

CUBA!

Profundo Journeys Photography

"A Captivating Photography & Cultural Tour"
April 5-14, 2019

HAVANA - GIRON - CIENFUEGOS - TRINIDAD - VIÑALES



SEE WHY EVERYONE WANTS TO GO TO CUBA

Dance the salsa on a rooftop in Havana, rub shoulders with locals walking along the faded elegance of the Malecon seawall, eat in private home restaurants called paladares, visit Ernest Hemmingway's house, watch Cubans of all ages soften when the strains of "Guantanamera" float into the streets, visit the museums, cafes ...



LEARN HOW THE SOCIETY FUNCTIONS

Have you wanted to explore the unique island nation of Cuba? Now is your chance! Profundo Journeys is offering you an unforgettable cultural immersion focusing on the arts, education, health and Cuba's distinctive culture, you'll experience lectures, museums, schools and arts communities, along with Cuba's unique cuisine, music and architecture. A true photographer's paradise!

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Day by day

DAY 1 MIAMI - HAVANA

Check-in Procedures at Miami International Airport - American Airlines operates out of concourses D & E. Passengers are required to check-in with an agent to choose which one of the OFAC twelve categories they are traveling under and obtain their boarding pass. Then proceed to one of the "Cuba Ready Booths" operated by CTS located in front of the check-in areas spread around terminal "D". A CTS agent will check your travel documents and will stamp your boarding pass as "Cuba Ready". You may then proceed to airport security and on to your departure gate. Suggest you report to the American Airlines check-in counter at least three hours prior to departure time.

WELCOME TO CUBA!!

Upon arrival at Jose Marti International Airport, you will need to make your way through passport control where they will take your photo (be prepared to remove any hats, scarves or glasses) and check your paperwork for entry into Cuba. Make your way to baggage claim and from there exit through customs to where your national guide will be waiting for the delegation.

Enjoy some sites of the city in a panoramic bus tour of Havana inroute to lunch.

Lunch will be provided at Paladar La Fontana.

After lunch transfer to your hotel. Check in and settle into your rooms.

Welcome dinner at Paladar El Guajirito.

Evening entertainment at El Tablao de Pancho.

DAY 2 HAVANA

Please Note: Breakfast will be provided daily during your stay in Cuba.

Enjoy a walking tour of the historic center of Old Havana, a village founded in 1519 and declared a World Heritage site by UNESCO in 1982. There will be an explanation of the projects carried out by the City Historian's Office for the rehabilitation of Old Havana.

Lunch at El Templete Restaurant.

After lunch depart for a visit to the city of Regla. Visit the church of Nuestra Señora de Regla, one of Cuba's most frequented pilgrimage churches. The most impressive is the statute of the Virgin of Regla who is black and cradles a white infant in her arms. She is the patron and protector of sailors. She is considered the equivalent of Yemaya, the goddess of the sea in the Yoruba religion. Visit the Municipal Museum of Regla. There will be a ritual dance of Santeria with Adde Ache, the religion brought to Cuba by African slaves.

Dinner on your own.

Evening entertainment at the Jazz Café.

DAY 3 HAVANA

Morning visit La Fototeca, established in 1986, it contains the widest and most valuable archive of Cuban photos, plus temporary exhibitions. Its permanent exhibition – displaying the work of Cuba's photographic heroes such as Raúl Corrales, Alberto Korda, Osvaldo Salas, Ernesto Fernández and Mario García Joya – is the main reason for coming. There's also a shop selling postcards, photographic works and publications, Tuesday to Friday only. Also housed here is one of Havana's scarce communal darkrooms, so it's a good place to meet photographers.

Lunch will be provided at Jardin de los Milagros Private Restaurant, where you will enjoy a cooking class.

After lunch attend a conference at a studio with photographer Raul Cañibano Ercilla. Time for Q & A.

