



Celebrating Havana's 500th Anniversary Through the Photographers Lens

November 14 -22, 2019

November 14th, Havana D

TBA. Arrival in Jose Marti International Airport.

3:00 pm Bus transfer and check in to your Casas Particulares in Old Havana, where we will enjoy our welcome mojito and some downtime to rest or explore the historic district.

6:00 pm Meet and Greet Orientation meeting with Joe, your local Cuban guide, and Altruvistas program coordinator Cicely Sanchez on general Cuba travel information and logistics, as well as an overview of the program.

7:30 p.m. Welcome Dinner at **San Cristobal Paladar** then continue through Old Havana for an evening of exploration and night shooting.

November 15 Havana B, L,

Am Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Meet with **Cuban Architect Miguel Coyula** for an overview of the history and development of the Capital.

11:00am Enjoy a **guided walking tour of Old Havana**. Learn about the Master Plan for Restoration of Old Havana, including the importance and use of tourism revenue to restore neglected buildings and provide social services to Havana residents, the importance of UNESCO World Heritage Sites, national patrimony, and urban planning.

1:00pm Lunch at a Paladar in Old Havana.

2:30 pm Walk to **Fototeca**, the Cuban photo archives and photography center. Meet with the head of Fototeca and staff.

3:30 pm Continue to the **Camera Oscura** and afterwards exchange with Cuban artists.

7:30 pm Reservation at local **Paladar Jardin de los Milagros** and Photo review with Joe Guerrero.

10:00 pm Optional Cultural Activity-Enjoy a visit to **the Fabrica De Arte**

November 16th **Havana** **B, L,**

9:00 a.m. After breakfast enjoy a **walking tour of Centro Havana**, to experience everyday life and diverse architecture with Cuban photographer *Nestor Marti*.

11:30 am Visit the **Museo de Bellas Artes**, the Cuban Fine Arts Museum, for an overview of Cuban contemporary arts.

1:00 p.m. Lunch at **Bodeguita del Medio**, right off Cathedral Square.

Our afternoon and evening are dedicated to the **500th Birthday Celebration of the City of Havana!**

November 17th **Havana/Cienfuegos** **B, L**

Am Breakfast

9:00 am Check out of accommodations.

9:30 am Continue exploring Havana, this time ending up at the **Grand Theater**. Tour the Theater (requested Sonia Baez to join us)

11:00 am Continue on to Cienfuegos with lunch on the way. Panoramic **City tour of Cienfuegos** known as the Pearl of the South will cover the history of the local architecture's ties to the prosperity of sugar, tobacco and fruit trading, and 19th- century European influence. Upon arrival we will tour of the town with stops for photographing.

5:30 pm Check into your hotel.

Dinner and evening is Free for Joe's Photo review

November 18th **Cienfuegos** **Trinidad** **B, L**

Am Breakfast and enjoy a morning photo walk with Joe.

10:00 am Check out from Casas Particulares.

10:30 am Visit to to a **UNEAC cultural arts project**.

12:30 pm Lunch at Club Nautico de Cienfuegos restaurant

2:30 pm **Depart for Trinidad**, stopping on route for photo opportunities.

4:30 pm Arrive in Trinidad. Check in to Bread & Breakfasts where you will overnight.

7:30 pm **Dinner Reservation tonight is at Sol Ananda**. Meet the host and owner of the Restaurant whose family has owned the restaurant's 18th century locale since the 19th Century.

9:00 pm Optional Cultural Activity: Enjoy the Casa de Trova

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Trinidad

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optional morning photowalk and **explore the town** with Joe Guerriero.

9:00am Leave for our **guided walking tour of Trinidad** to enjoy the rich Spanish colonial architecture by taking a stroll through the picturesque cobblestone streets of this very photogenic city. We have time to visit the Museum of Trinidad and Architecture after experiencing Plaza Mayor and other sites.

12:30 pm Lunch included at Esquerra paladar at the center of the city.

In the afternoon we will have time to engage with Cubans at their art studios, galleries and a local cigar factory where participants **will meet with Cuban artists** (including Yudit Vidal) and find out firsthand how artist negotiate between the tourist market, a socialist **economy**.

7:30 pm Dinner reservation at a local paladar Tonight we will soak up culture at the **Brunet Maceo Theatre Ruins** where there are nightly Afro Cuban performances and if energy permits we can end at the Casa de Musica for mojitos.

November 20th,

Santa Clara/Havana

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am Breakfast and check out

9:00 am Then we will departure to Santa Clara and lunch will be on the way

Pm We will enjoy a panoramic tour of this city as well as to visit the armored train and the Mausoleum of Che Guevara. Time for photo review with Joe

4:30 pm Continue travelling to Havana and check into our hotel.

November 21st.

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10:0am Photo walk with local architectural photographer, Nelson Marti.

12:30pm Lunch at a local Paladar

2:00pm Enjoy a private overview of Cuban photographer and exchange with Leysis Quesada,

4:00pm Exchange, dance and learn about the power of creativity with a local community arts project, Murraleando.

7:00pm City tour by classic cars

8:00 pm Farewell dinner

November 22

Havana

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am Breakfast and check out to depart

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