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TOUR

IN

CUBA

OCTOBER 26-NOVEMBER 3, 2016
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WEDNESDAY, OCT 26
ARRIVAL IN MIAMI

Fly from your hometown to Miami, Florida on your own account. Take the Free Shuttle and stay overnight at the Crowne Plaza Airport Hotel. Dinner is on your own – there are several restaurants close by. Briefing by Carole Kracer of Mabat Platinum Touring Services at 8:30 PM in a meeting room of the hotel. O/N: CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL, MIAMI

THURSDAY, OCT 27
DEPARTURE TO HAVANA

After the buffet breakfast (*included*) take the Free Shuttle to the Miami International Airport – time TBD. Board your Chartered Flight to Havana.

ARRIVAL TO HAVANA

Arrive to Havana. Upon arrival in Havana’s Jose Marti Airport, you will be met by our Cuban representative. Go through Passport Control, retrieve your luggage and as a group we will go through Customs to our awaiting Guide and air-conditioned motor coach.

From the airport stop at Revolution Square, the administrative and political center of Cuba. Perfect opportunity for a group picture!

Arrive to your hotel for check-in. Refresh and unpack.

Before dinner, bring your humanitarian aid to Carole’s room – she will arrange the distribution to the various synagogues we will visit.

HAVANA

Enjoy your first taste of Cuba at a Welcome Dinner in La Casa Paladar – a private restaurant (*included*) O/N: HABANA LIBRE HOTEL, HAVANA

FRIDAY, OCT 28
HAVANA

Begin the tour by driving to visit the Jewish Cemetery in Guanabacoa. You will see the first Holocaust Memorial in the Americas erected by the Ashkenazi refugees.

Next visit the house of the American writer Ernest Hemingway, who lived here from 1939 to 1960. The house, now a museum, contains more than 22,000 original items that belonged to the writer, including records, books, paintings, personal documents, weapons and photographs. Located 7 miles south of the center of Havana, this 4 acre property gives visitors a good sense of the daily life and habits of Hemingway during his time in Cuba.
On to the famous Hotel Nacional and visit the ‘Celebrity Room’. This art déco masterpiece was designed by the architects who designed the Breakwaters Hotel in Miami.

Enjoy lunch at the Literal Paladar. *(Included)*

Close by visit El Patronato (Beth Shalom Synagogue) and meet Adela Dworin, President of the Jewish Communities of Cuba. **Deliver humanitarian aid.**

Return to your hotel to refresh before Shabbat.

Join the Centro Sephardic Synagogue for Kabbalat Shabbat Services, followed by Kiddush and Dinner with the community. Meet Dr. Mayra Levy, President. This will be an excellent opportunity to interact with community members on a one on one basis. **Humanitarian aid will be delivered.**

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**SATURDAY, OCT 29**

**SHABBAT SHALOM**

After a late breakfast drive to visit the Muraleando Neighborhood Community Project. Muraleando is a neighborhood and community that has literally been transformed by art. Starting in the 1990’s, the community has embraced what we might call street art, covering just about every wall and home with murals and placing sculptures made from found objects as well. A nearby city dump supplied much of the material. **Meet with the members** of the community. Or, walk to optional Shabbat Services at El Patronato.

Now **meet a local salsa instructor** to talk about the history of this native rhythm and the importance of dance in Cuban life, followed by a refreshing Mojito and a **Salsa lesson.**

Conclude the day at the large Arts and Crafts Flea Market housed in an old pier building – a great place

Dinner tonight is in a Paladar. *(included)*

O/N: HABANA LIBRE HOTEL, HAVANA
SUNDAY, OCT 30

After breakfast check-out of the hotel and drive about 3 hours – with a stop - to the city of Cienfuegos. Luis d’Clouet, along with French settlers and some Spanish Creole population established Cienfuegos on April 12, 1819. In 1829 the King of Spain gave it the title of Villa of Cienfuegos, because of the governor with that name for his efforts in developing the city. Very soon this city started to develop, rapidly linked to the production and marketing of the sugar cane industry.

You will have a box lunch en route today. (Included)

While in Cienfuegos, walk through the plaza - the “Jose Marti Park” - where the foundation of the city took place. There are many historic buildings to be seen, among them the Cathedral of Cienfuegos and the Opera House where Enrico Caruso and Sarah Barnhart performed.

Meet with Rebecca Langus, President and several members of the Cienfuegos Jewish Community. Discuss their daily lives as Jews in Cuba. Deliver Humanitarian aid.

Dinner is in the Villa Lagato Paladar this evening. (Included)

O/N: JAGUA HOTEL, CIENFUEGOS

MONDAY, OCT 31

After an early breakfast check-out of the hotel and drive about 1 hour to the city of Santa Clara. Visit the Jewish Cemetery of Santa Clara and meet David Tacher, President of the small Santa Clara Jewish Community in the newest synagogue build in Cuba. David will talk about his dream for the three Jewish communities that will use this facility. Deliver humanitarian aid to the community.

Continue on to visit the small Jewish Cemetery. Here we will see the newest Holocaust Memorial in Cuba.

Time permitting, stop for a visit to the Ernesto (Che) Guevara Memorial and Museum.

Return to Havana with a stop en route for lunch. (Included)

Check into the hotel – this evening dinner is on your own – we will give suggestions of Paladars.

O/N: HABANA LIBRE HOTEL, HAVANA
TUESDAY, NOV 1  ART & MUSEUMS IN HAVANA

We will begin the day at a Cigar Factory – meet with the men and women who make the cigars and talk with them about their art.

Drive to the home/studio of Jose Fuster, a world famous ceramic artist – his whimsical work reminds us of Antonio Gaudi in Barcelona.

