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Discover Cuba

May 27 - June 3, 2017

Tour Host:
Derrick Olsen, Council President

Dear Council Members,

Is there another country that captures the imagination like Cuba? With its potent mix of revolutionary politics, warm and welcoming people, fabulous music, lush tropical landscapes, and vibrant art, it is a place like no other. Join us as we explore this time-capsule nation before it changes forever.

In this carefully planned People to People program, you will meet with Cubans from all walks of life—political figures, academics, artists, and farmers. Hear about their daily lives, their hopes for the future, their thoughts about relations between our two countries. Explore Cuba's rich history and culture as we visit Havana, the "Paris of the Caribbean," and two colonial cities, Cienfuegos and Trinidad, both UNESCO world heritage sites. From the waves crashing against the Malecon, to the Afro-Caribbean beat, to the iconic '50s cars, Cuba is a feast for the senses, as well as a challenge to the intellect.

We'll be among the first Americans to visit after more than a generation of hostilities. I can hardly wait to share this historic moment with you.

Warmest regards,
Derrick





Itinerary

May 27, Saturday: Havana

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Depart from Portland on an intended early morning Alaska Airlines flight to Los Angeles which connects with a non-stop flight to Havana. (Flight separate)

Upon arrival, be met by your wonderful local guide then visit the Plaza de la Revolution, the most politically important square in Cuba.

Check-in to the gracious **Parque Central hotel**, ideally located in Old Havana.

Enjoy a private cocktail reception followed by dinner on the hotel roof-top.

May 28, Sunday: Havana

B,L,D

This morning, enjoy a walking tour of Old Havana, the finest example of a Spanish colonial city in the Americas. Enjoy the city's many squares, its cathedral, and a scale-model of Old Havana before ending the morning at the Plaza Vieja, a stunningly beautiful old square surrounded by colonial mansions. Enjoy lunch at La Moneda Cubana.

After lunch, join Ayleen Robaina, an architectural historian, on a city orientation tour by bus.

Before dinner, meet with Marc Frank, author of *Cuba Revelation: Behind the Scenes in Havana*. Frank, the dean of resident foreign journalists in Havana, has reported from Cuba since the mid-1990s. Enjoy discussing with him a gritty account of daily Cuban life today in the twilight of Caribbean socialism.

Enjoy dinner and the music of a wonderful jazz trio at Cafe Oriente this evening.

May 29, Monday: Havana

B,L,D

We'll start the day with a round-table discussion on "The Changing Faces of Cuba's Economic Structure" with Dr. Mario Sanchez, a professor at the Center for the Study of the Cuban Economy at the University of Havana.

After the discussion, watch a rehearsal of the extraordinary dance group, Danza Contemporanea.

After lunch at a local restaurant, visit the Felix Varela Cultural Center, housed in the beautiful San Carlos and San Ambrosio Seminary to meet with staff of the magazine Espacio Laical (Lay Space). Also meet with staff from the center who work on the Cuba Emprende program in cooperation with the University of Murcia in Spain.

After lunch, drive to Finca Vigia, Ernest Hemingway's home for over 20 years, preserved just as he left it.

This evening, enjoy dinner at La Guarida, made famous because it was where Oscar-nominated *Fresas y Chocolate* was filmed.

May 30, Tuesday: Havana

B,L,D

Enjoy a morning discussion with Dr. Rena Perez, formerly with the Ministry of Agriculture and an advisor to the Ministry of Sugar. The discussion will address "Living in Cuba Today."

Accompanied by curator Lucila Fernandez, visit the Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes: Arte Cubano (Cuban Collection).

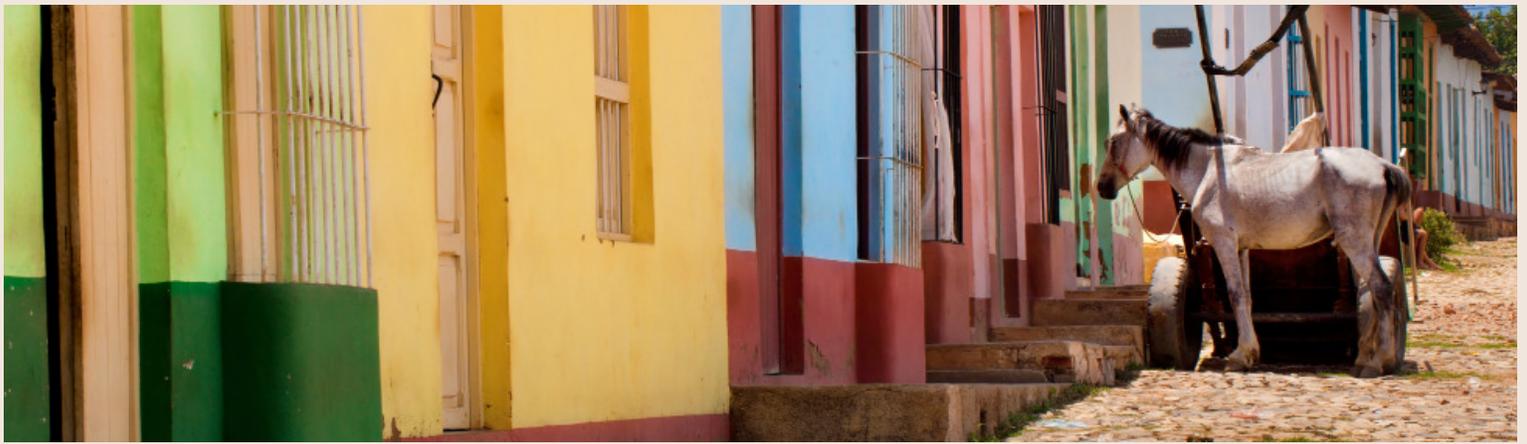
Visit Arte Corte, a community restoration project headed. In the community, enjoy lunch and a visit to a rations' store.

