

CUBA Getaway

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Metro South Chamber of Commerce

March 24, 2016





Day 1: Arrive Miami

Arrive in Miami and transfer on your own to your hotel. This evening an informational briefing will be held at the hotel about tomorrow's charter flight to Havana and the start of your people to people experience in Cuba. The evening is at leisure.

Overnight: Marriott Miami Airport

Day 2: Miami / Bienvenidos La Havana Cuba

This morning transfer to the Miami Airport and check in for your short charter flight to **Havana, Cuba**. Upon arrival at the Jose Marti International Airport and clearing immigration and customs, you'll meet your local **bilingual Cuban Guide** outside the baggage terminal. Your drive from the airport orients you with Cuba's enigmatic capital city, whose nearly 500-year Old Havana is home to the largest collections of Spanish-Colonial architecture in the Americas. Begin your experience with a visit to the **Plaza de la Revolution** (Revelution Square) the center of Cuban political life and Havana's largest. Your Cuban guide speaks below the grandiose portraits of national heroes Che Guevara and Camilo Cienfuegos, where millions of Cubans have stood while listening to speeches of Fidel Castro. Next enjoy a performance by the **Habana Compas Dance Group** and an opportunity to interact with the students and teachers to learn more about the Cuban dance culture and history. Then it's off to lunch at a LaTorre, a restaurant offering incredible panoramic views high above the ocean, the Nacional Hotel and the entire city of Havana. Later this afternoon enjoy a guided visit with a local Cuban cigar expert to a **Havana cigar factory** to learn about the history and process of hand rolling and manufacturing Cuban cigars such as Montecristo, Cohiba and Romeo Y Julieta. Check into your hotel and dinner is included this evening at a local restaurant.

Overnight: Melia Havana Hotel (L,D)

Day 3: Farmers Market / Old Havana / Hemingway's Farm

Visit a local neighborhood **Farmers Market** (Agro Market) with an opportunity to interact with local Cuban workers and see first hand Cubas duel currency at work. Next experience a **guided walking tour** of pedestrian only **Old Havana** (UNESCO World Heritage Site) with a local Cuban architect who discusses Havanas unique architecture, the current challenges of restoring the city's historic buildings and the future of the city's restoration effort. See the **Cathedral de la Havana**, built in baroque style in

1748 and learn about its preservation and continuous restoration. Visit the **Marqueta Vieja Havana Museum** that houses the scale model of the City of Havana. Following lunch you'll enter the world of Ernest Hemingway with a visit to **Hemingway's Farm, Finca La Vigia** (meaning 'lookout house'). This beautiful property hosts the house where the Nobel Prize winner lived with his wife Martha. View the perfectly preserved home where Hemingway's personal belongings and original furniture remain intact. View his yacht on display, the Pilar in which he used to patrol for Nazis in the Caribbean waters and featured in his novel "Islands in the Stream". Next visit the **San Jose Craft Market and Art Center** to meet and interact with the local artists to discuss and learn of the importance of their art in Cuban culture. Learn from the artists who share their experiences of pursuing the arts with limited access to materials and funding. Dinner is on your own this evening allowing you to experience the restaurants, cuisine and jazz clubs of Havana.

Overnight: Melia Havana Hotel (B,L)

Day 4: Museum of the Revolution / Jose Fuster / Classic Car Club

This morning meet with a **local artist or sculptor** in his studio to discuss the challenges of being a self taught artist. Next tour the **Museum of the Revolution** that displays documents and artifacts, weapons and planes from the revolution. See artifacts & learn more about the Bay of Pigs, the 1961 historic clash between the CIA trained Cuban exiles & rebel forces, the event that defined U.S.- Cuban relations for decades. The museum is housed in the former Presidential Palace which was the



home to Cuba's leaders until 1959. Meet a retired professional **Cuban baseball player** and join in a discussion with him regarding his career and the history and love of this game in Cuba and the U.S. Next visit the famous the **Nacional Hotel**, once Havana's flagship hotel that has hosted celebrities and world leaders during its heyday such as Winston Churchill and Frank Sinatra. Enjoy a tour of this iconic property housing pictures and nostalgia from a bygone era. Later head to the charming fishing village of Jaimanitas to visit the incredible **Home and Work Studio** of world famous artist, painter and ceramicist **Jose Fuster**, often called the "Picasso of Cuba". He has adorned his home and an entire neighborhood with colorful ornate mosaic murals. Here we spend time with the Fuster family and staff to discuss the influence of the artist's work and their lives and community. Before dinner, meet with the local **Old Style Car Club** owners and a chance to interact and talk with the owners and learn why Havana's streets are filled with vintage American automobiles and understand what it takes to keep them on the road. Enjoy a drive along the famous **Malecón** and through the streets and neighborhoods of Havana in a 1950's vintage American convertible to your **Farewell Dinner** at a local **Paladar** (a privately owned restaurant). After dinner you have an opportunity to meet and discuss with the owners of this Paladar how this private enterprise works in Cuba. The evening is at leisure to explore Havana on your own.