JOSE FUSTER’S HOME/STUDIO

Continue to the Museum of the Revolution The museum is housed in what was the Presidential Palace of all Cuban presidents from Mario García Menocal to Fulgencio Batista. It became the Museum of the Revolution during the years following the Cuban revolution.

Close by is the Bellas Artes Museum that exhibits Cuban art collections from the colonial times up to contemporary generations.

Dinner is in a Paladar this evening.
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WEDNESDAY, NOV 2  DAY TRIP TO PINAR DEL RIO

Following breakfast drive approximately one hour to the pioneering eco-village of Las Terrazas which dates back to a reforestation project in 1968. Today it’s a Unesco Biosphere Reserve, a burgeoning activity center and the site of the earliest surviving coffee plantations in Cuba. See how coffee was produced in times gone by.

Enjoy lunch here in a private restaurant listening to the sounds of beautiful Cuban music. (Included)

PINAR DEL RIO

Return to Havana after lunch. Enjoy some leisure time for last minute shopping and packing.
The Farewell Dinner is at Café de Oriente.
O/N: HABANA LIBRE HOTEL, HAVANA
FAREWELL

After breakfast check-out of the hotel. Please make you return flights to your home airport after 7:30 PM – Immigration and Customs take time at Miami International Airport.

Operated by Mabat Platinum Touring Services and CK Travel Services.

Under the auspices of the U.S. Treasury Department

COSTING / TERMS / CONDITIONS

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INCLUDED IN THE COST:

- Overnight at hotel in Miami – including free shuttle service from/to airport/hotel.
- Flight from Miami to Havana and back to Miami.
- Transfers from/to airport/hotel in Cuba.
- Meals: Daily buffet breakfast; 4 lunches; 6 dinners including Shabbat Dinner with the Jewish Community.
- Meetings & discussions with the Jewish Communities in Cuba.
- Professional English speaking Guide.
- Entrance fees to sites as per itinerary.
- To better understand the Cuban Jewish Community, the mission includes a full sightseeing program with Jewish highlights and some time to visit Havana at your own pace - A balance of free time and group activities for learning and leisure.
- Porterage at hotels.
- Land transportation by private A/C motor coach.
- Water on bus daily.
- An extensive educational packet on Cuba and the History of the Jews of Cuba, along with practical travel information.
- Medical insurance in Cuba.**
- Escort services.

*Itinerary subject to change.*
NOT INCLUDED IN THE COST:

- Air from home to and from Miami, Florida.
- Gratuities to your Guide and Driver – we recommend 7 – 10 CUC’s* per day per person, 2/3 for the Guide and 1/3 for the Driver.
- Trip Cancellation Insurance is strongly recommended.
- DONATIONS – Medical & humanitarian. As part of your participation in this mission, each participant is asked to bring 10 - 15 lbs. of such supplies – a current list will be given approximately one month before departure.

*A CUC is the currency used by tourists and equals approximately $.87. No U.S. money, traveler’s checks, credit cards or ATM’s, so far, are for use by tourists. You change your U.S. Dollars at the legal bank in each hotel.

DEPOSITS:
A deposit in the amount of $500 per person is required by April 22, 2016, $50 per person is nonrefundable. One-Half of remainder balance Payment is required by June 24, 2016. Final Payment is required by August 19, 2016. Please send the 3 documents, copy of information page of passport and deposit – check(s) to be made out to Sababa Travel:

Sababa Travel
PO Box 445
Fanwood, NJ 07023

If paying my credit card, please log on to:
Sababatravel.com
A 3% service charge will be applied

** MEDICAL INSURANCE COVERED WHILE IN CUBA:
If you need medical treatment, clinics are conveniently located throughout the country. Medical insurance has been included in your arrangements, $25,000, and emergency transportation to the United States due to illness, accident or death up to $7,000. Limitations may apply for pre-existing conditions.

1. MEDICAL EXPENSES INCURRED BECAUSE OF ILLNESS OR ACCIDENT
The Insurer takes to his charge, up to the limit indicated in the Policy Schedule the surgical, dental, pharmaceutical and hospitalization expenses, supervened as a consequence of an illness or accident happened during the trip and inside the period of validity of the Insurance Policy, and according to the nature of the illness of the suffered injury and to the circumstances in which such illness or injury occurred. It will be understood by dental expenses those who for infection, pain or trauma need a treatment of urgency. In any case, the above mentioned expenses are limited to 500.00 USD.

2. REPATRIATION OR TRANSPORT 2.1 - OF INJURED OR ILL
In case of accident or illness supervened to the Insured, the Insurer takes to his charge the transport to the most nearby hospital, which has the facilities needed to assist the Insured. Also, the medical team of the Insurer, in contact with the doctor who treats the Insured, will supervise that the given attention is the suitable one. In case the Insured or Policyholder must remain in the hospital and this condition will prevent the return in the expected date, the Insurer takes charge, up to the limit indicated in the Policy Schedule, of the transfer, to the Insured or Policyholder country of residence. The mean of transport used in every case will be decided by the medical team of the Insurer according to the urgency and the gravity of the case.

2.2 - OF DECEASED
In case of death of the Insured or Policyholder, the Insurer takes to his charge, up to the limit indicated in the Policy Schedule, the steps and expenses of conditioning and transport of the body from the place of the death up to that of the burial in the country of residence. It is excluded from this guarantee the payment of special coffins and the expenses of burial and ceremony.

3. EXCLUSIONS
No pre-existing conditions are covered.

4. BENEFITS
$25,000: Illness and Accidents.
$ 7,000: Repatriation and Transport of Deceased.
$ 7,000: Repatriation and Transport of Injured and Ill.