

Chico Area Recreation & Park District presents

# Cuba Discovery

Highlights of Havana, Vinales & the Pinar del Rio



7 Days

**February 24, 2020**



## HIGHLIGHTS

- Museum of the Revolution
- Old Havana Walking Tour
- Artist Jose Fuster
- Cigar Factory Tour
- Colon Cemetery
- Havana Club Rum Museum
- Hemingway's Farm
- Habana Compas Dance Group Performance
- Old Style Classic Car Club
- Nacional Hotel Tour
- Pinar Del Rio & Vinales Valley
- Tobacco Farm & Farmhouse Visit

**Booking Discount - Save \$200 per couple!\***

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Booking #131179 (Web Code)

# CUBA DISCOVERY - Highlights of Havana, Vinales & the Pinar del Rio

## DAY 1: DEPART USA - ARRIVE HAVANA CUBA

Upon arrival in **Havana** at the Jose Marti International Airport and clearing customs, meet your local English speaking Cuban Guide outside the baggage terminal. Your drive from the airport orients you with Cuba's enigmatic capital city, whose nearly 500-year Old Havana is home to the largest collections of Spanish-Colonial architecture in the Americas. Make a photo stop and learn more about the **Plaza de la Revolucion**, the center of Cuban political life where millions of Cubans listened to speeches of Fidel Castro. Religion has always played an important role in Cuban society. Enjoy a fascinating walking tour of the **Colon Cemetery** founded in 1876, and noted for its elaborate sculpted memorials containing more than 500 major mausoleums and chapels. The cemetery is the final resting place for famous Cubans including artists, writers, musicians and ballplayers. Check into your hotel and unpack for your five night stay. Dinner is included at a local restaurant in Havana this evening.

 (D) Overnight: **Havana**

## DAY 2: OLD HAVANA (UNESCO) - MUSEUM OF THE REVOLUTION

This morning enjoy a guided walking tour of pedestrian only **Old Havana**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. See the beautiful Cathedral de la Havana, built in baroque style in 1748 and learn about its preservation and continuous restoration. Next, enjoy a fascinating tour of the **Havana Club Rum Museum** with a local Cuban rum expert to learn about the history and process of making Cuban Rum and an opportunity to sample the differences. Following lunch at a local Paladar in Old Havana this afternoon we visit the famous **Museum of the Revolution** that displays documents and artifacts, weapons and planes from the revolution. Learn about the Bay of Pigs, the 1961 historic clash between the CIA trained Cuban exiles & rebel forces. Next head to the charming fishing village of Jaimanitas to visit the incredible **Home and Work Shop** of world famous artist, painter and ceramicist **Jose Fuster**, often called the "Picasso of Cuba". He has adorned an entire neighborhood with colorful ornate mosaics. Here we spend time with to discuss the influence of the artist's work and their lives and community. Dinner is on your own this evening allowing you to explore the fine restaurants, cuisine and Jazz clubs of Havana. Perhaps even take in the world famous Tropicana Cabaret Show on your own that offers an evening of music and history at this famous nightclub show that presents song-and-dance performances of 1950's Cuba.

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

## DAY 3: HAVANA - CIGAR FACTORY - HABANA COMPAS

This morning following breakfast we begin the day with a fascinating visit and guided tour with a local cigar expert to the **La Corona Cigar Factory**. See firsthand and learn about the history and the process of Cuban cigars being hand rolled. The factory rolls such brands as Hoya de Monterrey and Cuaba & Punch. Next enjoy a performance by the amazing **Habana Compas Dance Group**. Interact with the students and teachers to learn more about the Cuban dance culture. Next, tour the famous **Nacional Hotel**, once Havana's flagship hotel that has hosted celebrities and world leaders during its heyday, such as Winston Churchill and Frank Sinatra to name a few. Free time to explore this historic property housing pictures and nostalgia from a by gone era or even sip a Mojito on the patio. Meet a former famous professional Cuban baseball player and join in a discussion regarding the history and love of this game in Cuba and the U.S. Dinner is included this evening at a local Paladar.

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

## DAY 4: HAVANA - VINALES VALLEY (UNESCO) - PINAR DEL RIO

Today we travel out of Havana and into the rural Cuban countryside to the **Vinales Valley** located in the western most mountainous range in Cuba and declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This region, the western province of **Pinar del Rio** is known for its stunning scenery, a landscape of prehistoric looking flat-top mountains or "mogotes", tobacco plantations, caves and rivers. Next, visit a traditional **Tobacco Farm and Farmhouse** to meet with the farmer to learn about tobacco cultivation, the drying process and experience a cigar rolling demonstration inside the drying hut. Enjoy a visit inside his farmhouse, meeting and interacting with his family while enjoying some Cuban coffee. A great opportunity to witness up close, how Cuban families live in a rural setting. Next enjoy lunch at the beautiful **Finca Paraiso Paladar** (organic farm) offering incredible panoramic views of the Vinales Valley and an opportunity to meet the Cuban family that owns this organic farm. Later stop at the Los Jasmynes viewpoint offering incredible views of the Vinales Valley and an opportunity to enjoy the spectacular scenery and

take photos of this beautiful and unique region of Cuba. Return to Havana later this afternoon with the evening on your own to explore Havana's many outstanding Paladars, Jazz clubs or simply relax.