Overnight: Melia Havana Hotel (B,L,D)

Day 5: Depart Havana / Miami

Following breakfast at the hotel, transfer to the airport for your return flight home with incredible memories of the people and culture Cuba. **(B)**



Highlights & Experiences

- Museum of the Revolution
- Old Havana Walking Tour (**UNESCO**)
- Cathedral del la Havana
- Home & Studio of Artist Jose Fuster
- San Jose Craft Market & Art Center
- Hemingway's Farm - *Finca La Vigia*
- Habana Compas Dance Group Performance
- Nacional Hotel Visit & Tour
- Former Cuban Baseball Player Discussion
- Cigar Factory Visit
- Local Farmers Market Visit (Agro Market)
- Old Style Classic Car Club Discussion
- The famous Malecón
- Farewell Paladar Dinner

Inclusions

- Round Trip Charter Flights from Miami
- U.S. Air Departure Taxes & Fees
- Cuban Medical Insurance
- Hotel & Airport Transfers In Cuba
- 4 Nights First Class Hotel Accommodations
- Professional Bilingual Cuban Guide
- U.S. Tour Manager
- 8 Meals Per Itinerary - (3B, 3L, 2D)
- 2 Bottles of Water Per Person Per Day
- Interactions & Admissions per Itinerary.
- Baggage Handling - 1 Checked Bag p.p.
- Deluxe Air Conditioned Motorcoach
- Gratuities for Hotel Porters, Wait Staff at included Meals, Step on Guides and All People to People Visits & Interactions

Accommodations

- **1 Night Airport Miami Marriott**
(www.marriott.com/miami)
- **3 Nights Melia Havana Hotel, Havana**
(www.melicuba.com)

*Booking Discount

***\$2795 pp dble**

Regular Rate

\$2895 pp dble

\$500 single supplement

***\$200 per couple / \$100 pp booking discount.**
See flyer back for booking discount details.

Hotels, itinerary, inclusions and people to people visits are all subject to change.

Chamber Explorations Reservation Form - CUBA



OPTIONAL CUBA CANCELLATION WAIVER is HIGHLY RECOMMENDED. The Cuba Cancellation Waiver must be paid with deposit OR with Final Payment and is non-refundable. Payment of the per person Cuba Cancellation Waiver (waiver fee) guarantees full refund on all payments (including deposit), except the waiver fee itself, made for program rates in case of cancellation up to the time & date of departure due to passenger's personal illness (medical documentation required) or death of a member of the immediate family (official documentation required). If the passenger must return early due to personal illness (medical documentation required) or death of a member of the immediate family (official documentation required), payment of the waiver fee guarantees a refund for the Unused Services. The waiver fee does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. The waiver is non-transferable and valid for each applicant only. The waiver does not cover any services not purchased through Chamber Explorations / PWD. Full policy details available. Please note that your cancelled check or credit card statement will serve as your receipt.

OPTIONAL CUBA CANCELLATION WAIVER - \$199 per person

CANCELLATION FEES: Cancellations not covered by the Cuba Cancellation Waiver OR if the Cuba Cancellation Waiver is not purchased, are subject to the following per person penalties / fees:

Cancel up to 75 days prior to departure - Deposit is retained or the Cuba Cancellation Waiver is retained.

Cancel 74-45 days prior to departure - 25% of total price is retained.

Cancel 44-31 days prior to departure - 50% of total price is retained.

Cancel 30 days or less prior to departure/no shows - No refunds.

