



EXPLORING CUBA'S CULTURE, HISTORY AND COLONIAL CITIES

TOUR YW: 10 DAYS FROM HAVANA TO HAVANA

October 21 - 30, 2024

Discover the island nation of Cuba - a place filled with friendly people, eager to share their lives, heritage, and culture with you...and equally curious to hear about the customs and traditions of the neighboring United States. Globus invites you to join us on this special Support for the Cuban People program, designed around daily interaction with local residents that deliver insight into past, present, and future. You'll experience the trip of a lifetime with a rare opportunity to experience the vibrant culture of this captivating country. This program requires walking on cobblestone streets and uneven pathways, climbing stairs and participating in a full-time schedule of Support for the Cuban People activities.

In Cuba, activities that have been scheduled far in advance can sometimes become unavailable for a number of different reasons. The purpose of the trips is to have meaningful interactions with the locals. If a planned Support for the Cuban People activity isn't available, rest assured that another alternative that will be just as enriching will be substituted.

DAY 1 ARRIVE IN HAVANA, CUBA - Arrive in Havana, Cuba's capital city, and transfer to your hotel. Tonight, meet your Globus Group Leader and Cuban National Tour Director for a 6pm welcome meeting and dinner. This is a good time to meet fellow program participants, get your questions answered, and prepare for your time in fascinating Cuba. HOTEL - GRAND ASTON LA HABANA (D)

DAY 2 HAVANA - Your day begins with a walk through the streets of Old Havana, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Discuss with your Cuban Tour Director Havana's unique architecture, the challenges of renovating the city's exquisite historic buildings, and the future of these restorations. Next, visit Beyond Roots, a private project dedicated to the Afro-Cuban Culture in Cuba. After lunch at a local paladar (a special, privately owned restaurant), visit a private project focused on repurposing materials to make handbags and dresses. You'll also enjoy a cigar-rolling and rum-tasting experience. Before returning to our hotel, visit a local community project to interact with the children and volunteers who run the program. This evening, enjoy dinner and a colorful and energetic show highlighting the music and dance of Cuba. (B,L,D)

GLOBUS®

DAY 3 HAVANA - We start our day with a photo stop at Revolution Square before meeting members of the Antique Car Club "a Lo Cubana," from the popular TV series, Cuba Chrome. Over lunch at a local paladar, meet a former Cuban baseball player for a discussion about the history and the love of this favorite pastime in Cuba and the United States. Next, attend a workshop at Havana Compass Dance Company. Before returning to the hotel, stop at the Angeles del Futuro (Angels of the Future) project.

This evening is at leisure. Your Cuban Tour Director will have suggestions for dining and additional exploration. (B,L)

DAY 4 HAVANA-SANTA CLARA-CAMAGUEY - This morning, travel to Santa Clara, Cuba's fifth largest city and home to one of Cuba's biggest universities. Visit the Che Guevara Memorial and Museum followed by a visit to a local retirement community project. Continue to the historic city of Camaguey, one of the first seven villages founded by the Spaniards, much of the city has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Dinner tonight is at a local paladar. HOTEL - HOTEL E SAN JUAN DE DIOS (B,L,D)

DAY 5 CAMAGUEY - This morning, see the city's beautifully restored plazas and learn why Camaguey is nicknamed the "City of Squares." Our first stop is at the studio of artist, Pepe Gutierrez known for forming leather into unique pieces of art. We then visit the studio of the charismatic artist Martha Jimenez. Later, enjoy a musical performance by students of the Jose White Conservatory.

Evening at leisure where your Cuban Tour Director will have suggestions for dining and exploring this colonial city. (B,L)

DAY 6 CAMAGUEY-TRINIDAD - Today, meet the dancers of the world-renowned Camaguey Ballet Company, which has performed in over 40 countries. Then, journey to a local working ranch where you'll meet three generations of the same family that have been living on the farm since 1930. Continue to Trinidad, the crown jewel of Cuba's colonial cities, founded in 1514 and today a UNESCO World Heritage Site. No other city in Cuba is preserved as well or so charmingly.

HOTEL - HOTEL LA RONDA (B,L,D)

DAY 7 TRINIDAD - Start your day with a stroll through the streets of Trinidad, a cobblestone showcase of colonial architecture and pastel-colored houses decorated with wooden shutters and wrought-iron grilles. Next, visit artist Yudit Vidal Faife's private art gallery. After lunch at a local paladar, engage with the famous Santander family, well-known independent artisans.

This evening is at leisure in Trinidad. Your Tour Director will have suggestions to make the most of your evening. (B,L)

DAY 8 TRINIDAD-CIENFUEGOS-BAY OF PIGS-HAVANA - Travel to Cienfuegos and get acquainted on a walk around the historic main square. Enjoy a performance by the Cienfuegos Orchestra (made of local independent musicians) and afterward join in a discussion with the artists about their training, performance schedule, and daily lives. Continue to Playa Giron, site of the Bay of Pigs Invasion. Over lunch at a local paladar, meet a Naturalist from the local Ciénaga de Zapata National Biosphere Reserve and join in a discussion about the concerns we all have for our environment.

Return to Havana where your Tour Director will have suggestions for dining this evening. HOTEL - GRAND ASTON LA HABANA (B,L)

DAY 9 HAVANA - This morning, our attention turns to Nobel Prize-winning novelist Ernest Hemingway, who lived in Cuba for more than 30 years writing several books. Continue to an organic farm to discuss their sustainable practices. Lunch is at a paladar where you'll enjoy an interactive mojito-making demonstration. Visit Humidores Habana, a workshop recognized for turning wood into elaborate humidors. Before returning to your hotel, a visit is made to artist, Jose Fuster's Community Art Project.

Tonight, meet private owners of classic American cars for a special treat as you jump into a classic 1950's American car and cruise the streets of Havana. End at a festive farewell dinner. It's the perfect ending to your time in Cuba! (B,L,D)

DAY 10 HAVANA - Your program ends after breakfast with guests departing on individual Airport transfers. (B)

Land Only Pricing (Based on Double Occupancy. Single Supplement additional \$340)

Twin Room \$4,759

Travel Protection \$359

Gratuities \$240

TOTAL: \$5,358

GLOBUS®

Adventures With Karyn

508-420-5288

Karynmw1@comcast.net

www.adventureswithkaryn.com