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

## DAY 5: HAVANA - HEMINGWAY FARM - CLASSIC CAR CLUB

Next enter the world of Ernest Hemingway with a visit to **Hemingway's Farm**, Finca La Vigia (meaning 'lookout house'). This beautiful property hosts the house where the Nobel Prize winner lived with his wife Martha for 21 years. View the perfectly preserved home where many of the Hemingway personal furniture and belongings remain intact. View his famous boat on display, the Pilar in which he used to patrol for Nazis in the Caribbean waters and featured in his novel "Islands in the Stream". A photo stop is made at the **Morro Castle**, built in 1589, to protect the mouth of the Havana Harbor. "Morro" in Spanish means a rock which is very visible from the sea and therefore serves as a navigational landmark. Perched on the headland on the opposite side of the harbor from Old Havana it can be viewed from miles around as it dominates the port entrance. Next visit the **San Jose Craft Market and Art Center** to meet and interact with the local artists to discuss and learn of the importance of their art in Cuban culture. Learn from the artists who share their experiences of pursuing the arts with limited access to materials and funding. Before dinner, meet the local **Old Style Car Club** owners. A chance to interact and talk with the owners and learn why Havana's streets are filled with vintage American automobiles and understand what it takes to keep them on the road. Enjoy a drive through the streets of Havana in a vintage car to your **farewell dinner** at a one of Havana's top local Paladars. After dinner you have an opportunity to meet and discuss with the owners how this private Paladar enterprise works in Cuba.

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

## DAY 6: HAVANA - FLIGHT BACK TO USA

Following breakfast, this morning, we'll transfer to the airport for our return flight home with incredible memories of the amazing people and culture of your Cuba.

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## ACCOMMODATIONS:

5 Nights- Four Points by Sheraton Hotel or Melia Havana, Havana

### Tour Activity Level

Easy **1** **2** **3** **4** Active

## INCLUSIONS:

- Round Trip Airfare From- SMF
- Air Departure Taxes & Fees
- Cuban Health Insurance
- 5 Nights Hotel Accommodations
- Bilingual Cuban Tour Guide
- 12 Meals- (5B, 4L, 3D)
- People to People Interactions
- Admissions per Itinerary
- Baggage Handling
- Air Conditioned Motorcoach
- Hotel & Airport Transfers In Cuba
- Gratuities for Hotel Porters, Wait Staff at included Meals, Local Step on Guides and All People to People Visits & Interactions

## TOUR RATES

Booking Discount\*: \$3699 pp double  
Regular Rate: \$3799 pp double  
Single Supplement: +\$650

*\*See Reservation Info for Booking Discount details*

Cuban Travel Visa is required for travel to Cuba and applies to United States citizens only. The Cuban Visa cost is \$100 per person including processing fees and is not included in the tour rates. Cuban Visa cost will be invoiced with your final payment and is subject to change. Cuban born passengers require a different Visa process.

# PREMIER WORLD DISCOVERY RESERVATION FORM (INTERNATIONAL)

**Reservation Form**

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Make Checks Payable to: Premier World Discovery

**Contact Information/Mail Reservation Form to:**

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Enclosed please find a deposit in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$500 per person) to secure reservations for \_\_\_\_\_ # of people.

Premier's Travel Protection Plan (TPP):  Yes, I (we) wish to purchase travel protection (TPP)  No, I (we) decline travel protection (TPP)

Enclosed please find payment in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$350 per person) to secure the Premier's Travel Protection Plan (TPP).

Total Payment \$ \_\_\_\_\_

RT AIR GATEWAY \_\_\_\_\_

ROOMMATE'S RT AIR GATEWAY \_\_\_\_\_

see flyer page 2 for included group RT air gateway/departure city, additional charges apply for other RT air gateways

To avoid change fees, submit full Passport names (first/mid/last) exactly as they appear on Passports

Passport Name \_\_\_\_\_ DOB (MM/DD/YY) \_\_\_\_\_ Gender  M  F

Roommate's Passport Name \_\_\_\_\_ DOB (MM/DD/YY) \_\_\_\_\_ Gender  M  F

Passport #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date (MM/DD/YY) \_\_\_\_\_ Country of Issuance \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate's Passport #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date (MM/DD/YY) \_\_\_\_\_ Country of Issuance \_\_\_\_\_

Your Address \_\_\_\_\_  Check if Roommate's address is the same

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ Tel # \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Mbl # \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact/Tel# \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder Name (if paying by credit card) \_\_\_\_\_



Amount to be charged \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Credit card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV#: \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder Billing Address:  Check if address is the same as above \_\_\_\_\_

Signature Required (for credit card use & acceptance of terms\*): \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*I (We) agree to pay according to the credit card issuer agreement. I understand and accept the cancellation fees/policy and other terms.

