

A Pilgrimage to Cuba

“A Bridge Between Cultures”

Led by

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February 5 - 12, 2018

This pilgrimage involves a moderate amount of physical activity including walking for a mile or more, climbing stairs, and hiking over rocky and uneven ground.

DAY 1, Monday, February 5, 2018 – Depart **Philadelphia, PA** on **American Airlines** to **Miami, FL** and connect to our **American Airlines** flight to **Havana, Cuba**. We meet our guide, board our waiting motor coach and enjoy a **panoramic tour** through **Revolution Square**, **El Vedado** and **Colon Cemetery** before arriving at our hotel. This evening we will be driven to dinner in **Classic American Cars** at the **Rio Mar Restaurant**, named after its location and the place where the **Rio Almendares River** flows into the **Atlantic Ocean**. Overnight **Parque Central Hotel**. **D**

DAY 2, Tues. – After breakfast we enjoy a **walking tour** through **Habana Vieja (Old Havana)**, founded by the Spanish in 1519, it became a stopping point for the treasure laden Spanish Galleons on the crossing between the New World and the Old World. The city was built in baroque and neoclassic style. We see the **Gran Teatro de la Habana** (not included in the cost), the former **Centro Gallego de La Habana**, built in 1906 constructed to serve as a social center for Galician immigrants to Havana and now home to the National Ballet of Cuba; and **Capitolio Nacional**, Havana's most ambitious and grandiose building, constructed after the post-WWI sugar boom, it is similar to the Capitol building in Washington, DC, but modeled after the Panthéon in Paris. We continue our walk through **Paseo del Prado (Paseo de Martí)** up to **Trocadero Street** to the **Museum of Revolution**, the former Presidential Palace of all Cuban presidents from Mario Garcia Menocal to Fulgencio Bastista. We visit the **National Museum of Fine Arts**, hosting the largest Cuban art collection in the world including some of the greatest works by Wifredo Lam. We continue on to the **Cathedral of Havana**, the greatest monument to the style developed in Cuba during the 18th century which became known as Cuban Baroque. We tour the houses of **Marques de Aguas Claras** (now a state-run restaurant), **Conde Bayona's** (now a Colonial Art Museum), **Marques de Arcos'** (now a museum) and **Conde Lombillo's** (now a museum). After lunch at **Doña Eutimia** we see the **Taller Experimental de la Gráfica** and **Wifredo Lam Contemporary Art Center**. Pending confirmation we meet with **The Rt. Rev. Griselda Delgado Del Carpio**, Bishop of the Episcopal Church of Cuba. The rest of the day we are free to discover **Havana** on our own. Overnight **Parque Central Hotel**. **BL**

DAY 3, Wed. – Today we travel to **Matanzas**, a city known as the Cuban Athens because of its deep cultural presence, located just 60 miles to the east of Havana. We visit **San Severino Fortress** at the entrance of **Matanzas**, built by the Spanish in 1735 as part of Cuba's defensive ring, a National Heritage site since 1978 and now a museum, in the UNESCO program named **the Slave's Route**. We visit the **Theological Seminary** where Episcopal Clergy are trained. This is a colorful place embedded in nature, spirituality and surrounded by one of the most impressive views of the city and **Yumurí River Valley**. We enjoy lunch at the cozy **Mallorca Restaurant** before visiting **Limonar**, a small town 15 miles away from **Matanzas**. **Limonar** is huge for Cubans as the hometown of **Javier Sotomayor**, the greatest high jump athlete of all times. He was two time Olympic Champion and the current and longest standing record in the history of men's high jump, a jump of 8 feet ¼ inch set in 1993. Overnight **Hotel Bella Vista, Matanzas**. **BL**

DAY 4, Thurs. – We depart for **Cienfuegos**, considered by many the most beautiful and well-planned city of Cuba, with straight streets and gorgeous French styled neoclassic palaces and houses. We enjoy lunch at **Villa Lagarto Restaurant**. Afterwards, we tour the urban center of the city also known as the **Southern Pearl** including its **Prado**, **Boulevard** and **José Martí Central Square**. We visit **Punta Gorda** and enjoy the wonderful **Palacio de Valle**, **Casa Verde** and **Club Cienfuegos**. Overnight **Rancho Luna Hotel, Cienfuegos**. **BL**

