

CUBA WITH WALTER REEVES & Earthbound Expeditions

Day 0- Friday October 19: Depart your home for Miami-
Please make sure to arrive in Miami no later than the evening of October 19-
Earthbound Expeditions has a special contract with the Crown Plaza at Miami International Airport which is located just 10 minutes away from the airport. The Crown Plaza offers a complimentary shuttle service to and from the airport. We will have a group orientation meeting at 7:30pm at the hotel. Please let us know if you would like to stay at the Miami airport Crown Plaza.

Day 1 - Saturday October 20th, 2012: Depart Miami & Arrive in Havana
Depart Miami on a charter flight direct to Cuba.

Charter Flight Times have been posted and they are:
Air confirmed on ABC Charter:

Oct 20 departing Miami 0900 – arriving HAV 1000 AA9470

Oct 28 departing HAV 1700 - arriving Miami 1800 AA9411

Upon arrival in the dynamic city of Havana, you'll clear immigration and customs and meet your Cuban host at the airport. On your way to the hotel, discover breathtaking colonial buildings, the picturesque, seaside Malecón and other quintessential sites. You'll see prominent landmarks, staggering palaces, scenic squares and locals going about their daily routines as you drive through the streets dotted with Russian-built Ladas and a rainbow's-worth of vintage American cars.

Check-in to the Hotel and take some time to settle in. We'll do a bit of sightseeing before meeting up for dinner at the restaurant Café Oriente in Old Havana. Sleep in Havana (Dinner)

Day 2 - Sunday October 21st, 2012: Havana-Cienfuegos-Trinidad
After breakfast, depart for Cienfuegos province, also known as the "Pearl of the South". In Cienfuegos, you will be able to see remnants of French style architecture built by immigrants from Bordeaux. The majority of the city however, displays 19th-century early Spanish Enlightenment implementation in urban planning and was declared UNESCO heritage for that reason. Arrive in the center of Cienfuegos and take a brief city tour to explore Cienfuegos' magnificent wide boulevards and art galleries.

Enjoy lunch at the former Cienfuegos Yacht Club ocean-side restaurant (Club Náutico de Cienfuegos).

After lunch, continue your drive on to Trinidad and check-in to your hotel which is located on a beautiful beach.

Sleep in TRINIDAD
(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)



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Day 3 - Monday October 22nd, 2012: Trinidad

After breakfast you'll take a day trip to historic Trinidad. Your first stop will be at the Topes de Collante National Park, where you will visit a coffee shop and organic garden and meet with the caretakers. Enjoy an optional hike to the Caburni Waterfall.

Lunch will be at Mi Retiro

In the afternoon, you'll drive to Trinidad, where you'll have a walking tour of the Old Center. On your walk, you will visit the Museum of Architecture for a guided tour and presentation on Trinidad's architecture and the development of the city. You'll also meet with the Ballet Folklorico for a dance and music performance!

In the late afternoon return to your hotel Brisas Trinidad del Mar. Sleep in Trinidad
(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 4 - Tuesday October 23rd, 2012: Return to Havana

Breakfast at the hotel and then depart for the Cienfuegos Botanical Garden, founded 1899 by a land owner from New England and later maintained by Harvard University. The garden harbors a collection of some 2,000 species and is maintained by the Cuban Academy of Science. Before lunch, enjoy a special performance by the Choir of Cienfuegos or the Chamber Society of Cienfuegos.

Lunch (Palacio de Valle)

After lunch, gather for a meet and greet with students at the Beny More Art School in Cienfuegos. You'll have a chance to see the work of these talented students and to learn more about Art education in Cuba

Continue your drive and arrive in Havana late in the afternoon where you'll check-in to your Hotel. Tonight dinner is on your own.
(Breakfast, Lunch)

Day 5 - Wednesday October 24th, 2012: Havana's National Museum of Fine Arts and Old Havana

After breakfast at the hotel, you will begin your first day with a stroll through the streets of Old Havana. You will start at the National Museum of Fine Arts, where four centuries of art created on the island is on display; from the colonial period through the 19th century and 20th century avant-garde, and the new generations since the 1950s up to young artists of the 1990s. Then you'll take a stroll through Old Havana exploring the famous Cathedral Square, Plaza de las Armas and Plaza Vieja. You will also stop by Cuba's main photography studio, Fototeca, for a meet and greet with Cuban photographers.