RESPONSIBILITY: Premier World Tours LLC dba Chamber Explorations (hereafter CE) and dba Premier World Discovery (hereafter PWD), whose vouchers are used by respective agents for the passenger in all matters pertaining to hotel accommodations, interactions and transportation, hold themselves free of responsibility for any damages occasioned from any cause whatsoever. (CE)(PWD) will not be responsible for any damages or inconvenience caused by late arrivals, departures and change of schedule or other conditions nor will they be responsible for any act, omission, or event during the time the passenger is not on board their conveyance. The passage contract in use by the airline concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airline and the purchaser of this program, and/or passenger. (CE) (PWD) does not hold any responsibility for the conduct of any of its members, hotel, motorcoach, train, airline or other personnel. (CE) (PWD) reserves the right to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of this program at its discretion. (CE) (PWD)&/or its

program host / guide retain the right to require any participant to withdraw from the tour at any time, if determined to be in the best interests of health, safety & general welfare of the group or of the individual participant. Arbitration - I/We agree, any and all disputes concerning this contract or any other material concerning the trip, or the trip itself must be resolved exclusively pursuant to binding arbitration in the state of California, pursuant to the then current rules of the American Arbitration Association. Payment of the deposit for this program constitutes acceptance of these terms and conditions. Itinerary and hotels are subject to change. CST #2048841-40. This program is operated by Chamber Explorations.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

INCLUDED IN THE RATES:

• **U.S. CHARTER AIR DEPARTURE TAXES/FEES** of \$58 per person.

• **CUBAN MEDICAL INSURANCE:** The Cuban government requires that all travelers to Cuba must have medical insurance under an approved plan. Some pre-existing conditions are excluded.

NOT INCLUDED IN THE RATES:

• **CUBAN TRAVEL VISA** is required for travel to Cuba and is \$85 per person and applies to United States citizens only and will be invoiced with final payment. Cuban born passengers require a different Visa process which can take from 2-5 months to complete additional charges will apply.

• **CUBAN AIRPORT DEPARTURE TAXES** are \$25 U.S. per person and must be prepaid before departure and will be invoiced with final payment.

• **CHARTER FLIGHT BAGGAGE FEES** can only be paid in cash at the airport in Miami. At time of printing, Miami - Havana bag fee was \$25 pp (up to 44lbs.) and there was currently no bag fee from Havana to Miami. (subject to change)

• **PASSPORT INFORMATION:** A valid U.S. passport is required for this program and is the responsibility of each passenger. Passports should be valid for a minimum of six (6) months beyond the travel dates. All names must be submitted on reservation form above must be exactly as they appear on passenger passports.

DEPOSIT, FINAL PAYMENT & BOOKING DISCOUNT

Deposit of \$500 per person is due with Reservation Form to secure reservations. Final Payment is due 75 days prior to departure.

***BOOKING DISCOUNT - Deposit by October 31, 2015**
by check or credit card and make your Final Payment by check & receive \$200 per couple/\$100 per person Booking Discount!

Reservation Form

Cuba Getaway

March 24, 2016

Booking #96332

Make Checks Payable to: Chamber Explorations

Contact Information/Mail Reservation Form to:

Metro South Chamber of Commerce • Attn: Alison Van Dam

60 School St. • Brockton, MA 02301

508.586.0500

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Enclosed please find a deposit in the amount of \$ _____ (\$500 per person) to secure reservations for _____ # of people.

I (We) wish to purchase Cancellation Waiver & Post Departure Plan at this time Yes ☐ No ☐

Enclosed please find payment in the amount of \$ _____ (\$199 per person) to secure the Cuba Cancellation Waiver.

Total Payment \$ _____

A Passport copy is due with payment and this reservation form.

To avoid change fees, submit full Passport names (first/mid/last) exactly as they appear on Passports

Passport Name _____ DOB (MM/DD/YY) _____ Gender ☐ M ☐ F

Roommate's Passport Name _____ DOB (MM/DD/YY) _____ Gender ☐ M ☐ F

Passport #: _____ Exp Date (MM/DD/YY) _____ Country of Issuance _____

Roommate's Passport #: _____ Exp Date (MM/DD/YY) _____ Country of Issuance _____

Your Address _____ ☐ Check if Roommate's address is the same

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ Tel # _____

Email Address _____ Mbl # _____

Cardholder Name (if paying by credit card) _____



Amount to be charged \$ _____ Credit card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Cardholder Billing Address: ☐ Check if address is the same as above _____

Signature Required (for credit card use & acceptance of terms*): _____ Today's Date: _____

**I (We) agree to pay according to the credit card issuer agreement. I understand and accept the cancellation fees/policy and other terms.*