

Join Prof. Stephen Berk and Ayelet Tours

On a memorable Humanitarian Mission to

CUBA

March 17 - 24, 2017

\$4,299.00

Land and air/per person

Limited space available...your deposit guarantees your participation



Che Guevara Memorial



TOUR INCLUDES:

- Lectures throughout with Professor Berk
- Roundtrip airfare from Miami
- 3 nights at the Melia Cohiba Hotel in Havana
- 2 nights at Hotel Jagua in Cienfuegos
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- All touring and sightseeing per itinerary in a deluxe tour bus with an English speaking guide
- Pre-trip orientation meeting
- Breakfast daily
- 6 lunches
- 7 dinners including Shabbat dinner at Patronato
- Entrance fees and activities per itinerary
- Cuban Travel Visa
- Cuban emergency medical insurance
- Exit tax

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

Lectures with Professor Stephen Berk

A week of vibrant cultural discovery and a Jewish humanitarian effort with a special US State Department licensing for our mission to depart/return via Miami.

Experience Cuba with all your senses amidst a mixed, vibrant and vital culture locked in time. Step back to 1959 and see the cars, smell the unique foods, hear incredible music and sway to the sounds of Cuba!

Visit the communities of Havana, Trinidad, Cienfuegos, and more...Experience their unique joie de vivre. Learn how people have managed to survive amidst Communism. Visit with Cubans and see their culture, art and Latin flare!

We'll share Shabbat with them, dine with their leaders and hear their rich stories going back 500 years to Columbus, strangely absent of anti-Semitism and with a commitment to their country.

...AND SO MUCH MORE!



Grand Theatre



Cienfuegos

Day 1, Friday March 17, 2017

- Depart Miami on our very early morning flight to Havana.
- Arrive at the Jose Marti Airport
- Meet your English speaking guide and driver
- Panoramic overview of the city. Stop at Revolution Square. The square is dominated by the José Martí Memorial. This famous square is where Fidel Castro delivered the majority of his lengthy political addresses. Continue with visits to the Rosenberg Memorial, Lennon Park, Havana University
- Lunch together at Il Palio
- Check into our hotel with time to relax and freshen up with a welcome drink
- Short orientation meeting to review program with Professor Stephen Berk
- Continue to Patronato, where we meet with Adela Dworin, the President and other community leaders. Tour the center with time to deliver our gifts and aid
- We stay to enjoy Shabbat services and dinner with community members

Overnight in Havana

Day 2, Saturday March 18, 2017

- Breakfast at the hotel
- This morning we stop at Almacenes de San Jose handicraft and artists' market
- Lunch at Café Laurent
- Afternoon at leisure to explore this amazing city on own
- Enjoy a Classical car ride from our hotel to the restaurant
- Dinner at La California paladar
- Later this evening we have the option to enjoy drinks and a show at the famous **Buena Vista Social Club** adjacent to the Melia Cohiba Hotel (on own).

Overnight Havana

Day 3, Sunday March 19, 2017

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Morning lecture with Professor Stephen Berk
- Depart for a walking tour of Old Havana (Havana Vieja), a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Learn about the history of Havana as we visit highlights of the city and the colonial plazas
- Visit Jewish points of interest such as the Raquel Hotel, a Jewish-themed hotel
- Visit the hotel Conde de Villanueva. Learn about the history of tobacco and the tradition of cigar rolling in Cuba. Interact with roller and locals
- Lunch at Templete paladar
- Continue with a visit to the Sephardic Center. Meet with Mayra Levy, president of the congregation, who discusses the role of Sephardic Jews in the resurgence of Jewish life in Cuba. Deliver gifts and aid to the community.
- In 2011, the Sephardic Center opened the first exhibit displayed in Cuba about the Holocaust.
- Return to our hotel
- Dinner together at Café Orient

Overnight Havana

Day 4, Monday March 20, 2017

- Breakfast at the hotel and check out
- Morning lecture with Professor Stephen Berk on the bus on the way to Santa Clara, an important city founded in the 1600's, where Che Guevara won a significant battle which led to the triumph of the revolution in 1959
- Stop at Che Guevara Memorial with a photo opportunity at the Square
- Meet with David Tacher, a leading representative of the Santa Clara Jewish Community, where we will learn about the local community and deliver our gifts and aid.
- Lunch at Santa Rosalia paladar
- Continue to the beautiful port city of Cienfuegos, Cuba's "Pearl of the South"
- Tour of Cienfuegos land-marks including Parque Marti and Thomas Terry theater. Learn about this UNESCO World Heritage Site, founded by French immigrants in 1819
- Check-in at the Jagua hotel with time to freshen up
- Dinner at Los Laureles Jagua paladar

