

Havana to Viñales Photography Excursion

Saturday February 2nd through Sunday February 10th, 2019

WHAT

An intimate group of photo enthusiasts traveling to Cuba with your own professional support team to help you in real time to maximize the potential of your images

WHERE

Capture the energy of Havana with its 15th century backdrop, colorful mid-century cars, its vibrant art scene, dancers, musicians and more, with an overnight trip to the countryside to photograph private tobacco farms in Viñales

HOW MUCH

USD \$4,500.00* all-inclusive double room occupancy (without airfare)
\$350 for single room supplemental
\$800 deposit to secure booking

ITINERARY (subject to minor changes)

Day 1: Saturday, February 2nd (Arrival in Havana)

- Private transfer from José Martí Airport to check in at your *casa particular*/B&B
- Sunset photo walk along the Malecón and welcome rum (if you land in time)
- Welcome dinner with the whole group (location TBD)

Day 2: Sunday, February 3rd

- Sunrise (approximately 7am) on the Malecón with fishermen
- 8:30 am breakfast where you're staying
- Morning walk to the Capitol Building
- Visit local artist
- Lunch at the Art Pub
- Explore various squares/plazas
- Sunset on the Malecón
- Dinner (location TBD) with music

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Day 3: Monday, February 4th

- 7am bus ride to Viñales (approximately 2 ½ hours)
- Visit two major tobacco farms and the valleys
- Pig roast with our host tobacco farmer

Day 4: Tuesday, February 5th

- Photograph the valley at sunrise
- Breakfast at 8:30 with your host
- Explore the valley of Viñales
- Lunch in route to Pinar del Río (approximately 45 minutes)
- Visit artist studio and have dinner there
- Return to Havana
- Night walk in Havana

Day 5: Wednesday, February 6th

- Sunrise photo shoot on the street
- 8:30 breakfast with host
- 10:30 to *Gimnasio de Boxeo Trejo* (boxing gym)
- Lunch with an Artist in their studio
- Ride in old cars to visit *El Cristo de La Habana* (Havana's Statue of Christ)
- Afternoon at *El Moro* (The Castle originally built in 1589) with view of Havana's coastline and skyline
- Sunset at the Malecón
- Dinner and music (location TBD)
- Night photo walk

Day 6: Thursday, February 7th

- 6am wake up
- Flamenco Dancers in Havana's Cathedral Square
- Breakfast with a professor from the Old Havana Restoration School and Workshop
- Tour given by the professor of this institution, leading Havana's historic preservation
- Visit *Taller Experimental de Grafica* (Artists' workshop) in Old Havana
- Lunch at a nearby paladar
- Afternoon at *Camera Obscura* followed by optional excursions to Hemingway House or *Fusterlandia*
- Sunset at the Malecón, then to dinner nearby (location TBD)
- Music venues and clubs, if you choose

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Day 7: Friday, February 8th

- Sunrise photo walk
- 8:30am breakfast at your host *casa*
- Explore neighborhoods outside Old Havana
- Visit various locals in their homes
- Lunch at the Art Pub
- Walk the squares of Old Havana
- Afternoon ferry ride to fishing village
- Sunset on the Malecón
- Music and drinks at the Hotel National
- Dinner at the Art Factory with music, movies, art and fun

Day 8: Saturday, February 9th

- Sunrise photo walk on the streets or at the waterfront
- 8:30 breakfast at your *casa*
- This is the day to explore and finish up photo projects that you started
- Personal walks with Glenn or Bruce
- Farewell dinner at one of Cuba's best spots

Day 9: Sunday, February 10th

- Departure (trip extensions can be arranged upon request)

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What's Included:

- All meals
- All ground transport in Cuba
- Double occupancy accommodations with breakfast in *casas* (B&B style)
- Visa to Cuba
- Medical insurance in Cuba
- Fees to all attractions and events on itinerary

What's NOT included:

- Flights to Havana, Cuba
- Additional alcoholic beverages
- Travel cancellation or international travel insurance
- Internet or communication costs in Cuba
- Tips for local guides, wait staff, and housekeepers
- Baggage charges that exceed your airline's allowance

You must have the following:

- Current passport with at least 2 blank pages (not to expire within 6 months of trip)
- Tourist Visa (we will take care of this for you)
- Any medications you take (you will not be able to find replacements there)
- Carry the cash you think you'll need (credit/debit cards or travelers checks not accepted)
- Cuba requires visitors to declare cash >\$5K. A 10% fee applies to all cash exchanges

We recommend you bring:

All the toiletries you will need (i.e.: toilet paper, wipes, soap, shampoo, conditioner, facial cleanser, tampons/pads, deodorant, mouthwash, toothpaste, toothbrush, hair elastics, shaver, ointments, Q-tips, band-aids, etc...)

Do not bring:

Walkie talkies, satellite phones, GPS devices, drones. No US cell service. Plan also to be without internet (though it's available in some hotels for a fee, it's slow and unreliable). We will have a Cuban phone with us if you need to make a call

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