



STATUE OF CARLOS MANUEL DE CESPEDES IN THE PLAZA DE ARMAS BY GUILLAUME BAVIERE



CUBA

500 YEARS OF CUBAN HISTORY & CULTURE

Led by Alberto Jones

November 2-10, 2017

From Christopher Columbus's arrival in 1492, Cuba's history and culture has been shaped by the story of independence and revolution. On this 9-day journey, visit the sites made famous by notable Cuban leaders and events, such as the first slave uprising in Triunvirato, the battleground where Antonio Maceo fell, and the final resting place of Che Guevara. From Santa Clara to Havana, walk in the footsteps of Cuba's history and discover its cultural legacy: a warm and welcoming community that, despite oppression and isolation, has carved out its own indomitable cultural identity defined by resilience, tenacity, and spirit.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience Cuba firsthand through on-site cultural activities and interaction with local communities.
- Visit landmarks made famous by historical figures such as Antonio Maceo and Che Guevara.
- Eat in local paladares and sample authentic Cuban cuisine.
- Take a walking tour of Havana to experience the city's majestic architecture and cultural landmarks.

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

NOVEMBER 2 - SANTA CLARA

Arrive at the Santa Clara International Airport on American Airlines at approximately 5 p.m., then clear customs and collect your luggage. You will be met by your Cuban guide who will introduce you to your driver, and then you will be transferred to your hotel for dinner and overnight. *Overnight at Hotel Los Caneyes.*

NOVEMBER 3 - PLAYA LARGA

This morning you will tour the Che Mausoleum and the *Tren Blindado*, a national monument and historical site of the Battle of Santa Clara. You will then travel to the coast, to beautiful Playa Larga on the Zapata Peninsula. After check-in and lunch, you will visit the museum in Playa Girón, which chronicles the story of the Bay of Pigs invasion, and then Guamá, a small island in the Ciénega of Zapata. Before dinner, enjoy a late afternoon swim close to the hotel. *Overnight at Casa Enrique. (B)*

NOVEMBER 4 - PLAYA VARADERO

After breakfast begin your travels north the opposite coast, and Playa Varadero. En route, stop in Cárdenas, where you will have lunch at a paladar then visit the City Museum and the Oscar María de Rojas Museum, Cuba's second oldest museum and home to cultural and natural artifacts of the region. After check-in to your hotel, perhaps enjoy a late afternoon swim. *Overnight at Memories Varadero. (BL)*

NOVEMBER 5 - PLAYA VARADERO

Today you will visit the Triunvirato Monument in Cidra and learn about the slave rebellions in the Matanzas province. You will then go to the Sauto Theater in Matanzas for a rumba presentation in the Simpson neighborhood. Your day will also include visits to the San Severino Fortress and the community of La Marina, where you will experience an Afro-Cuban religious ceremony. *Overnight at Memories Varadero. (B)*

NOVEMBER 6 - HAVANA

This morning you will have time for a swim before traveling to Havana. This afternoon you will have time to settle into your hotel and explore your new surroundings. *Overnight at Hotel Capri. (B)*

NOVEMBER 7 - HAVANA

Today begins with a visit to the Martin Luther King Park on 23rd Street, followed by the Maine Memorial, and the Flags Memorial to pay homage to Rev. Lucius Walker, an American minister who made 21 annual missions to Cuba during his lifetime, bringing supplies and aid in spite of the U.S. embargo. You will also visit the University Students Memorial on Infanta, the General Quintín Banderas Monument in Parque Trillo, and the Parque Maceo, commemorating Cuban heroes of the Revolution and the War of Independence. After lunch, tour

Cathedral square and the arts and crafts shops. *Overnight at Hotel Capri. (BL)*

NOVEMBER 8 - HAVANA

This morning you will drive by the Miramar Research Center, the famous Malecón, and Revolution Square. After lunch at a paladar in Old Havana, visit the Africa House and take a walking tour of the city. You will also have a chance to visit the Handicraft Market before heading back to your hotel. In the evening, visit the Cuban Art Factory (FAC). For those that wish, your driver will be taking you to Old Havana this evening if you'd like to see what the nightlife has to offer! *Overnight at Hotel Capri. (BL)*

NOVEMBER 9 - HAVANA

This morning you will visit the Park of Eminent African Leaders in Miramar, followed by the site where Gen. Antonio Maceo fell in combat in Punta Brava, and his burial site in El Cacahual. This afternoon tour the Napoleonic Museum. In the evening, gather together for a farewell party at the Caribbean Center, La Caribeña in Marianao. *Overnight at Hotel Capri. (BD)*

NOVEMBER 10 - DEPARTURE

This morning you will be transferred to the Havana International Airport for your early afternoon flight back to Miami. *(B)*

LAND PRICING

\$2,850 (minimum 12 participants)

Includes accommodations, meals, entrance fees, and activities listed in itinerary, international airfare from Miami, Cuban health insurance, visa fee, departure tax, full-time guide for duration of program, non-alcoholic beverages with meals, bottled water on the bus, and private transportation unless otherwise noted in the itinerary.

Does not include gratuities and items of a personal nature.

Contact Holbrook for flight connections and cost from your home city.

THE FINE PRINT

Cost is based on double occupancy; a limited number of single rooms may be available at an additional cost of \$760 per person. A \$200 per person deposit and enrollment form is required to hold your space. This deposit is refundable until July 25, 2017 excluding a \$100 cancellation fee. Final payments are due no later than July 30, 2017; cancellations received after this date are not refundable. 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.

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