



*Claremont McKenna College Alumni Association Refers...*

# Rediscover Cuba

## A Cultural Exploration

April 4 – 11, 2018



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Cuba



## Culinary Inclusions

- Meet the owners of a paladar, a small specialty restaurant with its own organic farm.

## Must-See Inclusions

- Spend 3 nights at Cuba's pristine beaches of Cayo Santa Maria.
- Savor a 4-night stay in lively and historic Havana.
- Get an insider's look at the work and life of Cuban artist Jose Fuster.

## Collette Experiences

- Delve into the world of classic cars as you meet the owners of these restored vehicles.
- Learn about the Cuban national dance, "*Danzón*," along with a Salsa lesson.
- Enjoy a musical performance by one of Cuba's last Piquete bands.

**Highlights:** Che Guevara Memorial & Museum, Cayo Santa Maria Island, Remedios, Sugar Museum, Cuban Cigars, Cienfuegos, Botanical Gardens, Havana, Casa Fuster, Revolution Museum, *Finca Vigía* - Ernest Hemingway's Home, Cuban Fine Arts Museum, Salsa Dancing

### Day 1: Wednesday, April 4, 2018 Santa Clara, Cuba - Cayo Santa Maria

- **Tour Begins** Your journey begins as you fly to Santa Clara Airport, Cuba. Transfer to your hotel on the pristine beaches of Cayo Santa Maria, an island off of Cuba's north central coast. En route to your all-inclusive resort, stop at the Che Guevara Memorial & Museum\* and learn about this polarizing figure and the revolution he helped to spark. (D)

### Day 2: Thursday, April 5, 2018 Cayo Santa Maria - Santa Clara - Cayo

**Santa Maria** Embark on a journey to Santa Clara where we will meet local art or theatre students. Learn about Cuban art and their lives as you interact with students and teachers and discuss their techniques. **Spend time at Piquete Melodías Antillanas, one of Cuba's last Piquete bands.** Engage with this vibrant community and discover their passion for music, singing and dancing. Learn about how this musical genre emerged in Cuba back in the 17th century. Delight in the band's performance of original scores by renowned composers such



as Miguel Faildes and Moses Simons. This special performance is conducted on original wind instruments dating back to the 1800s. Learn Cuba's national dance, *Danzón*, as the *abuelos* give you a dancing lesson. Then we make our way to a handicraft market where you'll get to meet the local artisans and discover their unique crafts. **Return to your hotel for a mojito-making demonstration, rum tasting and dinner.** (B, L, D)

**Day 3: Friday, April 6, 2018 Cayo Santa Maria - Remedios - Cayo Santa Maria** Journey to the *Museo de la Sucre*, or "Sugar Museum." Learn from local producers of the rise and fall of the Cuban region on the backs of sugar cane production. Enjoy a walking tour of Remedios, a charming town considered to be the oldest Spanish settlement in the former Las Villas province. **Visit San Juan Bautista de Remedios, a 17th-century Baroque church.** View the beautiful gold leaf altar made of carved cedar and one of only seven known statues in the world depicting a pregnant Virgin Mary. Later, learn about Cuban cigars - one of the

country's most popular products. (B, D)

**Day 4: Saturday, April 7, 2018 Cayo Santa Maria - Cienfuegos - Havana**

This morning, embark on a scenic drive to Cienfuegos Province Botanical Gardens, the oldest of its kind on the island. During a fascinating walking tour, learn about the garden's ties with Harvard University and its founding as a research center (where a sugar mill once stood). Enjoy lunch before exploring the historic Plaza Mayor in the heart of the city. Peruse the shops, converse with the shopkeepers and get a true taste of the local culture. Afterwards, sit back and **enjoy an amazing a cappella choral performance** conducted by the Cantores de Cienfuegos, a local student group gaining worldwide recognition. Visit the Tomas Terry Theatre, an impressive opera house on Plaza Mayor, before traveling across the countryside to Havana, Cuba's capital. (B, L, D)

**Day 5: Sunday, April 8, 2018 Havana - Casa Fuster - Havana** This morning you are in for a treat as we visit a local





performing arts school and meet its creative students who will showcase their talents. Enjoy a farm-to-table lunch at a local paladar where you will meet the proprietors of this family-run, privately-owned specialty restaurant. Tour the grounds including their own organic farm. Later, **travel to Casa Fuster** for an insider's look at the work and life of Cuban artist Jose Fuster, whose artwork was inspired by Spain's famous architect, Antonio Gaudi. (B, L)