DAY 5, Fri. – Our journey continues to **Trinidad**, the colonial Jewel of Cuba preserving most of its original charm with a different pace compared to bigger cities on the island, seems to be anchored back in time. We

have lunch at the **Plaza Mayor Square** before our walking tour. We enjoy the views of the **Iglesia y Convento de San Francisco**, the **House of the Sanchez Iznaga** and the **Palace of the Count Brunet**, known as the **Romantic Museum** with over a dozen rooms originally furnished and decorated. We visit the **Santander Pottery Studio** and **Yudith Vidal Art Studio** to interact with the artists. We visit **Valle de los Ingenios**, the valley that provided the wealth displayed in Trinidad from the Sugar cane extensive plantations. We visit the **Tower Manaca Iznaga**, built in 1816, to enjoy the view over this wonderful valley which is named after the industries it hosted. We learn about the sugar industry in the 19th century. We enjoy the local sugar cane train for an unforgettable experience in the central Cuba countryside. Overnight **Rancho Luna Hotel, Cienfuegos. BL**

DAY 6, Sat. – We return to **Trinidad** to visit **Playa Ancón** and enjoy some free time at the most beautiful **Caribbean Beach** in **Southern Cuba**. This afternoon we return to **Havana**. Overnight **Parque Central Hotel. BL**

DAY 7, Sun. – Morning visit to **Finca Vigía**, the Cuban home of Ernest Hemingway, an emotive place carefully kept by historians the way Papa left it. We continue on to **Cojímar**, a small fishing village east of Havana, the place that inspired the Nobel awarded novel **The Old Man and the Sea**. We enjoy lunch at **Las Terrazas Restaurant** and try a Papa styled mojito over the waters of the Gulfstream while learning about Fidel Castro, Che Guevara and the Bay of Pigs. We continue to **Obispo Street** for a theme tour including unforgettable Hemingway references: the world-famous **Bodeguita del Medio**; **Johnson Drugstore**; **Hotel Ambos Mundos**; **La Moderna Poesía bookstore**; **El Floridita** (the cradle of the Daiquirí and some other world famous Cuban cocktails. A life sized Hemingway sculpture stands at the bar here. We visit **Sloppy Joe's Bar**, a recently restored classic bar which is considered by specialists to be a living monument to the fifties. Just next to this bar we will find **Memorias Bazar**, an antique store that will completely surprise us! We will have some free time to shop at the **San José Art Market** while learning about local craftsmanship. This evening we enjoy our “farewell to Cuba” dinner at **La Guarida Restaurant**, a place not to miss when in Havana, a model of local entrepreneurship and symbol for Cuban art lovers since the building was the scenery for the most famous Cuban film **Strawberry and Chocolate** by **Tomás Gutiérrez Alea**. After dinner those who would like to enjoy the more vibrant night life in Cuba may visit **Fábrica de Arte** (to be paid for on the spot and transportation is not included), one of the most exciting experiences in the city, an incredible opportunity to meet young people and artists. Overnight **Parque Central Hotel. BLD**

DAY 8, Monday, February 12, 2018. – After breakfast at the hotel, we return to the **Havana Airport** and board our **American Airlines** flight to **Charlotte, NC** where we will board our **American Airlines** flight back into the **Philadelphia, PA Airport. B**

B - Breakfast L - Lunch D - Dinner M - Meal on board aircraft

* Itinerary is subject to change due to the leader's, guide and or local office discretion or conditions *

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Price is per pilgrim based on double occupancy:

17 – 20 pilgrims \$3,059.00* 21 – 25 pilgrims \$2,899.00* Single Supplement \$639.00

* The price is not guaranteed and may change until we have the final pricing due to us in October. We make every effort to avoid any increase and will only do so if we are given a different amount from our suppliers. Excludes airline taxes & fuel surcharges that will be added to your final payment invoice, tips for the driver and guide that are payable upon completion of services, and Visa estimated at \$75.00 (subject to change). Estimated taxes & fuel surcharges \$125.66 per person. Optional activities, and sites visited on free time are not included in the cost of the pilgrimage and are to be paid for at the time of your visit.

** You MUST contact Cuba Travel Services at 877-511-2822. They will need the airline record locator which is SFDTEU on American Airlines. You must call them as soon as possible to get the information that you will need for entry to Cuba. Each person's information may be different and they will need to talk to each pilgrim directly to find out exactly what you will need to get your Visa for Cuba. It is the responsibility of each pilgrim to take care of this on your own and to have the proper documentation with you during your pilgrimage.

A deposit of \$600.00 per person due with application and copy of passport by August 1, 2017.

Final payment due by October 30, 2017.

AIR TRANSPORTATION: Round trip economy airline reservations on regularly scheduled airlines. Airline taxes are NOT included and will be determined 60 to 90 days prior to ticketing. You will be invoiced for these taxes.

