

Cuba's Charming Colonial Cities & Havana

October 20-27, 2019



DAY 1, SUNDAY OCTOBER 20, 2019

ARRIVE IN CAMAGÜEY, CUBA.

Arrive in Camagüey, Cuba's third-largest city and transfer to your hotel. Tonight, meet your Globus Group Leader and Cuban National Tour Director for a 7 pm welcome dinner. This is a good time to meet fellow program participants, get your questions answered, and prepare for your time in fascinating Cuba. (Dinner)

DAY 2, MONDAY OCTOBER 21, 2019

CAMAGÜEY. EXCURSION TO KING RANCH.

This morning, see the city's beautifully restored plazas and learn why Camagüey is nicknamed the "City of Squares." One of the first seven villages founded by the Spaniards, much of the city has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Next, meet dancers with the world-renowned Camagüey BALLET COMPANY, which has performed in over 40 countries. You'll have a chance to meet and interact with the dancers, teachers, and costume-makers. Journey to KING RANCH, an expansion of the famous Texas ranch of the same name, and its neighboring village, and step inside a home to discuss rural life. Then, over a barbecue lunch, connect with the cowboys who call the ranch home. Stop at CASANOVA POTTERY STUDIO to learn about Camagüey's famous tinajones—large red pots found outside homes, a symbol of the city. See the traditional way of making the vessels and interact with the artists to learn the local legend. This evening is free to explore more of Camagüey on your own. (Breakfast, Lunch)

DAY 3, TUESDAY OCTOBER 22, 2019

CAMAGÜEY—TRINIDAD—CIENFUEGOS.

Travel to Trinidad, crown jewel of Cuba's colonial cities, founded in 1514 and today a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Upon arrival, enjoy lunch at a CASA PARTICULAR (bed & breakfast) and discuss private enterprise in Cuba with the owners and staff. This afternoon stroll the streets of Trinidad, a cobblestone showcase of colonial architecture and pastel colored houses decorated with wooden shutters and wrought-iron grilles. Caged songbirds outside the home are a Trinidad tradition. Spend time at TEMPLO YEMAYA to discuss Santería. The religion was first brought to Cuba by African slaves who worked at the sugar plantations, and it has connections to Roman Catholicism and Native Indian traditions. Continue to Cienfuegos for a 2-night stay. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

DAY 4, WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 23, 2019

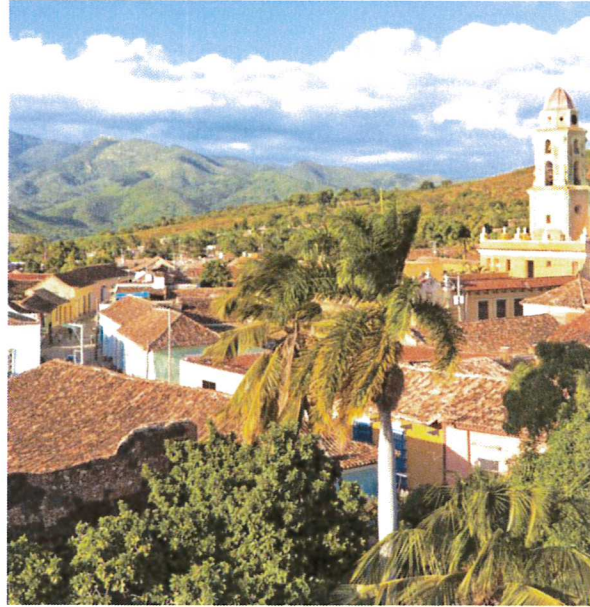
CIENFUEGOS.

Start the day by engaging with tobacco rollers at a CIGAR FACTORY, and learn about the importance of tobacco, both culturally and commercially, for Cuba. Next, get acquainted with Cienfuegos on a walking tour around the main square. Settled by immigrants from France and Louisiana more than 150 years ago, Cienfuegos is often referred to as the "Pearl of the South" because of its impressive beauty and colorful history. Join in a discussion with artists at a GRAPHIC ARTS STUDIO and learn more about their lives, work, and how their art is created. Before returning to your hotel, enjoy a performance and discussion with the Cienfuegos ORCHESTRA. Dinner is served at a local paladar. (Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY 5, THURSDAY OCTOBER 24, 2019

CIENFUEGOS—BAY OF PIGS—HAVANA.

After breakfast, travel through the countryside, passing sugar cane fields and banana plantations. We'll stop in Playa Girón for a guided visit of the BAY OF PIGS MUSEUM. Nearby is the old sugar mill used by Fidel Castro as his center of operations during the 1961 invasion. Over lunch, join in a DISCUSSION with a local Naturalist as well as the family that runs the restaurant. Arrive in Havana and interact with the young member of EN BUSCA DEL SOL (in Search of the sun), a community project founded by a local artist. This evening you are free to explore Havana on your own. Your Cuban Tour Director will have suggestions for dining and additional sightseeing. (Breakfast, Lunch)



DAY 6, FRIDAY OCTOBER 25, 2019

HAVANA.

