

CUBA



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500 YEARS OF HISTORY

*Led by Alberto Jones*

November 6-17, 2015

For about 50 years our perception of Cuba, a country that was politically isolated since 1962, was primarily shaped by second hand information. Led by Alberto Jones, a passionate Cuban activist, this program offers participants the unique opportunity to experience Cuba first hand. Travel to both ends of Cuba on this 12 day journey, and uncover the history, culture and reserves of this untouched country.

### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Gain on-site exposure to 500 years of America's history.
- Learn about Afro Cuban experiences from outstanding intellectuals.
- Enjoy Havana's majestic architecture without going to Barcelona.
- Eat in local paladares and sample authentic Cuban cuisine.
- Visit Las Terrazas, a beautiful nature reserve, and discover some of Cuba's unique flora and fauna.

### 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 6 - MIAMI

Overnight in Miami. (For those not needing an overnight in Miami, a credit will be given to you.)  
*Overnight at Comfort Inn & Suites.*

### NOVEMBER 7 - SANTIAGO DE CUBA

Very early this morning you will take the hotel shuttle to the airport to check in for the charter flight to Santiago de Cuba. Enjoy a welcome cocktail upon arrival. You will have an early afternoon dinner at Paladar La Madrilena and Jazz Club La Iris. *Overnight at Hotel Casa Granda.*

### NOVEMBER 8 - SANTIAGO DE CUBA

Breakfast at hotel. Visit General Antonio Maceo's Home and San Juan Hill. Lunch. Visit General Antonio Maceo Square and Jose Marti Mausoleum. Dinner and tour Parque Cespedes and La Trova. *Overnight at Hotel Casa Granda. (B)*

### NOVEMBER 9 - SANTIAGO DE CUBA

After breakfast, visit the Caribbean Medical School and the Moncada Garrison. Lunch. Visit the Emilio Bacardi Museum and the Spanish Armada Sunken Fleet outside of Santiago de Cuba. Dinner with historians. *Overnight at Hotel Casa Granda. (B)*

### NOVEMBER 10 - GUARDALAVACA

Enjoy breakfast and depart hotel to Guardalavaca, Holguin. Brief visit to the Basilica El Cobre. Travel to Bayamo. Tour Old Square, Catholic and Baptist churches. Have lunch and continue to Guardalavaca, Holguin. Arrive at the lodge in Melia Rio de Mares (all inclusive). Evening free. *Overnight at Melia Rio de Mares. (BD)*

### NOVEMBER 11 - GUARDALAVACA

Today we will go to the beach and visit Archeological Dig Chorro de Maita. During the evening, we will attend a cultural gala. *Overnight at Melia Rio de Mares. (BLD)*

### NOVEMBER 12 - SANTA CLARA

After breakfast, depart hotel. Tour downtown Camaguey. Lunch at a paladar. Travel to Santa Clara and lodge in Los Caneyes. *Overnight at Los Caneyes. (B)*

### NOVEMBER 13 - HAVANA

Breakfast and depart hotel. Tour Che Guevara Mausoleum and the Armored Train Memorial.

Continue to Havana and lodge in Hotel Telegrafo. Spend the evening in Cathedral Square. *Overnight at Hotel Telegrafo. (B)*

### NOVEMBER 14 - HAVANA

After breakfast, take a bus drive through Vedado, Miramar, Plaza de la Revolucion and University of Havana. Visit Cojimar. Lunch at a paladar and tour Tarara. During the evening go to the Morro Castle for the gun salute. *Overnight at Hotel Telegrafo. (B)*

### NOVEMBER 15 - HAVANA

Breakfast at hotel. Tour Literary Museum, Cathedral Plaza and Museum of Captain General. Lunch. Visit Maqueta de la Ciudad and Arts and Craft Gift Store. During the evening, visit La Rampa and Sierra Maestra Club at Habana Libre or Cabaret Nacional. *Overnight at Hotel Telegrafo. (B)*

### NOVEMBER 16 - HAVANA

After breakfast, visit Las Terrazas. Lunch. Travel to Mirador de Viñales. Farewell dinner at Paladar Calle F between 1st and 3rd Ave. End the night in Vedado. *Overnight at Hotel Telegrafo. (B)*

### NOVEMBER 17 - DEPARTURE

Depart hotel after breakfast. Visit Havana Botanical Garden. Lunch at a paladar and be at the airport by 3:00 p.m. *(B)*

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## PROGRAM PRICING

**\$2,395** per person

*Includes charter flights, meals per itinerary (10 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 2 dinners), accommodations, in-country transportation, activities as mentioned, Cuban visa, departure tax, and Cuban health insurance.*

*Cost does not include gratuities, entrance fees, or items of a personal nature.*

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## THE FINE PRINT

*Cost is based on double occupancy; for a single room throughout the trip add \$180. A \$200 per person deposit and enrollment form is required by July 9, 2015 to hold your space. Final payments are due by August 3, 2015. Travel/trip cancellation insurance is strongly recommended. For more information call Travel Insured at 800-243-3174 or visit [www.travelinsured.com](http://www.travelinsured.com). Holbrook Travel's agency number is 15849.*

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