



CUBA

500 YEARS OF CUBAN HISTORY - EAST/WEST

Led by Alberto Jones

June 2-13, 2016

For about 50 years our perception of Cuba, a country that was politically isolated since 1962, was primarily shaped by secondhand information. Led by Alberto Jones, a passionate Cuban activist, this program offers participants the unique opportunity to experience Cuba firsthand. Travel to both ends of Cuba on this 12 day journey, and uncover the history, culture and reserves of this untouched country.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Gain on-site exposure to 500 years of America's history.
- Learn about Afro Cuban experiences from outstanding intellectuals.
- Enjoy Havana's majestic architecture.
- Eat in local paladares and sample authentic Cuban cuisine.
- Examine the historical figures that impacted Cuba, including Ernest Hemingway, Che Guevara, Antonio Maceo, and Fidel Castro.

ABOUT YOUR LEADER



Alberto N. Jones is a retired veterinary pathologist who migrated from Cuba to the U.S. in the year 1980 and has lived in Florida since 1989. He is the founder/president of the Caribbean American Children Foundation, a board member of the Cuban American Alliance and Education Fund, the Saint Augustine Baracoa Friendship Association, Cuba Vive and other solidarity groups with Cuba.

Through these institutions and working with Pastors for Peace, we have improved relations and understanding between the people of the United States and Cuba, while delivering precious material support to the healthcare and educational system and the physically challenged in Cuba.

ITINERARY

BLD = BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER

JUNE 2 - MIAMI

Check in at the Miami airport hotel at your leisure. Early this evening get together with Alberto Jones to go over the next morning's plans. *Overnight at Comfort Suites.*

JUNE 3 - SANTIAGO DE CUBA

Depart Miami International Airport and arrive at Antonio Maceo International Airport in Santiago de Cuba. Transfer by tour bus and have lunch at Paladar el Palenquito. Check in at Hotel Santiago and have time to freshen up before visiting General Antonio Maceo Square, Santa Ifigenia Cemetery, and the changing of the guard at José Martí Mausoleum. This evening visit Jazz Club La Iris. *Overnight at Hotel Santiago.*

JUNE 4 - SANTIAGO DE CUBA

After breakfast this morning, visit the Antonio Maceo Home, Granjita Siboney, San Juan Hills and the Fern Garden. Have lunch at a local paladar. Visit the Moncada Garrison. This evening attend a cultural event and deliver gift to the Africa House. *Overnight at Hotel Santiago. (B)*

JUNE 5 - SANTIAGO DE CUBA

Breakfast in the hotel. Visit the village of Birán, Fidel Castro's birthplace, and Mangos de Baragua. Visit Alberto Lescay Foundry in Dos Caminos de San Luis and his workshop in Vista Alegre. Have lunch at Paladar Setos Cuba. View the sunken Spanish Armada and watch the sunset at the Morro Castle. Dinner at Paladar La Aurora and tour Parque Céspedes. *Overnight at Hotel Santiago. (B)*

JUNE 6 - SANTIAGO DE CUBA

Box breakfast and travel to Guantánamo. Visit Mariana Grajales Monument and City Museum to view Cosmonaut Flight Suit. Lunch at UNEAC, brief visit to GITMO overview at la Gobernadora. Visit West Indian Welfare Center and Tumba Francesa. Mass at the Episcopal Church. Return to Santiago de Cuba. *Overnight at Hotel Santiago. (B)*

JUNE 7 - GUARDALAVACA

Breakfast and check out of the hotel. Visit the Chapel of the Virgin of Charity and Runaway Slaves. Brief stop in Baire, where the 1895 War of Independence began. Visit the home of Carlos Manuel de Céspedes, tour the City Boulevard and the Carlos Manuel de Céspedes Garrison. Box lunch and continue trip to Guardalavaca and lodge in Hotel Paradisus Río de Oro or Pesquero. *Overnight at Hotel Paradisus Río de Oro. (BD)*

JUNE 8 - GUARDALAVACA

Visit the Columbus landing site at Bariay and beach. Evening cultural event. *Overnight at Hotel Paradisus Río de Oro. (BLD)*

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO ENROLL:

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JUNE 9 - SANCTI SPÍRITUS

Have breakfast, check out of the hotel and travel to Camagüey. Lunch and tour city squares on Bici Taxi. Continue to Sancti Spíritus and lodge in Hostal Rijo. Evening free. *Overnight at Hostal Rijo. (B)*

JUNE 10 - HAVANA

Breakfast and depart to Santa Clara. Tour the armored train wreck and Che Guevara Mausoleum. Lunch at Paladar Florida Center. Tour Parque Vidal and Theater La Caridad. Travel to Havana and lodge in Hotel Miramar Memories. Evening is at leisure. *Overnight at Hotel Miramar Memories. (B)*

JUNE 11 - HAVANA

Breakfast at the hotel. Visit the Ernest Hemingway home, Belén Convent, Plaza Vieja and Africa House. Lunch on Obispo Street. Relax at Cathedral Square and visit an arts and crafts gift store. Evening stroll down La Rampa and visit La Fábrica de Arte. *Overnight at Hotel Miramar Memories. (B)*

JUNE 12 - HAVANA

Breakfast at the hotel. Visit the Park of Eminent African Leaders in Miramar, San Pedro Park in Punta Brava, and General Antonio Maceo Mausoleum in El Cacahual. This afternoon visit Revolution Square and drive by the Maine Memorial, the U.S. Embassy and the Granma Memorial. This evening have dinner at Paladar Porto Bello. *Overnight at Hotel Miramar Memories. (B)*

JUNE 13 - DEPARTURE

Depart hotel and return to the U.S. *(B)*

PROGRAM PRICING

\$3,195 per person

Cost includes meals per itinerary (plus an additional 7 dinners and 4 lunches), accommodations, in-country transportation, Jazz Club entrance, all entrances to museum and cemetery, fundraiser for church, conferences and community centers, gratuities for driver and guide, and charter flights from Miami. Charter flight cost includes Cuban visa, departure tax, and Cuban health insurance.

Cost does not include entrance fees not mentioned, additional gratuities, or items of a personal nature.

THE FINE PRINT

Cost is based on double occupancy; for a single room throughout the trip add \$600. A \$200 per person deposit and enrollment form is required by April 18, 2016 to hold your space. Final payments are due by April 18, 2016. Travel/trip cancellation insurance is strongly recommended. For more information call Travel Insured at 800-243-3174 or visit www.travelinsured.com. Holbrook Travel's agency number is 15849.