**Day 6: Monday, April 9, 2018 Havana**

**- Finca Vigia - Havana** Your day begins with a visit to Hamel Alley, a Havana neighborhood known for its Afro-Cuban murals which artist Salvador González Escalona famously began in 1990. Visit the Revolution Museum in what was once the Presidential Palace. Gain insight into Cuban history during the 1950s revolutionary war period. Afterwards, visit a local park where local antique car owners gather. Discuss how car ownership in Cuba works, along with the ingenious ways they keep these classics running. We then make our way to *Finca Vigia*, or "Lookout House," Ernest Hemingway's Cuba

home located in the small town of San Francisco de Paula. It is here where Hemingway wrote two of his most celebrated novels: *For Whom the Bell Tolls* and *The Old Man and the Sea*. (B, D)

**Day 7: Tuesday, April 10, 2018**

**Havana** This morning, **walk through the dramatic evolution of Cuban art at the Cuban Fine Arts Museum.**

Then spend time in Old Havana to interact with some professional Salsa dancers. Strike up a conversation with the dancers and hear about their lives and Cuba's dance culture while learning some of the basic steps of this remarkable dance. Enjoy a tour of Old Havana on foot and stop at a local market for shopping. This evening, **take a trip around Havana in one of the antique American cars that the city is known for.** Finally, savor dinner in one of Havana's finest restaurants as you celebrate an amazing journey and your new Cuban friends. (B, D)

**Day 8: Wednesday, April 11, 2018**

**Havana - USA - Tour Ends** Your Cuba adventure comes to a close today. Return home with vivid

memories of this beautiful country and the rich personal experiences you shared with the people of Cuba. (B)

**Itinerary at a glance**  
Days 1 – 3 Iberostar Ensenachos,  
Caibarién, Villa Clara  
Days 4 – 7 Hotel Nacional de Cuba,  
Havana  
*On some dates alternate hotels may be  
used.*

## Experience It! Old Havana

Step into days gone by in vibrant Old Havana. This section of the city is bursting with a variety of color and textures and is alive with the soul of Cuba. Founded in 1519 by the Spanish, this remarkable section of Havana was the largest port in the Caribbean for centuries and has been named a UNESCO World Heritage site. It’s known for its well-preserved historic architecture. Stroll along its alleyways and pass an array of buildings that include private homes, arcades, boutique hotels and government buildings all adorned with elaborate carvings, wrought-iron and colorful paint. As you explore Old Havana, discover its friendly people that fill its lively plazas. They are the heartbeat of the city and a big part of what makes it so special.

### Please Note:

This tour may also operate in reverse on certain dates.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at prescheduled times.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. Triple and child accommodations are not available.

Cuba is a country that has been inaccessible to Americans for decades, and it is important to go into this experience with an open mind and make the most of every moment. The increased interest in Cuba has placed heavy demands on limited resources and infrastructure, which may result in lower standards of hotels and amenities than you are accustomed to. Temporary power outages, low

water pressure or limited air conditioning are not uncommon in Cuba. It is important to remain flexible as some changes to the itinerary may be necessary while on tour due to situations beyond our control. Keep in mind, the purpose of this trip is to have meaningful interactions with the locals. Many places visited are not typical tourist destinations and thus not always accessible. If a planned people-to-people exchange isn't available, it will be replaced with another one just as enriching, and your full people-to-people experience will be preserved. It is an exciting time as your trip to Cuba is both historic as well as culturally diverse.

\*Based on flight arrival times into Cuba, your visit to Che Guevara Memorial & Museum may be moved to Day 2 versus being conducted on Day 1.

Due to heavy demand for this destination and our ability to provide intimate cultural interactions with the local people of Cuba, this

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tour will operate with a maximum of 40 passengers.

To truly experience the program and destination, you need to be able to participate in physical activities such as longer walking tours, walking over uneven terrain, climbing stairs and periods of standing. Some of the touring days may be longer, with select included activities occurring later in the evening.

In order to fulfill OFAC's licensing requirements on this tour, you will have a full-time schedule of educational exchange activities that will result in a meaningful interaction between the traveler, you, and individuals in Cuba. The itinerary has been designed with these requirements in mind and there will be no leisure time on this program as on other Collette tours. The days and order of sightseeing may change to best utilize your time on tour and to better facilitate meaningful educational exchanges. Due to unforeseen circumstances and schedule changes, educational visits may be interchanged with similar activities.

This is an educational program that requires full-time participation; therefore, we require participants to be at least 15 years of age.

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If travelling internationally with a child under the age of 18, please check directly with the airline for the legal documentation that is required. It is the sole responsibility of the guest to procure the proper documentation to travel and many requirements vary by airline and destination.

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**All guests are required to obtain a Cuban Tourist Visa.** Application for the tourist visa card is at point of exit from the United States to Cuba, provided by the airline at your own cost of approximately \$100 USD per person. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

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