Your day begins with a walk through the streets of OLD HAVANA, A UNESCO World Heritage Site. Discuss with your Cuban Tour Director Havana's unique architecture, the challenges of renovating the city's exquisite historic buildings, and the future of these restorations. Next, our attention turns to Nobel Prize-winning novelist Ernest Hemingway, who lived in Cuba for more than 30 years and left behind an enduring legacy. It is here that he wrote several books, participated in fishing contests, and enjoyed the laid-back ambiance and warmth of the Cuban people. Engage with staff at FINCA VIGIA, his beloved home, and see his fishing boat, El Pilar. Next, visit a COMMUNITY PROJECT to interact with the children and volunteers who run the program. This evening is free to explore Havana on your own. You may wish to visit the famous Tropicana Nightclub, see a baseball game (seasonal), visit some of Hemingway's old haunts, or explore the charming cobblestone streets of Old Havana. (Breakfast, Lunch)

DAY 7, SATURDAY OCTOBER 26, 2019

HAVANA.

Explore the world-famous COLON CEMETERY with its elaborately sculpted memorials. Hear the cemetery's captivating history, folklore, and stories about the many noteworthy people laid to rest here, including musicians, filmmakers, writers, politicians, Major League Baseball players, and La Milagrosa—the "Miraculous One." Afterward, tour the illustrious HOTEL NACIONAL DE CUBA, a symbol of history, culture, and Cuban identity. The hotel has hosted celebrities and world figures over the decades, including Winston Churchill, Frank Sinatra, Muhammad Ali, and Steven Spielberg. Over lunch, meet former Cuban baseball players for a DISCUSSION about the history and the love of this favorite pastime in Cuba and the United States. Next, visit JOSÉ FUSTER'S STUDIO, cleverly nicknamed the "Picasso of the Caribbean." Here, you'll discover a surreal world—like nothing you've seen before. Interact with members of the neighborhood to discuss the project's impact on the surrounding area. Before your farewell dinner this evening, enjoy a ride in an OLD TYLER car—the perfect ending to your time in Cuba. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

DAY 8, SUNDAY OCTOBER 27, 2019

HAVANA.

Your program ends after breakfast with guests departing on individual schedules. Airport transfers are provided. (Breakfast)

Cuba Tips & Information

Group Voyagers, Inc.* is an organization licensed by the United States Department of the Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC), CFR 515.565(b) and authorized to provide those who register as participants in our programs to visit Cuba legally for educational *people-to-people* interactions. Our itineraries provide a fulltime schedule of *people-to-people* educational exchange activities designed to result in meaningful interactions between our travelers and individuals in Cuba. United States law requires that all participants in our programs adhere to the full-time schedule of *people-to-people* activities.

Legal Travel to Cuba

- You will travel with Globus on a *people-to-people* educational exchange program, operated under an OFAC general license, and you will therefore be legally licensed and authorized to travel to Cuba. Globus previously applied for and received individual licenses from OFAC. Thus, travelers with Globus can be confident that our itineraries are compliant with all OFAC requirements. Before departing on your trip, you will receive a Letter of Authorization from Globus stating that you have permission to travel under that license. You should keep this Letter of Authorization on file for 5 years as part of your travel documents.
- You should be aware that you are not traveling to Cuba as a "tourist." You will be traveling as part of a *people-to-people* educational exchange program and must participate in all program activities.

Program Information

- Under the requirements set forth by OFAC, you must participate in a full-time schedule of *people-to-people* activities. These activities will provide a rewarding cultural and educational exchange and give you the opportunity to engage directly with the Cuban people. Our experience has found that Cubans are interested and well informed about world events and are open to discussing the pros and cons of their country.
- While full participation in our scheduled program is required during the day, you can explore on your own during early morning hours or in the evenings.
- *People-to-people* interactions allow you to share your culture and ideas with the Cuban people while learning about them at the same time. These interactions rely on you getting involved in conversations and interactions with local Cubans. You will travel with a Globus Group Leader as well as a Cuban National Tour Director who will help facilitate these interactions. Though sometimes the people you'll interact with don't speak English, our Tour Director is there to translate, and you'd be surprised at how much you can gain by using body language. This is a great opportunity to share your heritage and culture with the Cuban people, and they will be equally as enthusiastic to share theirs with you.
- Things work differently in Cuba than here at home. Activities that have been scheduled far in advance can sometimes become unavailable for several different reasons. The purpose of the trip is to have meaningful interactions with the locals and if the planned *people-to-people* educational exchange isn't available, rest assured that another will be substituted that will be just as enriching.
- Beginning in Camagüey, Cuba, a Globus Group Leader will accompany your group throughout the trip. In addition, a Cuban National Tour Director will meet you upon arrival in Cuba. He or she will share their knowledge and passion for their homeland with you throughout your stay in Cuba. Our Globus Group Leader and Cuban National Tour Director are trained and experienced professionals fluent in English as well as in Spanish.
- Travelers who are under 18 years old on the departure date must be accompanied by an adult throughout the trip and must share an adult's accommodation. Children under 8 years of age are not allowed on this program.