The delegation will visit the Centro Cultural Antiguos Almacenes to visit and talk with private sector owners of more than 300 different booths selling art, handicrafts, clothing, and a variety of Cuban products.

Dinner on your own.





Lunch at Taberna del Barracon.

Your visit to Trinidad is not complete without an excursion to nearby Valle de los Ingenios (Valley of the Sugar Mills). Trinidad was at one time the home of 43 sugar mills, primitive factories operated by slave labor for the production of sugar. There will be an explanation about the history of these plantations.

Return to Cienfuegos.

Dinner at your own expense.

DAY 7 CIENFUEGOS - HAVANA

3 hours – Cienfuegos - Havana

Early morning departure after breakfast. Upon arrival transfer to a restaurant for lunch.

Lunch will be provided at La Casa Paladar.

Continue on a visit to The Colon Cemetery, or more fully in the Spanish language Cementerio de Cristóbal Colón, was founded in 1876 in the Vedado neighborhood of Havana, Cuba on top of Espada Cemetery. Named for Christopher Columbus, the cemetery is noted for its many elaborately sculpted memorials. It is estimated that today the cemetery has more than 500 major mausoleums, many built by Victor Citarella, chapels, and family vaults.

Dinner one your own.

DAY 8 HAVANA - VIÑALES - HAVANA

2 ½ hours each way.

This morning you will find yourself in a unique contrast of flat top hillocks, rocky heights and magnificent forests. You are in the Viñales Valley. The fertile tobacco fields are the most important part of the region. The best tobacco in the world comes from Vuelta Abajo, west of the provincial capital. Visit the Indian Cave and a tobacco farm.

Perfect afternoon to walk or horseback riding through the tobacco fields and meet and talk with the farmers in the valley.

Continue to the city of Viñales and exchange with the local residents that are now involved in the new economic changes including the opening of private restaurants and rental properties.

Lunch at a local restaurant.

Return to Havana.

Dinner on your own.

DAY 9 HAVANA

Morning attend a rehearsal of the MalPaso Dance Company. Founded in 2013 under the artistic direction of Osnel Delgado, MalPaso Dance Company expresses the passion and uncertainties that define Cuban life and are embodied in the country's rich dance tradition. . "Time for Q & A with the company members".

Lunch at Paladar La Concordia.





Continue on a visit to the Museo de Bellas Artes (Fine Arts Museum). The Fine Arts Museum is dedicated exclusively to Cuban art collections beginning in the mid-16th century. Spanning the 17th and 19th centuries, it has galleries devoted to landscape, religious subjects and the Costumbrismo narrative scenes of Cuban life. Other galleries are devoted to more current work, and are recognized for the extensive collection of Hyperrealism and the latest generation of Cuban artists whose works all reflect the strong symbolic imagery prevalent in recent decades

This evening you can enjoy the farewell reception at the Santa Isabel Hotel terrace in Old Havana. The stilt walkers dance group will entertain you as you follow them dancing in the streets to your farewell dinner.

Share your memories of Cuba at a farewell dinner at Café del Oriente Restaurant in the historic center.

DEPARTURE DAY

Prepare your luggage for check out. Please settle all incidental expenses incurred during your stay. Delegates will transit to the airport for their flights home. Today bid farewell to “The Pear of the Antilles” as your guide transfer you to the airport for departure back home.

Notice:

Scheduled meetings and other planned interactions are subject to the availability of the professionals we seek to collaborate with, as well as allowances made by the Cuban government to grant visits to visitors. Where permission from the Cuban government is required, adjustments may need to be made. Interplanner is committed to featuring replacement program activities that will retain the content and quality of this cultural experience.



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MIAMI: \$4495.00 Double occupancy
 \$1000.00 Single room supplement.

