its history.
- Continue to Finca Vigia, Hemingway's former home where we will hear the Cuban perspective on Hemingway, his associations with the isle, and the difficulties of restoring and maintaining his former home as an important world heritage site. We will walk around this lush estate and view Pilar, the boat which was a "character" in his book "*The Old Man and the Sea*".
- For those who like to shop and take home local crafts - we will visit Almacenes San Jose, a former harbor warehouse restored by the Office of the City Historian to facilitate an environmental structure where craftsmen and artists can display their products. This is Cuba's flea market and where private enterprise in Cuba started. There is a new Cuban brewery next door for those who prefer to relax and try local brews.
- Lunch is NOT included but we will suggest a stop at a wonderful street in Old Havana that has a few options.
- After lunch drive by the synagogues in Vedado.... (Note, they may NOT be open).
- On our way to dinner, don your caps and scarfs as we will be taking an old American Yank Tank. Our drive will take us by the Capitolio, this building held all the seats of government prior to the revolution. Look at the astonishing resemblance to our own Capitol building in Washington. Cuba's Capitolio is actually taller than ours!
- Over our farewell dinner we will share our Cuban experience and toast to our trip and all the friends we have made!



Day 5, Havana (B)

- Breakfast included before transferring to the airport.
- Say our goodbyes to Cuba and leave a little of our hearts with our new friends

4 NIGHT Pricing: *Please be aware that the prices are subject to change due to the number of guests that sign up for each departure. Also be aware that during holidays there is Cuban supplement added.*

Per person double occupancy from:

4/5 travelers –	\$2950
6/7 travelers -.....	\$2650
8/9 travelers -.....	\$2550
Single supplement.....	\$700

Your trip includes:

- 5 days in Cuba, 4 nights
- Accommodations in Cuba at Cuban style 5 star hotel
- Included meals of 4 breakfasts, 2 lunches, and 2 dinners
- Opportunity to try privately owned Paladars and sample some of the best cuisine of Cuba
- Services of an experienced Cuban, English speaking professional guide who has much knowledge of the Cuban community, politics, education, medical system, arts, economics, etc.
- Entrance fees to the important cultural and historic sites

Not included:

- Trip cancellation insurance – highly recommended. Cancellation for any reason prior to trip can cause you to lose all money paid.
- Tips for guide and driver
- Airfare/visa to Cuba