Passport & Visa

- A passport (valid for at least six months after the scheduled return date) is required for this trip.
- A visa/tourist card is also required to visit Cuba. The cost is \$110 per person. This will be handled at final payment with Higgins Travel Leaders.
- Due to the special requirements to visit Cuba, you will be required to complete the following forms:
 - A travel affidavit form confirming you are traveling under a *people-to-people* license and will participate in a full-time schedule of educational exchange activities
 - A color photocopy of the photo page of your valid passport.
- If the above documents are not provided to Globus, you will not be allowed to travel.
- Please pay careful attention when completing forms in Cuba. Some forms ask for year, month, date (YYMMDD), while others ask for date, month, year (DDMMYY)

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Price: \$3,650 + mandatory travel insurance of \$249 (per person based on double occupancy)

Single occupancy supplement: \$575.00 + mandatory travel insurance of \$299

Included Tour Features:

- Transportation to Minneapolis Airport
- Roundtrip Airfare
- 7 nights in hotels
- 8 days of private coach service
- Luggage service
- Breakfast daily
- 4 dinners
- Local guides
- All gratuities

Not included: The cost of a Cuban Visa/Tourist Card for \$110 per person

General Information

Reservations:

Payment 1 (Land): A \$250 per person deposit plus mandatory travel insurance* is due to secure the LAND portion of this tour. **Payment must be made by personal check made out to Globus or personal credit card. Total cost for land is \$2,814 per person** based on double occupancy. Single supplement is an additional \$575.

- **Mandatory Travel Insurance** (must be purchased at the time of deposit): **\$249** based on double occupancy. **\$299** for single occupancy.

Payment 2 (Airfare): A \$100 deposit per person deposit is due to secure the AIR portion of this tour. **Payment must be made by personal check to HIGGINS TRAVEL LEADERS.** Mail to 2514 Golf Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701. **Total cost for roundtrip airfare is \$836/person.**

Final payment will be due June 17, 2019. We will send you an invoice.

Cancellation Schedule:

- From receipt of deposit to June 17, 2019 – deposit & insurance non-refundable
- From June 18, 2019 & later – No refund

Important: You must possess a valid U.S. Passport. The passport must be valid for a minimum of six months from your return to the U.S. at the end of the tour (October 27, 2019)

Registration Form
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1. Name: _____ D.O.B. _____
(first, middle & last legal names as they appear on passport)

Passport # _____ Exp. Date _____

2. Name: _____ D.O.B. _____
(first, middle & last legal names as they appear on passport)

Passport # _____ Exp. Date _____

Please include a **COLOR PHOTO COPY** of the inside photo page of each passport with your application. (If applying new or renewing, send later)

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Email: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Roommate (not listed above): _____ Special requests: _____

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In case of an emergency, please contact:

Name _____ Relationship _____

Phone or Email _____

Contact Joan Lorenz at Higgins Travel Leaders
2514 Golf Road Eau Claire, WI 54703
715-834-2686



Cuba Travel Affidavit

TRAVEL AFFIDAVIT- GENERAL/SPECIFIC LICENSES

I understand that travel transactions related to Cuba must be directly incident to one of the self-authorizing general license purposeful travel categories or travel authorized under the auspice of a specific license granted on a case-by-case basis. Under current US travel restrictions with respect to Cuba, travel-related transactions are prohibited except for the following categories and that by signing my name at the bottom of this Affidavit, I declare that I qualify for one the enumerated categories.

I have checked the applicable authorized category of travel below.

☒ **EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND PEOPLE TO PEOPLE EXCHANGES, CFR 515.565**

For additional information on the individual OFAC categories of travel to Cuba in more detail please visit the OFAC website or the questions and answers page directly at :

https://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/Programs/Documents/cuba_faqs_new.pdf

Your below signature constitutes an affirmation that you qualify for one the above afore mentioned OFAC travel categories and you will comply with the travel regulations as they relate to travel to Cuba.

I certify that the above information is true and correct.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name (as shown on passport):	Country of Birth:
First Name:	Passport Country of Issue :
Middle Name:	Passport Number:
Last Name:	Passport Expiration Date (MM/DD/YY):
Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY):	Street Address:
Contact Phone:	City, State, Zip Code:
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