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Unforgettable Journey to

# CUBA

**May 21-28, 2024**

*Open to ALL adults; singles, solos & beyond!*



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*Cuba: A land frozen in time - so close, yet decades away. A Jewish community dedicated to its heritage across half a century of isolation and prevalent atheism. A rich and vibrant island culture, filled with dance and song, classic cars and donkey carts, rum, and cigars. Experience all this and more as we step back in time together.*

## DAY 0 MONDAY, MAY 20, 2024 PRE-NIGHT

- Pre-trip orientation and overnight at a Miami airport hotel.

## DAY 1 TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2024 DEPARTURE/WELCOME TO CUBA!

- Early morning grab & go breakfast before departing for the airport and our non-stop flight to Cuba.
- We arrive at Abel Santamaria Airport in **Santa Clara**, where we are greeted by our English-speaking guide and driver.
- Our adventure begins with a **panoramic tour of Santa Clara**, an important city founded in the 1600s. Here, in 1958, Che Guevara and his troops won a crucial battle in securing victory for the Cuban Revolution. We stop at the **Che Guevara memorial** for a photo opportunity in **Plaza Che Guevara** (Che Guevara Square), see the eternal flame lit in his memory, then visit the **Che Museum** underneath.
- This afternoon, we meet with **Victor Tacher**, a leading representative of the Santa Clara Jewish community, to deliver our gifts and learn about the community he has lived and worked in for many years.
- We enjoy **lunch** together at La Aldaba private restaurant with Victor.
- After lunch, we travel to **Trinidad**. Upon arrival, we check into our hotel, with a chance to refresh before coming together again for a **welcome drink and orientation**, followed by **dinner** together at our resort hotel.

**Overnight in Trinidad (L, D)**



## DAY 2

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2024  
TOURING TRINIDAD

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- Today, we set out on a **walking tour of historic Trinidad**, a 500-year-old city with Spanish 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. Along the way, we visit some of the village landmarks, including **Plaza Mayor** and **La Parroquial Mayor Church**.
- We watch **rumba** being played at **Palenque de los Congos Reales**, then visit a rationing store “**bodega**” and learn how the locals buy staple foods.
- Next, we visit **Yudit Faife’s private art gallery**, where we meet the artist and learn about his work.
- We stop for **lunch** at private restaurant San Jose.
- Following lunch, we head to the workshop of the famous **Santander family**, well-known local potters who have been making handmade pottery for over 100 years.
- The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure to explore the village and enjoy the atmosphere of this quaint town or return to our hotel to relax and freshen up.
- This evening, **dinner** is included at the restaurant of your choice at our resort.

Overnight in Trinidad (B, L, D)

## DAY 3

THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2024  
TRINIDAD TO CIENFUEGOS

- Breakfast and check out of our hotel.
- This morning, we travel to **Cienfuegos**, Cuba’s “Pearl of the South”. Here, we meet with **Rebecca Langus**, leading representative of the city’s Jewish community, and deliver our aid.
- We continue with an interactive **walking tour** around Cienfuegos’ historic center to view the landmarks such as **Jose Marti Memorial Park**, **Palacio Ferrer** and the **Terry Theater**.
- Next, we visit the **Cantores de Cienfuegos choir** at **Museo Provincial** and enjoy a performance and a chance to interact with the singers.

- After lunch, we drive to **Havana**, where we check into our hotel and freshen up.
- This evening, we enjoy a **dinner** at our hotel restaurant.

Overnight in Havana (B, L, D)

## DAY 4

FRIDAY, MAY 24, 2024  
DANCING INTO SHABBAT

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- Today, we set out for a **panoramic overview of the city**, including **Revolution Square**, dominated by the **José Martí Memorial**. This square is where Fidel Castro delivered the majority of his lengthy political addresses. Along the way, we pass by the **Rosenberg Memorial**, **Lennon Park** and **Havana University**.
- We continue with a tour of the **Museum of the Revolution**, a Cuban perspective of the momentous changes that occurred more than 50 years ago when Castro assumed power.
- We enjoy **lunch** at ChaChaCha.
- This afternoon, we visit the headquarters of **Habana Compas Dance** to enjoy a performance and interact with the dancers and instructors.
- We return to our hotel for time to relax and freshen up.
- In the early evening, we head to **Patronato Beth Shalom**, where we meet with community leaders. We tour the center and learn about the Pharmacy and Sunday school, with time to deliver our gifts and aid, then join together for **Shabbat services** with community members.
- We complete our evening with **Shabbat dinner** at La Mansion Castillo, a nearby private restaurant.

Overnight in Havana (B, L, D)





## DAY 5

**SATURDAY, MAY 25, 2024**  
**GETTING TO KNOW HAVANA**

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- We depart the hotel to enjoy a **walking tour of Old Havana** (Havana Vieja), a UNESCO World Heritage site. We learn about the history of Havana as we visit highlights of the city and the colonial plazas. We also visit Jewish points of interest, such as the Jewish-themed **Raquel Hotel**.
- We enjoy **lunch** together at private restaurant La California.
- After lunch, we visit a **cigar factory**, where we learn about the history of tobacco and the tradition of cigar rolling in Cuba and interact with some of the rollers and locals.
- Later this afternoon, we stop at **Almacenes de San Jose craft market**, where we stroll through the stalls of arts and crafts made by the locals, an excellent opportunity to interact with the artisans, learn about their challenges and purchase souvenirs!
- After returning to our hotel for time to relax and refresh, we set out again for dinner on own (recommendations will be provided).
- The hearty among us will set out after dinner for a late evening visit to the artists of **Fabrica D'la Arte** (FAC), a former cooking oil factory, which comes alive on weekend nights and features the best avante garde art in the country.

**Overnight in Havana (B, L, D)**

## DAY 6

**SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2024**  
**HEMINGWAY IN HAVANA**

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- Today, we visit the **Sephardic Center**, where we meet with community leader, **Mayra Levy**, for an update and to deliver gifts. We then walk through the Holocaust exhibit, the only of its kind in Cuba.
- This afternoon, we head to **Cafe Ajiaco** and begin with a visit to their organic farm prior to a **mojito making and tasting class**, followed by **lunch**.
- Next, we visit the **Jewish cemetery in Guanabacoa**, including a special stop to the site of the Holocaust memorial.
- We continue to **Finca Vigia**, former home of Hemingway for over 20 years and now a museum. We peruse the museum, which is supported by several non-governmental and independent organizations and meet the caretakers to learn about his life and work as a writer in Cuba.
- We return to town and freshen up before setting out for dinner on own, or "follow the leader" to dinner.
- Later tonight, we attend the world-famous **Tropicana Cabaret**, an old-world vegas-style show in production since 1939.

**Overnight in Havana (B, L)**



## DAY 7 MONDAY, MAY 27, 2024

### ARTSY HAVANA

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- Today, we visit the impressive **Fusterlandia** to see the unique mosaic masterpiece and learn about the artist's ongoing project to beautify his hometown.
- We continue to **Vocal Clave del Sol**, a musical education program for children ages 5 to 19, founded in 2009. We meet and interact musically with some of the students and teachers and learn about the importance of this program to the students here.
- We enjoy **lunch** together at Buenaventura Restaurant, then return to the hotel to refresh.
- We gather this evening and enjoy a **classic car ride** from our hotel to our **farewell dinner** at Vista Mar Restaurant, where we savor our final meal as a group and recall all that we have experienced together on this enlightening journey.

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## DAY 8 TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2024

### ADIOS CUBA

- Breakfast and check out of our hotel.
- We transfer to the airport for our flight back to Florida.

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\* Itinerary subject to change

