

**Best-Day Adventures**  
**Humanitarian People to People**  
**7-Day/6-Night Tour to Cuba**  
**April 12-18, 2018**

**Optional Pre-Tour / Early Arrival in Miami**  
**April 11-12, 2018**



Old Town Square, Plaza Vieja, Havana

**Pre-Tour Wednesday, April 11, 2018: PRE-TOUR ARRIVAL**

- Group “follow the leader” dinner (on own) will be arranged.

**O/N Miami**

**MAIN TOUR**

**Day 1 Thursday, April 12, 2018: ARRIVAL IN CUBA**

- Morning meet & greet at Miami International Airport before our flight to Havana.
- Arrive at the Jose Marti Airport, Havana. *Bienvenidos!*
- Meet our English speaking guide and driver.
- **Lunch** together at **El Palio paladar**.
- Begin with an overview tour of Havana, passing **Lennon Park**, **Havana University**, the **Rosenberg Memorial**, and **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.
- Hotel check- in to **Melia Cohiba Hotel** with time to relax and freshen up.
- Welcome drink and orientation meeting.
- **Dinner** at **El Aljibe paladar**.
- Later this evening we “follow the leader” and enjoy drinks and/or a show (on own) at one of Havana’s local hotspots!

**O/N Havana**

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## Day 2 Friday, April 13, 2018: HAVANA

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- We begin our day with 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**.
- Stop by the **Raquel Hotel**, a Jewish-themed hotel
- Visit **Conde de Villanueva**. Learn about the history of **tobacco** and the tradition of **cigar rolling** in Cuba. **Interact with roller and locals**.
- **Lunch** at **El Templete paladar**.
- After lunch, continue to **Patronato Beth Shalom Synagogue**, the largest synagogue in Havana, where we meet with **Adela Dworin**, the President and other community leaders. Tour the center with time to **deliver our gifts/aid**.
- Next we enjoy an **architectural tour of Prado Street** to see the unique buildings and all of the old classic cars.
- Return to our hotel with time to freshen up.
- Tonight we visit the **Templo Sefardi** (Sephardic Synagogue of Havana) and meet with **Mayra Levy**, president of the congregation, to **deliver our gifts/aid**. Here we see the first **Holocaust Memorial Exhibit** in Cuba, created in 2001 by the Templo Sefardi.
- **Shabbat services and dinner at the Sephardic Synagogue** with community members.



## O/N Havana

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## Day 3 Saturday, April 14, 2018: SHABBAT SHALOM!

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- Depart for 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. Wander in the free enterprise stalls that have sprung up across from the Fuster house.
- 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 Hemingway's writing such as *The Old Man and the Sea*.
- **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.
- After lunch, we have the option to (choose one):
  - Visit the **Fine Arts Museum** and see the Cuban Art Collection
  - Meet with a **former Cuban baseball player** to learn about the importance of the game and how it is woven into the fabric of Cuban culture. Over 200 Cubans have played Major League Baseball in the US including current stars, **Yasiel Puig** (LA Dodgers), **Aroldis Chapman** (NY Yankees) and **Jose Abreu** (Chicago White Sox).
- Dinner tonight is on own ("follow the leader" option will be available).

- Later this evening we enjoy drinks and a **performance at the Tropicana show**, a world-renowned cabaret and club in Havana, Cuba. It was launched in 1939 at Villa Mina, a six-acre (24,000m<sup>2</sup>) suburban estate with lush tropical gardens in Havana's Marianao neighborhood.

#### O/N Havana

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#### Day 4 Sunday, April 15, 2018: CUBAN HERITAGE

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- We begin the day with the **Jewish cemetery in Guanabacoa**, including a special visit to the site of the Holocaust Memorial.
- Visit the **Museum of the Revolution** to gain an understanding of the momentous change that has occurred in Cuba because of the Revolution 50 years ago.
- Lunch is on own ("follow the leader" option available), followed by a drop off at the **San Jose Artisan Market** or the hotel for a free afternoon
- Sunset **Classic car ride** from our hotel to dinner at **Café del Orient**.
- After dinner we have the option to be dropped off at the famous **Hotel Nacional**, where we have the opportunity to explore this historic hotel and enjoy a drink in a world famous bar, surrounded by history. Taxis available (on own) to return us to our hotel.



#### O/N Havana

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#### Day 5 Monday, April 16, 2018: TO THE INTERIOR - CIENFUEGOS

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- Depart Havana traveling to **Santa Clara**.
- Arrive in **Santa Clara**, an important city founded in the 1600's, where Che Guevara won a significant battle securing the victory of Cuban the revolution in 1959.
- **Lunch at Santa Rosalia paladar.**
- 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/aid**.
- Continue to Cienfuegos to enjoy a tour, including **Parque Marti** and the **Thomas Terry Theater**. Learn about this UNESCO World Heritage Site, founded by French immigrants in 1819.
- Check into the Jagua Hotel in Cienfuegos.
- **Dinner at Los Laureles paladar.**

#### O/N Cienfuegos

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## Day 6 Tuesday, April 17, 2018: TRINIDAD

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- Depart for the beautiful colonial town of **Trinidad**, a charming city settled in 1514 which is a UNESCO heritage site since 1988.
- Arrive and 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 Santander family**, well-known local potters. Visit their workshop and gallery. These artists have been making handmade pottery for over 100 years.
- **Lunch at El Dorado paladar.**
- Time permitting, we stop for a little beach time on the beautiful **Ancon Beach**.
- Return to the beautiful port city of **Cienfuegos**, Cuba's "Pearl of the South."
- We visit with **Rebecca Langus** in her home, where she offers Jews from the neighboring communities to gather for holidays and services, and have the chance to **deliver our gifts/aid**.
- Enjoy a special, fun **farewell dinner at Villa Lagarto**.



## O/N Cienfuegos

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## Day 7 Wednesday, April 18, 2018: HIKE / DEPARTURE

- Early morning breakfast and check-out of the hotel.
- This morning we take a **short hike in the Sierra de Escambray** at Topes de Collantes; a nature reserve park in the Escambray Mountain range. Nature is the big attraction here. We'll first embark in an open-air truck for our 40-minute journey into the park. Upon arrival, our guide will lead us on a 45-minute trek along an easy pathway through the mountainous foliage, natural crystal clear pools, and stunning waterfalls, with a little wildlife and bird-watching along the way.
- Return to **Cienfuegos** for a quick lunch (on own).
- **Transfer** to the airport in Cienfuegos for our late afternoon flight back to Miami.
- **Evening arrival** back to Miami.

**The Memories Last Forever!**

*\*Itinerary subject to change*

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