This afternoon, visit the home of Christina Vives, a well-known Cuban art critic and dealer. Christina's husband, the noted Cuban photographer Figueroa, will also meet the group.

This evening enjoy an evening reception at the Ludwig Foundation, a non-governmental and non-profit institution created to protect and promote contemporary Cuban art and artists.

Dinner this evening at L'Atelier.





May 31, Wednesday: Havana

B,L,D

This morning, view the documentary *La Maestra* and meet with Norma Guillard who is featured in the film as one of the young literacy workers who traveled across the island to teach.

After the discussion, visit *NostalgiaCar*, a classic car mechanic shop and learn about the business.

From the shop, drive in classic cars to lunch that will be hosted at the home and studio of internationally renowned artist Jose Fuster who has turned his entire neighborhood into a piece of mosaic art.

This afternoon, visit the Presidential Palace, now the Revolutionary Palace which illustrates the history of the Cuban political development. A few minutes away is the Granma Memorial which preserves the vessel that brought Fidel Castro, Che Guevara, and other revolutionaries from Mexico to Cuba in 1956.

End the afternoon at the art and craft center.

Enjoy dinner at leisure this evening.

June 1, Thursday: Cienfuegos

B,L,D

Depart for Cienfuegos, a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site.

After lunch, admire the cathedral and the Tomas Terry Theater located on the Parque Marti square. Continue on to the Taller Grafico, a cooperative of young Cuban artists.

End the afternoon with a performance of the 23-member choral group, the Cantores de Cienfuegos.

After checking into the El Jagua Hotel, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

June 2, Friday: Cienfuegos / Trinidad

B,L,D

Enjoy a full day excursion to Trinidad, considered the crown jewel of Cuba's colonial cities and a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Begin the day at the Plaza Mayor in the center of town. Around the plaza are the Museo Romantico, the Museo Arqueologia, and the cathedral, Iglesia Parroquial de la Santisima Trinidad which was built between 1817 and 1892. Visit the Palacio Cantero, housed in a colonial mansion. The view of Trinidad from the top of the tower is wonderful and not to be missed.

Visit the studio of artist Yami Martinez and meet with staff who will talk about being a female artist and freedom of speech in Cuba.

After lunch at Sol Anada, visit the home of Julio Munoz, and his wife Rosa where we will have a chance to chat with his family.

End the day at the Valle de Los Ingenios, the sugar industry's living museum.

The waterfront El Lagarto restaurant in Cienfuegos is our destination for our farewell dinner.

June 3, Saturday: Return

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Depart the hotel to Havana, stopping en route at the Bay of Pigs where in 1962, CIA-trained exiles came ashore equipped to provoke a counter-revolution against the Castro regime.

Continue on to Havana and enjoy a lunch on the beautiful grounds of the historic Nacional Hotel, whose splendor is a tangible reminder of Cuba's past as a jet-set playground.

After lunch, drive to the airport for the intended flight on Alaska Airlines to Los Angeles, connecting with a flight to Portland. (flight separate)



Program Costs and Inclusions

Trip Price: \$5,670 per person

Single room supplement: \$1,670 (Limited Availability)

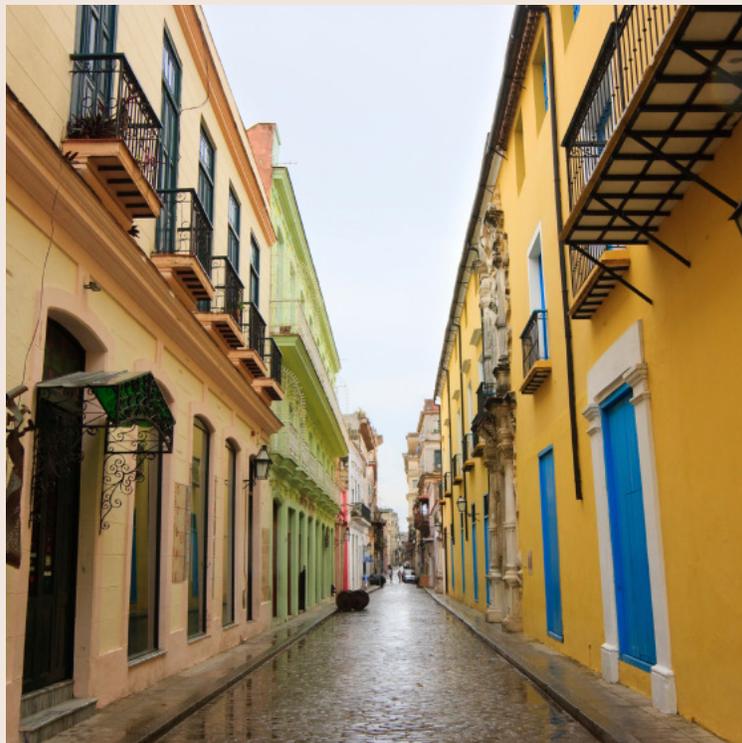
Trip price includes accommodations as listed in the itinerary based on double occupancy, all meals listed (B-breakfast, L-lunch, D-dinner), one drink with lunch and one with dinner, bottled water kept on the bus, sightseeing and excursions as listed, transportation in a deluxe air conditioned motor coach, Distant Horizons expert tour services, a local Cuban guide, a Cuban visa (for non-Cuban born travelers), and gratuities.

Trip price does not include World Affairs Council of Oregon membership (required), roundtrip airfare on Alaska Airlines flight to Havana, luggage charges, additional drinks at meals, trip cancellation, lost baggage and medical insurance, items of a purely personal nature and any items not listed.

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