Lunch at La Mina

In the afternoon, you'll visit the National Botanical Garden, a 600-hectare botanical garden consisting of wide pastures planted with trees and plants divided by Cuban ecosystems and by regions of the tropical world. Learn more about how the garden is maintained by the University of Havana. Sleep in Havana
(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)



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Day 6 - Thursday October 25th, 2012: Orchid Gardens, University of Havana and More: Depart for Soroa National Park and visit to the Orchid Garden, created by a Spaniard in 1943, maintained by the University of Pinar del Rio and claimed to be the world's second largest orchid garden.

Lunch at El Salto restaurant Return to Havana Upon arrival in Havana, you'll receive a guided tour through the Cemetery of Colon to view the myriad of magnificently sculpted tombstones, mausoleums and chapels adorning the graves of Cubans of all walks of life.

Before returning to the hotel, stop at the Revolution Square and visit the University of Havana.

Tonight dinner is on your own. We suggest that you try a private restaurant operated from a Cuban home to catch a glimpse of this new economic activity and to try some great local cuisine! Sleep in Havana (Breakfast & Lunch)

Day 7 - Friday October 26th, 2012: A Full Day of Discovery

Enjoy breakfast and then start your day with a visit to the Antonio Nunez Jimenez Foundation of Man and Nature, a non-profit organization founded in 1994 which strives to raise local awareness on environmental protection and works to involve the community in finding solutions to local environmental problems. Visit the Parque Metropolitano de La Habana, also known as the Central Park of Cuba or El Bosque de la Habana (the Forest of Havana).

Lunch at La Dominica. Visit the Organoponico Vivero in Alamar. Organoponicos are organic urban market gardens. The Cuban Government decided after the end of the Cold war to give land and water to cooperatives in return for a share of the crops. The Vivero Organoponico of Alamar is one of the largest of Cuba.

This evening, enjoy dinner at El Templete and then head back to the Morro-Cabaña, two fortresses that together, comprise the largest and most powerful defensive complex built by the Spanish in the Americas. At 9 pm sharp you'll bear witness to the Cannon Blast Ceremony, one of the oldest traditions in Havana. Sleep in Havana (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 8 - Saturday October 27th, 2012: Centro Habana

This morning we drive over to Jaimanitas to see the studio of Jose Fuster, considered "the Picasso of the Caribbean". Jose engraves sketches and is also one of Cuba's most original ceramists. As you enter the gray, concrete neighborhood with broken sidewalks and gravel roads, you begin to see ceramic splashes of color litter your approach to Jose Fuster's gallery and home. His artwork embodies life in Cuba.

Lunch at El Aljibe

In the afternoon, visit Cabildo Quisicuaba, where you'll have the incredible opportunity to meet with Centro Habana residents to discuss their efforts to develop community programs surrounding art, music and health. To round off the afternoon, you'll visit Callejon de Hamel, a residential alley turned meeting place of several artists and musicians that belong to the community.

Tonight you'll commemorate your time in Cuba with a special farewell dinner at El Patio! (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)



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Day 9 - Sunday October 28th, 2012: Departure to the U.S

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast. Check-out from the hotel is 11.00AM. The hotel will be happy to store your luggage.

Note: Because our flight is scheduled to leave later in the afternoon, we will organize an optional group activity or you can do some last minute shopping. Return to the hotel for your transfer to the airport for your return flight back to Miami.

(Breakfast)

Return home with a lifetime of memories....



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