Reserve your place with a \$500 non-refundable deposit.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT: Interplanner - 202.722.6882

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Package Features Included:

- Nine nights private homes and hotel accommodations
- Buffet breakfast daily
- Hotels are based on 4 & 3 star category
- Seven lunches
- Two dinners
- Round trip airport transfers
- English speaking guide for the full program
- Air conditioned motor coach & driver
- Sightseeing tours & visits as per day by day itinerary
- Round trip airfare from Miami to Havana
- Visa fees
- U.S. & Cuban departure taxes
- Amistur/ICAP Cuba travel orientation meeting
- Two bottles of water per person per day
- Interplanner local English speaking representative services



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INFORMATION

Reservations:

Full payment per person is required to guarantee your reservation. Reserve your place with a \$500 non-refundable deposit. Deadline for reservations is February 4th, 2019. Final payment is due February 4th, 2019.

The package has been based on a minimum participation of 10 full paying participants. Should the number of participants, travel dates, tariffs and/ or exchange rates change, the right is reserved to re-cost the program in light of such changes and to make the necessary alterations at the time of settlement of account.

Travel Restrictions:

Travel to Cuba is severely restricted under the Cuban Assets Control Regulations. Under these regulations, spending money relating to Cuban travel is prohibited unless the traveler is licensed. There are some travel categories that are authorized under the OFAC general license. You are traveling under the People to People General license.

Further, each traveler must complete and sign a Travel Affidavit before departure. Forms will be provided by Interplanner. Forms must be received by INTERPLANNER no later than February 4th, 2019.

Travel Provider:

International Planning Services, Inc. d/b/a INTERPLANNER.

Air Transportation:

Air transportation by American Airlines. Airfare based on the group advanced purchased airfare. All airfares are subject to change without prior notice. Tickets are non-refundable once issued.

Baggage allowance is 50 pounds. Overweight fees are expensive so we recommend you pack within your allowed limit. One small piece of hand luggage is allowed not to exceed 15 pounds. There is a charge of \$25.00 for first checked bag in the U.S. and also returning from Cuba.

Your ticket purchase includes medical expenses for illness and accident up to \$30,000 CUC and repatriation transport of deceased, injury and illness up to \$15,000 CUC

A group consists of a minimum of 10 ticketed adult passengers who must travel on American Airlines to the same destination on the same flights. In the event that your group does not meet this minimum, passengers will be considered as individual travelers and ticketed at the available published fare for which they qualify and which may be available. Schedules are subject to change without prior notice.

Tour Price Includes:

Ground Transportation: All sightseeing and transfers as well as overland transportation will be by private motor coach with English speaking guides/interpreters.

Hotels Accommodations: All Accommodations will be provided in twin bedded rooms with private bath or shower. Hotel categories are by official classification of the respective government. Single rooms are available at a supplement charge. Interplanner reserves the right to substitute any previously confirmed hotels in the event that the tour operator in the respective country encounters an oversold situation and to replace with others of similar or better quality. Additional costs incurred as a result of any such change in hotels shall be borne by the tour participant except in cases of change after travel has commenced.

Any individual tour member who requests to share a twin-bedded room is subject to the payment of the single room supplement unless another tour participant is, or becomes, available to share. No refund is made for any unused portion of the member's original accommodations. Interplanner will try to assist the tour member in finding a suitable replacement hotel.

Meals: As specified in itinerary and listed in the tour features.

Tips & Taxes:

Service charges imposed by hotels and taxes by local administration and government authorities are included in all services rendered. Tips to your local guides, drivers and restaurant staff are not included and are usually expected, subject to your own satisfaction with the services rendered. Departure taxes are included in the tour price.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Documentation Required:

A valid passport and individual Cuban visa is required for all

U.S. and Canadian citizens. Vaccination or inoculations are not required, however, we urge you to consult your physician or local health department as requirements can change from time to time.

Visas:

Visas will be obtained by Interplanner. Participants are required to provide a clear photocopy of their valid passport, participants born in Cuba regardless of their present nationality please contact us, since entry procedures differ. Interplanner cannot guarantee any visa if participants does not comply with the required deadlines. Visa fee is included in the tour price. Passport copies must be received by INTERPLANNER no later than February 4th, 2019.