**DEPOSIT & FINAL PAYMENT**

Deposit of \$500 per person is due with Reservation Form to secure reservations. Final Payment Due Date is 75 days prior to departure.

**\*BOOKING DISCOUNT**

Make your Final Payment by check prior to the Final Payment Due Date & receive \$200 per couple/\$100 per person Booking Discount!

- Initial Deposit can be made by check or credit card to be eligible.
- Payments after Initial Deposit are considered part of Final Payment & must be made by check.

**ONLINE BOOKING OPTION**

Save time, postage & secure your seat for this group departure. Simply type <https://res.premierworlddiscovery.com> into your web browser & use the Booking Number (Web Code) from this flyer to make your Deposit online in just a few minutes. No need to submit a Reservation Form if booking online.

**PREMIER'S TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN (TPP) \$350 per person**

The Pre-Departure Cancellation Fee Waiver (Part A – I & II) is provided by Premier World Discovery (PWD) and is not an insurance benefit. The Post Departure Travel Insurance Plan (Part B) is provided by USI Affinity Travel Insurance Services (USI).

**Part A – Cancellation Waiver provided by PWD**

**I. Trip Cancellation Waiver (TCW)** - Guarantees full refund on all payments, except the TPP Fee itself in case of cancellation up to the time and date of departure due to the passenger's personal illness or death of a member of the immediate family; or, if the passenger must return early due to the passenger's personal illness or death of a member of the immediate family, a refund for the unused land services. Medical/official documentation required.

**II. Premier "Any Reason" Cancellation Waiver (ARCW)** - Reimburses 75% of the cancellation fees in the form of a future travel credit certificate (FTCC) valid for 1 year, if you cancel more than 48 hours prior to scheduled departure for any reason not eligible for cash refund under the TCW (Part A – I.). FTCC is non-transferable, may not be redeemed for cash and does not include any credit for the TPP Fee. The TPP Fee (if chosen) is refundable until 180 days prior to departure & cannot be added after Final Payment.

**The TPP does not cover any single supplement charges due to an individual's traveling companion cancelling prior to departure.** The TPP is non-transferable and valid for each applicant only. The TPP does not cover any services such as airline tickets not purchased through PWD. Cancellations, Claims & Inquiries under Part A will be administered by PWD. Certain Exclusions and Restrictions apply.

**Part B – Post Departure Travel Insurance Plan provided by USI**

Includes coverage for: Trip Interruption (\$1,000); Trip Delay (\$100/Day-Max \$500); Baggage & Personal Effects (\$2,000); Baggage Delay (\$500); Emergency Accident/Sickness

Medical Expense (\$30,000); Emergency Evacuation/Repatriation (\$150,000); Accidental Death & Dismemberment (\$25,000); Emergency Travel Assistance (24/7). Claims & Inquiries under Part B will be administered by USI.

For full Part A and Part B policy details visit: [premierworlddiscovery.com/TPP](http://premierworlddiscovery.com/TPP)

**CANCELLATION FEES**

Cancellations not covered by the Travel Protection Plan (TPP) or if the TPP is not purchased, are subject to the following per person fees:

- Cancel more than 180 days prior to departure: Full Refund
- Cancel 179-75 days prior to departure: Deposit or TPP\* is Retained
- Cancel 74-45 days prior to departure: 25% of total price
- Cancel 44-15 days prior to departure: 50% of total price
- Cancel 14 days or less prior to departure/no shows: No refunds

\*If purchased with Initial Deposit

**RESPONSIBILITY**

Premier World Tours LLC dba Premier World Discovery (hereafter PWD), whose vouchers are used by respective agents for the passenger in all matters pertaining to hotel accommodations, sightseeing tours and transportation, hold themselves free of responsibility for any damages occasioned from any cause whatsoever. PWD will not be responsible for any damages or inconvenience caused by late arrivals, departures and change of schedule or other conditions nor will they be responsible for any act, omission, or event during the time the passenger is not on board their conveyance. The passage contract in use by the airline concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airline and the purchaser of this tour/cruise, and/or passenger. PWD does not hold any responsibility for the conduct of any of its members, hotel, motorcoach, cruiseline, train, airline or other personnel. PWD reserves the right to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of a tour/cruise at its discretion. PWD &/or its Tour Director retain the right to require any participant to withdraw from a tour/cruise at any time, if determined to be in the best interests of health, safety & general welfare of the tour/cruise group or of the individual participant. Arbitration - I/We agree, any and all disputes concerning this contract or any other material concerning the trip, or the trip itself must be resolved exclusively pursuant to binding arbitration in the state of California, pursuant to the then current rules of the American Arbitration Association. Payment of the deposit for this tour/cruise constitutes acceptance of these terms and conditions. CST #2048841-40

**IMPORTANT CONDITIONS/NOTES**

- A valid US passport is required for this tour and is the responsibility of each passenger. Passports should be valid for up to six (6) months beyond the travel dates. All names must be submitted to Premier exactly as they appear on passenger passports.
- Tour rates are subject to increase until you are paid in full.
- Itinerary and hotels are subject to change.

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