



Jewish Heritage Cuba and Much More
February 19 – February 26, 2018
La Habana, Cienfuegos, Trinidad de Cuba

There is still time to experience Cuba the right way

It has been said that you experience Cuba with all of your senses. With a mix of black, white and Indian races, Cuban culture's vibrancy and vitality is alive. Cuba is old, some of it is destroyed, and it feels as though time has stopped. Cuba is full of life from the aroma of cooking food, to the rhythm in the way people move, to the sound of music in the air.

Land package includes:

- **8 days, 7 nights in Cuba**
- Experienced driver; modern A/C bus with W.C.
- Professional English speaking Cuban guide specialized in Jewish Heritage missions
- Tips to wait staff at included meals
- Cuban Medical insurance
- Meetings with leaders and members of the Cuban Jewish Community
- Participation at the **rehearsal of the newest dance troupe** in Cuba whose styles reflect salsa, flamenco, modern, African and ballet.
- Presentation, Power Point and Q&A with noted **Cuban historian on the Jews of Cuba**
- Guided visit to the **Bellas Artes museum by museum curator** and member of the Jewish Community of Havana

- **Cigar factory tour**
- Guided tour of the **Museum of the Revolution** – To understand Cuba is to understand the revolution
- **Private choral performance**
- Entrance fees to museums and sites of interest as per itinerary
- Tips to porters
- US Religious License for Travel to Cuba
- **Gratuity to guide and driver**
- **MEALS: 15 meals** - Breakfast: 7
Lunch: 3 Dinner: 5
 - No pork will be served
 - A fish or pasta dish will be available upon request at each meal – we can accommodate most dietary requirements
 - Erev Shabbat dinner will be with the Community
- **TZEDAKAH for the Cuban Jewish Community** - \$50 is included in the trip cost per participant which we will donate as a group once in Cuba.



Land price per person:

Double occupancy: \$3,246

Single occupancy: \$3,802

Airfare to and from Havana is not included.

Registration and deposit deadline: November 28, 2017

Balance payment deadline: January 8, 2018

YOUR TOUR OPERATOR: World Passage Ltd has been licensed by the Department of the Treasury as a Travel Service Provider authorized to take groups to Cuba. World Passage has been in the business for 19 years and has taken over 800 groups to Cuba. They are the oldest tour operators to Cuba. www.worldpassageltd.com



A GREAT MITZVAH – A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE – A FUN TRIP

Trip Itinerary

Subject to Change

Meals: B = breakfast; L= lunch; D= dinner

During your visit these Optional non included activities are available:

- Visit to private art galleries – for serious art collectors – limit 10 persons
- Rum tasting with cigar – fee
- Salsa lesson – by noted professional performer - fee



Day 1 – Monday – 2/19 — USA -Havana

- Flight to Havana
- After clearing customs and immigration at Jose Marti Airport, you will take a short drive to the Hotel Sevilla for check in
- Meet and greet by our English speaking guide at Hotel Sevilla Lobby
- Presentation and Q&A with Cuban historian on the History of the Jews of Cuba
- Welcome dinner (included)

Meals: D

Day 2 –Tuesday – 2/20 - Havana

- Participation at the rehearsal of the newest dance troupe in Cuba whose styles reflect salsa, flamenco, modern, African and ballet. Q&A to follow.
- Guided walking tour of Old Havana – Havana was so important to the Spanish Empire that in order to obtain its return after its capture by the British they gave them all of Florida
- Lunch in old Havana (included meal)
- Visit to the Patronato – the largest synagogue in Havana
- Visit to the pharmacy of the Patronato – which provides free medicines not only to the Jewish Cuban Community but to any Cuban with a prescription
- Dinner and Evening at your leisure to enjoy the many private restaurants (Paladares) and night life of Havana. Your guide will assist you with your selection

Meals: B, L

Day 3 – Wednesday – 2/21 – Havana - Cienfuegos

- Departure for town of Cienfuegos in Central Cuba
- Light lunch (included meal)
- Time to visit Cienfuegos including the Teatro Tomas Terry built in the late 1800's by the sons of Sr. Tomas who had made his fortune in sugar and slaves. It hosted Enrico Caruso, Anna Pavlova and Sarah Bernhardt among others.
- Meeting with the small Jewish Community at the home of one of its members

- Visit to local young artists' gallery founded by the son of the leader of the Jewish Community of Cienfuegos and his friends
- Private choral performance – Cienfuegos is famous for its choral groups
- Dinner at El Palacio del Valle (included meal). The former home of a sugar baron from Andalusia – his home reflects his love of the Alhambra

Meals: B, L, D

Day 4 – Thursday – 2/22 Cienfuegos – Trinidad - Cienfuegos

- Visit to Trinidad de Cuba. A UNESCO world heritage site - an 18th century town where little has changed
- Guided visit to the Palacio Cantero – the 18th century home of one of the richest sugar barons of the region
- Lunch at your leisure with free time to explore this colonial city
- Optional non included activity: Sunset cruise on the bay – open bar
- Dinner at our hotel at a time of your choosing (included meal)

Meals: B, D

Day 5 – Friday – 2/23 - Cienfuegos - Havana

- Guanabacoa, a suburb of Havana, tour of the Jewish cemetery. Visit to the first Holocaust Memorial in Western hemisphere
- Visit to Hemingway's home in Cuba – La Finca Vigia – just as he left it. He said of Cuba that “it was the best place in the world to write”. Many of his classics including “The Old Man and the Sea” were written here
- Return to the hotel time for lunch, at your leisure and to enjoy the hotel pool
- Erev Shabbat Services at the Patronato (optional included activity)
- After services, you will eat as a group at the Patronato with the Community (included meal)

Meals: B, D

Day 6 – Saturday – 2/24 - Havana

- Callejon Hamel – A glimpse into the world of Afro-Cuban religion, the most popular faith in Cuba.
- Visit to the craft market.
- Remainder of the day at your leisure.
- Services are available at the Patronato and at the Sephardic center
- Optional Non Included Activity – 8 pm - a performance at the National Theatre.

Meals: B

Day 7 – Sunday – 2/25 – Havana

- Guided tour of Museo Bellas Artes – the history of Cuba through its art – led by museum curator and member of the Jewish Community

- Visit to studio/home of Fuster – the Picasso of Cuba – his studio and neighborhood are unique
 - Lunch (included meal)
 - Guided visit to the Museo de la Revolucion – you have spent a week seeing the reality - now for the “theory” of the Revolucion.
 - Farmer’s Market to see where Cuban’s buy and a bit of private enterprise in Cuba
 - Farewell Dinner at Café Oriente (included meal)
 - Optional non included activity: Tropicana – a Cuban tradition since the 30’s
- Meals: B, L, D**



Day 8 – Monday – 2/26 - Havana – USA

- Cigar factory tour
- A couple of surprise stops
- Transfer to Havana airport
- Flight to USA.

Meals: B

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