

DISCOVER & EXPLORE CUBA WITH THE DEKALB CHAMBER OF COMMERCE





BOOK \$3,799 PER PERSON \$3,599 PER PERSON if initial deposit is received by April 15,

Departing October 19th, 2016

For more information, please contact *Kim Childs at 404-378-8000 or kchilds@dekalbchamber.org*

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Panoramic Tour of Havana
- American Antique Car Ride
- Old Havana Architectural Walking Tour
- Arte Corte Community Project
- San Jose Craft Market
- Hemingway's Cuba Retreat
- Muraleando Community Project
- Salsa Lesson
- Day Trip to Pinar del Rio
- Tobacco Farm
- Organic Farm
- Vinales Visit
- 4 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, 2 Dinners

Memories Miramar Hotel INCLUDES:

- Book & Save discount
- Roundtrip Atlanta City airfare Cuban Departure Tax of \$25 USD (payable at Miami airport prior to departure) & Cuba Visa fee of \$85 are included.

This program is organized under a people-to-people license from the U.S. Treasury Department.

Day 1: Miami Arrival Day

Travelers will be arriving independently today to Miami, as we all gather at our pre-night airport hotel. This evening, join the group and attend a welcome briefing to get you prepared for your Havana Getaway. Your Tour Director will be available to answer all of your questions and will also invite you to a welcome cocktail to get better acquainted with your traveling companions.

Day 2: Havana Arrival

Your short flight to Havana will last just under an hour, and upon arrival you'll meet your Cuban Tour Guide and local expert, who will accompany you throughout your 4-night journey. After collecting your bags and exiting customs, as an introduction to Cuba, your driver will take you on a panoramic overview of the city. Make a stop at the remarkable "Plaza de la Revolucion", the city's most important square and center for political talks and cultural happenings. Here you will see the statue of Cuba's national hero, Jose Marti, as well as symbols



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of the country's revolutionary heroes, including Camilo Cienfuegos and Che Guevara. You will also learn about the different neighborhoods in Havana, including the vibrant Vedado district, where the University of Havana is also located. Stop at a local "paladar", or private restaurant in Cuba, for your introduction to Cuban cuisine! Head towards Old Havana along the seaside Promenade, known as the Malecon, and the Prado, an elegant tree-lined boulevard with architectural gems on each side. You'll arrive at the Capitol building for another great photo stop. You're sure to find many American Antique Cars in great condition, but look closely as many don't always have all of the original parts! Check in at the Memories Miramar hotel, your hub for the next 4 nights. After getting settled in, you will be transported by an Old American Car to your welcome dinner! Interact with your drivers to learn about the interesting ways they've been able to maintain these vehicles throughout the years. After dinner, it's back to the hotel for a good night's rest! (L,D)

Day 3 Focus: Local Communities

After breakfast at the hotel, put on your walking shoes for a walk through Old Havana to learn firsthand from an architect about the recent restorations and the historical importance of many of its glorious buildings, many dating to Colonial times. Visit the 4 major squares in Havana: Plaza Vieja, Plaza de la Catedral. Plaza de Armas and Plaza San Francisco. Next you're off to meet with local dancers for an interactive salsa lesson. Enjoy a light Lunch in the Santo Angel neighborhood within Old Havana, and then get involved with the residents by learning more about their local community, and a project known as Arte Corte, founded by a barber. Learn about this emerging area that has its own beauty school, community center for the elderly and many new business and art galleries. The community members will be available to share their stories on their success stories and how their lives have changed in just a



few years with new opportunities and changes in local regulations. Head over to the San Jose Craft Market to meet local artists and artisans, and discover for yourself how remarkable a variety of crafts are made in Cuba. Also enjoy visiting Finca Vigia, Hemingway's Cuba retreat. In the afternoon, return to the hotel. This evening you may choose to venture out on your own to try one of the local restaurants, or join us for an optional evening out for dinner and a show, including the Buenavista Social Club Group. **(B,L)**

Day 4 Focus: Cuban Art

After a leisurely breakfast, begin your morning with a visit to the Muraleando Community Project, where you'll see the impact of art and music on the lives of its residents. The abundance of programs and classes they offer is impressive! Head over to a local restaurant in the Vedado neighborhood to discuss the morning's activities with your traveling companions, Cuban guide and Tour Director. In the afternoon, visit a local artist in his home studio and learn about the life of an artist in Cuba today. Return to your hotel in the late afternoon. Enjoy another evening to explore some of the local eating places and hangouts, for

yet more interaction with the locals. You may instead want to sign up for an optional evening to experience Havana's famous Cannon Firing Ceremony. (**B,L**)