Overnight in Cienfuegos

Day 5, Tuesday March 21, 2017

- Breakfast at the hotel
- This morning we meet with Rebecca Langus and learn about the local Jewish community, with time to deliver our gifts and aid
- Enjoy a performance by Cantores de Cienfuegos at Museo Provincial de Cienfuegos
- Depart to the beautiful colonial town of Trinidad, a charming city settled in 1514 which is a UNESCO heritage site since 1988.
- Lecture on the bus with Professor Stephen Berk
- Arrive in Trinidad
- Lunch at El Dorado paladar
- Enjoy a walking tour of historic Trinidad which is a 500 year old city with Spanish colonial architecture. Only a few square blocks in size, historic Trinidad is famous for its lovely cobblestone streets, pastel houses with wrought iron grills, as well as beautiful palaces and plazas. You'll learn about the efforts to preserve the city's heritage
- Meet with the famous family Santander, well-known local potters. Visit their workshop and gallery. These artists have been making handmade pottery for over 100 years
- Return to Cienfuegos for dinner at Villa Lagarto paladar

Overnight in Cienfuegos

Day 6, Wednesday March 22, 2017

- Breakfast at the hotel and check out
- Depart for Havana city. On the way, lecture by Professor Stephen Berk, discussing the impacts of the US embargo on Cuba and the history of US/Cuban relations
- Lunch on the way (on our own)
- Stop at the impressive Fuster house/studio to see this unique mosaic masterpiece. Learn about the artist's project to beautify and help the community he lives in
- Arrive in Havana
- Check into your hotel
- Dinner at a Starbien paladar

Overnight in Havana

Day 7, Thursday March 23, 2017

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Morning lecture with Professor Stephen Berk
- We begin the day with a visit to the Jewish cemeteries in Guanabacoa, including a special memorial service at the site of the Holocaust Memorial
- Continue to Finca Vigia, the villa that Hemingway called home for 21 years. His home is now a museum with many of his personal belongings. Learn how Cuba influenced his writing
- Lunch at Finca Yoandra / Il Divino. Take a glimpse into this organic urban farm and community project with a private restaurant in the outskirts of Havana
- Visit the Cuban Art Collection at the Fine Arts Museum
- Return to hotel
- Farewell dinner together at Esparanza paladar

Overnight Havana

Day 8, Friday March 24, 2017

- Breakfast and check out of hotel
- Transfer to the airport for our flight back to Miami
- Departure back to Miami from Havana

The Memories Last Forever!

Itinerary subject to change



Trinidad Architecture



Revolution Square

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY:

Programs to Cuba are subject to the following cancellation charges if you cancel for any reason:

If your notice is received:

60 or more days before departure.....
59 to 31 days before departure.....
30 days or less before departure.....

You will receive:

Full refund less \$250
50% of program cost
No refunds

Above charges do not include cancellation charges imposed by the airlines for any connecting flights to/from your point of departure to Cuba.

Please note, tour pricing and operation is based on a minimum group size. Cancellation or a small group supplement may be applicable if we do not reach the minimum requirement.

Please note: Single supplement is \$1,159.00 per person.

Price does not include: Domestic airfare to Miami, tips to guide, driver and dining room waiters (\$20.00 per person, per day, pre-collected), or items of a personal nature. Hotel overnight in Miami on March 16th - please contact Ayelet Tours for help booking if needed. Trip cancellation and baggage insurance (strongly recommended) is available and must be purchased separately. A deposit of \$500 per person is due upon registration, the remainder is due no later than three months prior to departure.

VISA INFORMATION: All travelers must have a valid passport and a Cuban visa. You are responsible for having proper documentation on your person to enter Cuba as well as to re-enter the United States. The Cuban Government retains the right to grant or deny visas. *Very Important: persons born in Cuba, no matter what your current citizenship, will require additional documentation. Please contact our office for further information.

Our travel provider for Cuba is Pedro Sanfiel at Cuba Travel Services. Our license number is CFR515.560(b) (People-to-people visa)

Disclaimer: Cuba Travel Services, Ayelet Tours, and Prof. Berk act only as agents for the tour members in making arrangements for hotels, transportation, touring, restaurants or any other services in connection with the itinerary. We will exercise reasonable care in making such arrangements. However, we do not assume any liability whatsoever for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity to person and property because of an act of default of any hotel, airline carrier, restaurant, company, or person rendering any of the services included in the tour. The right is reserved to cancel or change itineraries, speakers or scholars or operations staff or to substitute comparable service without notice. The right is reserved to decline to accept or retain any tour passengers should such person's health or general department impede the operation of the tour to the detriment of the other tour passengers.

**Yes! I want to join Dr. Stephen Berk on this amazing Humanitarian Mission to Cuba in March 17 - 24, 2017!
I am sending this form with a \$500 per person deposit, payable to Ayelet Tours**

Please include a copy of the front page of each person's passport.
Passport must be valid for 6 months past travel dates.

I will need airfare to Miami

Name as it appears on passport: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Passport No.: _____ Expiration: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Credit card: Mastercard Visa Discover AMEX # _____ Exp _____ Sec. Code: _____

Sharing with another registrant (registering separately)? Please note name here: _____

If submitting multiple forms, please check this box to apply the CC information above to cover all registration deposits in your family

MAILFORM AND CHECKS TO: AYELET TOURS - 19 Aviation Road, Albany, NY 12205 - Email: rebecca@ayelet.com

Questions? Call Rebecca at 800-237-1517 ext. 342

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