HOTELS: Rooms with private bath/shower based on double occupancy (two persons sharing). Hotel rating - Deluxe, First Class, Superior Tourist or Tourist are used unless others specified by leader (hotel category is chosen by the group leader). Guest Houses, Retreat Centers & Bed and Breakfasts may have communal rooming arrangements and facilities. Single room accommodation is subject to a surcharge. Hotels are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.

SIGHTSEEING: As indicated in the itinerary, with fully licensed English speaking guides unless otherwise determined by the leader; entrance fees as indicated are included.

DEPOSITS AND PAYMENT: Deposits are required at time of registration and balance is due 90 days prior to departure.

CANCELLATIONS: Must be made in writing. Cancellation penalties are determined by the penalties imposed upon Worldwide by the airline carrier, the ground operator, coach company and hotels. **Cancellation penalties will be listed on your invoice and/or on your itinerary or application. Cancellations will be a specific amount plus any unrecoverable charges imposed by our suppliers. Within 45 days of departure, NO REFUNDS unless a date prior to 45 days before departure is listed on your invoice, application and/or itinerary.**

INSURANCE: Worldwide Pilgrimage Ministries acts only as an agent for suppliers and is not responsible for any theft, damage, loss of luggage or illness. The forms for all types of insurance coverage are offered to all registrants prior to departure.

UNUSED TOUR ARRANGEMENTS: are refundable only when agreed to by hotel, coach company or other providers.

BAGGAGE: Since all major airlines are constantly changing their rules regarding checked and hand luggage, we at WWPM suggest that you check with each carrier personally to be sure you are getting the most up to date information. Some airlines even have different rules based on your departure point. Excess baggage charges are very expensive so be sure to weigh and measure your luggage to avoid a big surprise at the check in counter.

NOT INCLUDED: Passport, visa fees, excess baggage charges, baggage or personal insurance, inoculations, laundry, telephone charges, tips for the driver and guide, mineral water, food and beverage other than those provided on regular menus as provided by WWPM.

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DEVIATIONS: Deviations by individuals to the set itinerary will be provided if possible at a charge of \$100 per person plus any charges imposed by airlines, hotels, or other vendors.

RESERVATION/DEPOSIT FORM
Zabriskie Cuba February 5 - 12, 2018
Reference Number #KB18004 – Zabriskie Cuba
Air from Philadelphia, PA
Please send a copy of your passport with your application.

Name: Mr. Mrs. Ms. Rev.: _____
(As appears on your passport)

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: Home (_____) _____ Cell: (_____) _____
(Parent if under 18)

Special Dietary Requirements: _____ Email: _____

Roommate Request: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Global Entry/TSA #: _____ American Frequent Flyer #: _____

Airline Seating Request: Aisle _____ Window _____ With Whom _____
We at Worldwide will do our best to get your requested seat assignment; however, they are under the airline's control and are assigned by the airline.

Please check the box or boxes that pertain to your requests. Pricing per pilgrim based on a minimum of 17 pilgrims.

- Double occupancy:** 17 – 20 pilgrims \$3,059.00* 21 – 25 pilgrims \$2,899.00*
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- Single Supplement:** \$639.00 (limited space)
- Roommate needed.** If a roommate cannot be found, I understand that I will be charged for the single supplement.

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Terms and Conditions:

1. PRICES ARE CASH. AMERICAN EXPRESS ACCEPTED FOR FINAL PAYMENT ONLY ADD'L 4%.
2. Names as on passport. If name is incorrect & tickets reissued, \$50 fee plus change fees from airline.
3. \$100 deviation fee plus any additional airfare, hotel, tour or admission charges.

Price includes the following travel insurance:

Trip Delay - \$1,000
Baggage & Personal Effects - \$1,500
Baggage Delay - \$250
Emergency Medical & Dental Expenses - \$25,000
Emergency Medical Evacuation & Repatriation - \$150,000
Travel Assistance & Concierge Services are provided By Traveler's designated providers.

It is recommended that you purchase additional coverage. Go to our website www.worldwidepilgrimage.com and click on Traveler Insurance to read the coverages and rules regarding existing conditions or call 800-228-9792 Location # 09-1983.

Cancel Schedule:

Until October 29, 2017 \$400.00 plus any unrecoverable fees
October 30, 2017 or later No Refund

I have read and understand the terms and conditions, the cancellation schedule and the final payment due date.

Signature (Parent if under 18) If pilgrim is under 18 traveling with only one parent or someone who is not a parent or legal guardian you will need a notarized letter for medical care and permission to take the child out of the country. Please see https://help.cbp.gov/app/answers/detail/a_id/268/~children for more information.

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