Day 5 Focus: Agriculture

Breakfast is served at the hotel, and you're off to Pinar del Rio Province, for a unique day trip. The scenic drive takes you along some of Cuba's most beautiful countryside, including lush green landscapes and unusual limestone formations with steep hills (locally called mogotes). Your first stop is in Viñales, at a tobacco farm right in the heart of the Viñales Valley. Meet with the farmer and his family as he demonstrates the art of cigar rolling and shares information on tobacco production and the drying process. Then it's off to lunch at an organic farm overlooking the beautiful Valle del Silencio, or Valley of Silence. Your feast will feature an array of organic produce grown locally, as well as the typical roasted meats cooked and served throughout these rural areas. Meet this hard working family and learn more about rural life in Cuba, while taking in the stunning views. After lunch, make a quick stop in the town center of Viñales, with its colorful homes and friendly

people, before heading back to Havana. After a brief break, join us on a festive farewell dinner at one of Havana's most elegant restaurants. Take the time to soak in all you've learned this week and enjoy your last evening in Havana. (B,L,D)

Day 6: Departure Day

After your last breakfast at the hotel, your driver and Cuban guide will transfer you to the Havana Airport, where you'll board your flight back to Miami. Your brief introduction to Cuba and your Havana Getaway ends here, taking home many wonderful memories! (**B**)

DAY BY DAY

DAY 1: MIAMI ARRIVAL DAY

DAY 2: HAVANA ARRIVAL

- Havana city tour
- Lunch at a private restaurant
- Take an Old American Car to your welcome dinner

DAY 3: BREAKFAST AT YOUR HOTEL

- Visit the 4 major squares in Havana
- Lunch in Santo Angel
- San Jose Craft Market
- Hemingway's Cuba Retreat

DAY 4: BREAKFAST AT YOUR HOTEL

- Lunch in the Vedado neighborhood
- Visit a local artist's home studio
- Evening at leisure

DAY 5: BREAKFAST AT YOUR HOTEL

- Leave for Pinar del Rio Province
- Excursion to Viñales Valley
- Lunch at the Valley of Silence
- Festive farewell dinner

DAY 6: RETURN FLIGHT HOME

- Breakfast at your hotel
- Transfer to airport for flight home

RESERVATION FORM

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Rate: \$3,799 per person double occupancy. Single supplement, add \$400. Fuel surcharges are included. Customer acknowledges that the fuel charge is only an estimate and there is a possibility for an increase or decrease until the time of ticketing. Any difference at the time of billing will be calculated and added/subtracted from your statement. *Cuban Departure Tax of \$25 USD (payable at the Miami airport prior to departure) & Cuba Visa fee of \$85 are included.*

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Provides coverage for emergency evacuation, if necessary, to the nearest suitable hospital of your choice, also includes repatriation.

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Policy information/details will be provided with final travel materials approximately 30 days prior to departure.

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Baggage/Baggage Delay	\$500 / \$100		
Emergency Accident Medical & Dental Expenses	\$15,000		
Emergency Sickness Medical & Dental Expenses	\$15,000		
Emergency Evacuation & Repatriation	\$100,000		
Travel Assistance & Concierge	Included		

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The DeKalb Chamber of Commerce Invites Chamber and Community Members to Explore Historic Cuba

DECATUR, Ga., - Feb. 19, 2016 – The DeKalb Chamber of Commerce announced today that it will be offering a unique opportunity to explore the scenic landscape of historic Cuba during an exclusive 6-day journey available to chamber members and their family and friends.

"This is an awesome opportunity to witness first-hand the noteworthy history and beauty that lie in Cuba," said Katerina Taylor, DeKalb Chamber President. "Plus, travelers can experience the country's culture, learn about its current business climate, and connect with leaders across the state."

Participants will experience all the history, art and local culture found in the city streets of Havana, Cuba, during their four-night stay at the Memories Miramar hotel. A tour of the city sends travelers to the remarkable "Plaza de Revolucion," a local hub for political and cultural events, as well as the Prado, a picturesque boulevard showcasing grand Cuban architecture on each side.

The journey continues with tours of Havana's four major squares, where travelers will learn of the historical significance behind many of the city's oldest buildings that date back to Colonial times. Visits to the San Jose Craft Market and a local artist's home studio give art lovers a chance to witness the creation of beautiful traditional Cuban pieces.

The trip will also feature a tour of Hemingway's Cuban retreat, an antique American car ride, a lesson in local salsa dancing, an interactive discussion on Cuba's healthcare system, an informative tour of a local tobacco farm and multiple chances to dine at popular local restaurants. With ample opportunities for learning, tasting, exploring and relaxing, this incredible journey to the history-filled city of Havana is sure to please.

Space is limited, so act fast. The journey to Cuba will take off on October 19, 2016. For more information, please contact Kim Childs at 404-378-8000 or <u>kchilds@dekalbchamber.org</u>, or visit our website at <u>www.dekalbchamber.org</u>.

ABOUT DEKALB CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The DeKalb Chamber of Commerce is a membership-based organization with the mission to support, promote and sustain business development in DeKalb County. With 77 years of service in the community, DeKalb Chamber focuses on four critical areas including education, workforce and economic development, public policy, and business member services. We are the primary resource for businesses in DeKalb County. For more information on DeKalb Chamber, please visit their website at www.dekalbchamber.org or call 404-378-8000.