

# Classic Cuba Tour

9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS

## ITINERARY

### MIAMI / HAVANA

#### DAYS 1-2

Your trip begins at the Hotel Pullman Miami Airport, where your small group will gather for an early evening briefing and reception. Following breakfast at the hotel on your second day, you'll board the charter flight to Havana. After you clear immigration and customs, your insightCuba tour leader and Cuban guide will accompany you to your hotel in the heart of Havana. Get your first taste of Cuba with an afternoon orientation.

*Meals Day 1 | Enjoy dinner on your own, at your leisure*

*Meals Day 2 | Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

### HAVANA

#### DAY 3

Start your day by meeting an expert in Cuban architecture, who will discuss Old Havana's rich architectural heritage and UNESCO designation. After lunch, you'll visit an incredible organization to learn about Afro-Cuban art, music, and dance. Later, meet with university students and professionals for candid discussions about daily life in Cuba, before visiting an artist in his studio. You'll end the day with dinner at La Floridita, one of Hemingway's favorite spots for drinking daiquiris.

*Meals | Breakfast, lunch, dinner*

### HAVANA

#### DAY 4

Today, you'll visit a local historian at the Colon Cemetery. Then, meet with an internationally recognized dance group for backstage access to a dress rehearsal. After lunch, you'll have a riveting meeting at the Literacy Museum about a historic moment in Cuban history when the island's youth mobilized across the country to teach rural inhabitants how to read. Later in the day, you'll have the special privilege of meeting performers from La Colmenita, a children's touring group that performs locally and internationally. In 2012, they performed at the United Nations.

*Meals | Breakfast, lunch, dinner*

## HAVANA

### DAY 5

This morning, you'll visit a local farmers market, where you'll experience firsthand Cuba's dual currency at work. Before lunching at a local *paladar* in Old Havana, you'll meet with an organization that teaches trade skills for the new economy. After lunch, you'll meet with an art specialist for an insightful tour of Havana's Museum of Fine Arts. Tonight, dine on your own at a *paladar*, a private, family-owned restaurant. Your tour leader, a dining-scene expert, can make outstanding recommendations.

*Meals | Breakfast, Lunch*

## HAVANA / PLAYA LARGA / CIENFUEGOS

### DAY 6

Today, you'll leave Havana for Playa Larga, where you'll visit Korimacao Community Project, a respected school of the arts, known for developing musicians, dancers, poets, and actors. From Playa Larga, you'll continue your journey to the charming island town of Cienfuegos.

*Meals | Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

## CIENFUEGOS / TRINIDAD

### DAY 7

We'll stop at the Museum of Architecture to learn about Trinidad's architectural and historic preservation and UNESCO designation. Afterwards, meet a world-renowned local artist who recently had her work displayed at the United Nations.

After lunch you'll have an exclusive visit with the singers, dancers, and musicians of the Ballet Folklórico de Trinidad. Then, you'll have an exclusive visit with our friends in their home for a taste of Cuban hospitality, warmth, and a chance to get to know them surrounded by their families and community. Later, you'll visit a *casa particular*, a bed-and-breakfast-like accommodation in a private home. Tonight, dine on your own at a *paladar*, a private, family-owned restaurant. Your tour leader, a dining-scene expert, can make outstanding recommendations.

*Meals | Breakfast, Lunch*

## CIENFUEGOS / HAVANA

### DAY 8

This morning, you'll visit a cooperative artist center and then meet the singers and artistic director from the internationally acclaimed Coro del Cienfuegos (AN ALLTIME GUEST FAVORITE). After lunch, you'll travel back to Havana. In the evening, share your favorite stories during a farewell dinner.

*Meals | Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

## HAVANA / MIAMI ; ADIOS, CUBA!

### DAY 9

After breakfast, bid farewell to Cuba as you board your flight home.

*Meals | Breakfast*

*A significant portion of your in-country programming is customized for each group to maximize your cultural experience. Many of the places we visit are not tourist destinations and are thus not always available. Therefore, this program should be considered as a sample only – please keep in mind that your particular tour may vary. Final itineraries are sent to guests one to two weeks prior to departure.*