Cancellations & Changes:

60 to 41 days prior to arrival – 20% of pack age price
40 to 25 days prior to arrival – 30% of pack age price
24 to 07 days prior to arrival – 50% of pack age price
06 to 00 days prior to arrival – 100% of package price

In the event of cancellation by the passenger, there is an additional \$100.00 per person administrative charge.

Cancellation must be done in writing. Changes once reservations have been confirmed on dates or names will be at \$100.00 USD fee per change. Trip cancellation insurance is recommended.

We recommend:

Travel Guard Insurance Group

24 hours service toll free 1.800.826.1300.

Tour Membership:

The right is reserved to decline, to accept or to retain any person as a member of the tour.

Final Itinerary & Travel Tips:

Will be sent to each participant after the tour operator has received final payment. The packet of information will give full details regarding mailing addresses, recommendations about baggage, suggestions for appropriate clothing, customs and currency regulations, departure instructions, and so on.

Tariff & Exchange Fluctuation:

Prices are based upon tariffs and exchange levels in effect January 1, 2018 and are subject to change without notice.

Transfers:

Provided on all arrivals and departures between hotels and airports for tour members and one average-sized piece of luggage per person. Please have in mind that due to limited space in motor coaches, only one suitcase per person is allowed

Sightseeing:

By motor coach including the services of English-speaking guides and entrance fees to places visited.

Tour Price:

All costs quoted are based on tariffs and currency exchange rates in effect at the beginning of each calendar year.

Tour rate does not include:

Passport fees, laundry, valet wines and liquors, mineral waters, food, transportation not included in the itinerary, beverages not on the regular menu of the included meals, additional baggage in excess of allowance foreign airport taxes, and other expenses of purely personal nature.

Responsibility:

International Planning Services, DBA/ INTERPLANNER and/or the travel agent act only as agents for the various companies, owners or contractors providing the means of transportation, accommodations or other services pertaining to the tour.

All exchange orders, vouchers, coupons and tickets are issued subject to the terms and conditions under such means of transportation, accommodations or other services are offered or provided. The issuance and acceptance and use of such exchange orders, vouchers, coupons or tickets shall be deemed consent to the further conditions, which follow:

1. Interplanner shall not in any way be liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity in any vehicle or, through the act or default of any company or person engaged in conveying the passengers or, of any hotel proprietor, personnel or servant or any other person otherwise in connection herewith.
2. Interplanner reserves the sole right to eliminate a tour feature (in which case a refund would be made) and to make

Such changes in an itinerary as it may deem necessary or desirable and to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of the tour for the whole or any part of the tour should it be deemed advisable for any reason. Return to the passenger(s) of all monies for the unused portion of the tour, paid by them, shall release Interplanner from all liability in respect to such a tour. Neither shall Interplanner be responsible or liable for any loss, cost, damage, injury, delay or expense of whatever kind or nature arising from the use of any conveyance, accommodations, or services, or from acts of God, strikes, weather, quarantines, accidents, sickness, government regulations, insufficient passport and/or visa; and, any loss or expense resulting from any of the above contingencies shall be borne by the tour member.

Airlines Responsibility:

Carriers concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their aircraft.

The airlines concerned are only responsible for the air travel portion of these tours performed by it on behalf of the tour members in accordance with the terms and conditions of their individual passage contracts and subject to applicable laws, treaties and regulations governing air transportation. Tour services including but not limited to carriage by land or sea, guide services, hotel accommodations, restaurants and all services other than carriage by air, are furnished

by contractors who are independent and do not act for or on behalf of the airlines and the airlines shall not be held responsible for any act or omission or any event occurring prior to the tour members embarkation and upon or after

disembarkation from the airline's aircraft. The usual passage contract used by the airlines when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the tour member and, in purchasing a passage contract as part of this tour; the participant acknowledges and accepts the foregoing conditions.

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