



# OTHER CUBAN JOURNEYS

## **Faces of Jewish Cuba...**

***Embark on an artfully crafted journey back in time,  
Be part of a mitzvah when you visit the synagogues in Havana  
Enjoy this in-depth adventure with a fascinating mix of Cuban  
culture, music, history, and art. Join OCJ on an adventure of a  
lifetime.***



## ***Purposeful Travel for Passionate People***

**Experience this unique culture that currently in the midst of change  
See Cuba while the remains of yesteryear are becoming the Cuba of  
tomorrow**

**Immerse yourself in Cuban traditions while enjoying classic cars, cigars,  
cuisine and all that Cuba has to offer**

**Stimulate your senses while exploring this enchanting island...**

### **Day 1, Thursday, Havana ( D)**

- Today you will arrive in Havana from your home city. Your guide and driver will meet you at the airport and you will start your Cuban exploration with a stop at the Plaza de la Revolution. We'll stop at Plaza de Revolucion which is where you see the familiar iconic silhouette of Che Guevarra and where the "bearded one" made his famously long speeches. This is a great spot for a group photo
- Check into your home for the next 4 nights. You will have time for changing money and getting settled.
- Dinner included at one of Cubas best Paladars – a privately owned restaurant
- After dinner if you have the energy then we go to FAC –the newest and trendiest food/art/music venue ( this is optional and you will take your own transportation home if you chose to stay).

### **Day 2, Friday, Havana (B, L,D)**

- After your first Cuban breakfast, we will explore the restored plazas of Old Havana which date back to the 16th century. You will witness the greatest wealth of Spanish colonial architecture in the western hemisphere. This area is a bustling area where its residences, government buildings, and churches are actively being renovated. We will learn how this renaissance is having a financial impact on Old Havana.

The history of old Havana will unfold as we discover how the old city developed around the plazas. During our walk we will have the chance to peak into stores, private businesses, and visit Taller Grafica printmaking studio; we will have the opportunity to talk to artists while they work at their crafts.

- After an included lunch at a Paladar we let your sense of whimsy unfold in Jaiminitas at Casa-Estudio de Fuster, the studio-home of Jose Fuster, commonly called the 'Picasso of the Caribbean". Meet with the artist's representative while exploring his unique studio and property. Fuster's art is found in many important collections all over the world. You will talk with local artists and deliver donations such as paints and supplies to help support this private businesses which will allow them to distance themselves from being dependent on the system.
- If interested you can attend a Shabbat Service with the Jewish community. Patronato houses Beth Shalom Synagogue. *deliver donations*
- Dinner will be either with the Jewish community or at a paladar

### **Day 3, Saturday, (B,L).**

- After breakfast we will drive to the country side.
- We will meet with farmer's, artists and locals. We will bring donations to leave with our new friends.

- Lunch included at a privately owned restaurant.
- Upon our return to Havana we will visit an Agro market to learn about the dual currency system and engage in discussion about cooperatives and private business in Cuba.
- Dinner is on your own.

#### **Day 4, Sunday (B, D)**

- Enjoy your daily breakfast before driving to one of the most beautiful vintage points of Havana, The Morro Castle. From there you will be able to see why so many people fall in love with this city.
- Continue to Finca Vigia, Hemingway's former home where we will hear the Cuban perspective on Hemingway, his associations with the isle, and the difficulties of restoring and maintaining his former home as an important world heritage site. We will walk around this lush estate and view Pilar, the boat which was a "character" in his book "*The Old Man and the Sea*".
- On our way back to Havana we will visit the Jewish cemetery which houses the oldest memorial to the Holocaust in the western hemisphere. Bring donations in order to support the caretakers.
- Visit to an organic farm is an option
- For those who like to shop and take home local crafts - we will visit Almacenes San Jose, a former harbor warehouse restored by the Office of the City Historian to facilitate an environmental structure where craftsmen and artists can display their products. This is Cuba's flea market and where private enterprise in Cuba started. There is a new Cuban brewery next door for those who prefer to relax and try local brews.
- We will support a project that inspires the belief in the afro-Cuban religion the alleyway of Callejon de Hammel.
- Over dinner we will share our Cuban experience and toast to our trip and all the friends we have made!

#### **Day 5, Havana (B)**

- Breakfast included at hotel.
- Say our goodbyes to Cuba and leave a little of our hearts with our new friends

#### **PRICING**

**Per person** (double occupancy) in a 5\* Hotel :

Per person (double occupancy) from:

4-5 travelers .....	\$ 3800
6-8 travelers.....	\$ 3500
9-12 travelers.....	\$ 3100
Single supplement.....	\$ 500

**Your trip includes:**

- 5 days in Cuba, 4 nights
- Accommodations in Cuba
- Included meals of 4 breakfasts, 2 lunches, and 3 dinners
- Opportunity to try privately owned Paladars and sample some of the best cuisine of Cuba
- Land transportation in Cuba by a driver with many years of service
- Services of an experienced Cuban, English speaking professional guide who has much knowledge of the Cuban community, politics, education, medical system, arts, economics, etc.
- Entrance fees to the important cultural and historic sites
- Gratuities to wait staff at included meals and bellboys in Cuba

**Not included:**

- Trip cancellation insurance – highly recommended. Cancellation for any reason prior to trip can cause you to lose all money paid.
- Tips for guide and driver
- Airfare to Cuba
- Tzedakah