

Pan Am Historical Foundation Exploring Havana

October 26-31, 2015



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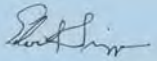
In 1927 Pan American Airways completed its inaugural flight from Key West to Havana, and 88 years later we are thrilled to return to Cuba.

I hope you will join us on our visit to Cuba, an amazing country unlike any other in the Caribbean. Our program has been designed to explore the richness of Cuban culture while interacting with local residents and professionals to gain a new, in-depth perception of Cuban life.

Accommodations will be at the Hotel Nacional, Pan Am's former travel partner in Cuba, which also became an Inter-Continental hotel in 1955. You will enjoy extensive tours of the city and private performances by some of Cuba's leading dance and musical groups. Also planned are round-table discussions and presentations with Cuban historians, architects and economists.

I encourage you to make your reservation today!

Warmest regards,



Ed Trippe
Chairman
Pan Am Historical Foundation

Itinerary

Havana L,D

October 26: Monday. Depart Miami bound for Havana.

Upon arrival, drive to the Hotel Nacional for a welcome “mojito” in the hotel’s Hall of Fame. The Hotel Nacional, Havana’s iconic hotel, opened in 1930 when Cuba was a prime travel destination for Americans.

Enjoy lunch at La Barraca Restaurant, located outside on the beautiful grounds of the Nacional Hotel.

This afternoon we will enjoy a city orientation tour by bus, led by Ayleen Robaiyna, a noted architectural historian. The tour will include a visit to the Riviera Hotel which, when it opened in 1958, was considered a marvel of modern design and remains today an iconic example of 1950 architecture. We will continue with a drive along La Rampa to the Parque Copelia, a large, urban park and end the afternoon with a visit to the University of Havana, which remains today an important institute with students from all over the world.

Enjoy a private cocktail reception followed by a welcome dinner at the Cafe del Oriente.

Havana B,L,D

October 27: Tuesday. This morning our group will begin exploring Havana, which has the reputation of being among the foremost examples of Spanish colonial architecture in the Americas. Restoration work in the old parts of the city has helped to reveal the glories of the past. We begin by viewing a scale-model of Old Havana. The model serves as an excellent introduction to the plan of the old city. Close by is the Plaza de

Armas which was built in 1584 for military exercises. Havana’s town hall is located on the square and now houses the city museum and provides an overview of its history. We will also visit the Cathedral of Saint Christopher located on the cobbled Plaza de la Catedral. The Cathedral has been described by one Cuban writer as “music set in stone”. The square is surrounded by some of Havana’s oldest buildings.

Attend a rehearsal of the Camerata Romeu, an all-women group of musicians followed by lunch at Moneda Cubana.

After lunch visit the Presidential Palace, a huge ornate building topped by a dome and now known as the home of the Revolutionary Museum. The history of Cuban political development is illustrated here from the slave uprisings to joint missions with the ex-Soviet Union. A few minutes away by foot is the Granma Memorial which preserves the vessel, a surprisingly large launch, that brought Fidel Castro, Che Guevara and other revolutionaries from Mexico to Cuba in 1956.

Before dinner this evening at Cafe Laurent.

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October 28: Wednesday. After breakfast this morning, enjoy a lecture by Ricardo Torres, a macro-economist and professor at the University of Havana, on “The Changing Faces of Cuba’s Economic Structure.”

Following the morning lecture we will take a bus to watch a rehearsal of the Danza Contemporánea de Cuba, an extraordinary dance group that melds the techniques of classical ballet and American modern dance with Afro-Cuban dance; Cuban rumba, and Spanish flamenco. From here we will meet with staff at Vivero Alamar, a state-owned research garden to learn about urban gardening. Following the collapse of the USSR,



Cuba suffered a severe depression, which became known as the “Special Period,” and Cuba, and Havana in particular, suffered from severe food shortages.

After lunch at El Ajibe, we will visit to Ernest Hemingway’s home, which has been lovingly preserved and recently restored by the Cuban government. The house is just as Hemingway left it, with his books on the tables and many of his favorite photographs on display.

Dinner this evening will be at leisure and our guides can assist in providing recommendations and making dinner reservations at some of Havana’s best known private restaurants.

Havana / Day Excursion to Pinar del Rio B,L,D

October 29 Thursday. Depart for a full day excursion to the western part of Cuba where dramatic limestone peaks tower above verdant valleys. Drive to Pinar del Rio, stopping en route at an Orchid Farm at Soroa. The hilly grounds contain over 800 species of plants all thriving in the humid climate. Continue to the Valle de Vinales to admire Cuba’s most famous landscape and visit a tobacco farm to learn about the tobacco industry.

Enjoy lunch at a private farm with beautiful views overlooking the valley.

After returning to the hotel, enjoy a discussion on “*Contemporary life in Cuba*” by Dr. Rena Perez, formerly with the Ministry of Agriculture.

Enjoy dinner at Le Chansonnier.



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October 30: Friday. Enjoy a morning discussion on “US/Cuban Relations” led by Professor Raul Rodriquez from the University of Havana.

Continue on to the Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes: Arte Cubano (Cuban Collection). The museum’s origins date back to 1842 when the San Alejandro Art Academy started its collection, forming the nucleus of the museum founded in 1913. The tour this morning will be accompanied by a contemporary art curator, Lucila Hernandez.

Drive through the neighborhood known as Jaimanitas and visit the home and studio of artist Jose Fuster who has turned his neighborhood into one enormous piece of mosaic art.

Enjoy lunch at La Ferminia.

Enjoy a farewell dinner at one of Havana’s best paladars, L’ Atelier.

Return B

October 31: Saturday. Return flight from Havana to Miami.

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Program Costs and Inclusions

Trip Price: \$3,570

Single room supplement: \$460 (Limited Availability)

Trip price includes roundtrip airfare on charter flights from Miami to Cuba, accommodations at the Hotel Nacional based on double occupancy, all meals listed (B-breakfast, L-lunch, D-dinner), one drink with lunch and one with dinner, bottled water kept on the bus, sightseeing and excursions as listed, transportation in a deluxe, air conditioned motor coach, the services of a Distant Horizons tour manager and of a local Cuban guide, a Cuban visa, gratuities, Cuban departure tax of 25 CUC's, and mandatory health insurance and evacuation required by the Cuban Government which provides \$25,000 worth of medical coverage and \$7,000 worth of medical transportation.

Trip price does not include domestic airfare to and from Miami, any overnights in Miami, luggage charges, additional drinks at meals, trip cancellation, lost baggage and medical insurance (above a mandatory amount required by the Cuban government), items of a purely personal nature and any items not listed.

Please note that participants must be in good physical condition and be able to walk for long distances over uneven cobblestones and up and down stairs without problems.



Hotel Nacional

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Reservations are subject to availability and processed on a first come, first served basis. Priority will be given to Pan Am Historical Foundation members. Reservations to be paid in full by August 26, 2015 (60 days prior to departure). Reservations received after this date must be accompanied by payment in full. Final payment may be made by personal check, payable to Distant Horizons.

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*Your deposit is refundable up to 60 days prior to departure less a \$500 administration fee.

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