

**Photo Trip to Santiago, Baracoa, and Points East
January 3-11, 2020**

Friday . January 3

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pm Check in for flight to Cuba, departing Miami for Holguin
pm Arrive to Holguin. Flights pending confirmation. City tour of
Holguín including Loma de la Cruz with a unique sight of the city.
7:00 pm Check in to or similar in the city. Welcome dinner.
Over night Villa Islazur Mirador de Mayabe

Saturday January 4

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7-8:00 am Breakfast at the hotel.
8:00 am Early morning photo shoot around the city of Holguin.
9:30 am Depart for Gramma province. Meet with UNEAC
photographer. Photo tour of Bayamo
Continue to the Sierra Maestra Mountain range. Box lunch on the road or
lunch along the way.
Check in at Villa Santo Domingo. Explore Yara river and the surroundings.
Dinner at the hotel. (included)
Overnight Villa Islazur Mirador de Mayabe

Sunday January 5

B, L

7-8:00 am Breakfast at the hotel.
8:30 am Climb to Comandancia de la Plata where the Guerrillas
that defeated the Batista dictatorship led by Fidel Castro had their
headquarters. Photo shoot in the area.
Return to the hotel for lunch and check out.
Depart for Santiago de Cuba. Check in at casas particulares.
Evening Dinner and evening on your own. Dinner reservations at
Tres Anaas Paladar.
 Photo review with Joe Guerriero
Overnight hotel Casa Granda

Monday January 6

B, L

7-8:00 am Breakfast at the hotel.

8:30 am Drive to El Cobre church, the Virgen de la Caridad Sanctuary, Patron Saint of Cuba. Discussion with guide and group leader about the significance of the site. Interaction with pilgrims and local vendors who surround the site.

11:00 am Return to Santiago.

11:30 am Explore the hills around Santiago Bay with views of the harbor and town.

12:30 pm Break for lunch at el Moro Castle

3:00 pm Meet with local anthropologist at the Casa del Caribe Raul Miyares for an overview of their work. Then he or another historian will accompany the group on a photo tour of Santa Efigenia Cemetery including the tomb of national hero José Martí where there is also the opportunity to photograph the changing of the guard. Continue with the historian through the city with stops for photographing to the Plaza de Marte where most afternoons there is a Children's Cultural Show, a series of performances in a competition of arts, music and dance.

Evening Dinner and evening on your own.

Evening Optional activity Visit to Casa de la Trova
Overnight hotel Casa Granda

Tuesday January 7

B, L

7-8:00 am Breakfast

08:30 am Photo tour of Gran Piedra mountain just outside Santiago in a national park replete with with the Sierra Maestra's flora and fauna.

12:30 pm Returning to Santiago, lunch at El Madrileño (included)

From there a through the Vista Alegre neighborhood, formerly an upper class neighborhood and then to Finca de los Helechos, a tiny Botanic Garden with the most complete collection of ferns in the Caribbean.

4:30 pm Depart for Guantanamo. Check in to the Hotel Guantanamo.

8:00 pm Photo review with Joe Guerriero

After dinner on your own, meet with with Cotumba Francesa, a group of Haitian immigrants and descendants of keep their traditions alive through dance or another cultural option.

Overnight Hotel Marti.

Wed. January 8

B, L

7-8:00 am Breakfast at the hotel.

8:00 am Morning photo shoot around Guatanamo.

11:30 am Meet with Cuban artists at the Union of Artists and Writers, UNEAC in Guantanamo

Lunch

3:00 pm Exchange with the Asociación Hermanos Saíz (AHS) in Guantánamo to experience youth community arts projects.

5:00pm Break

8:00 pm Following dinner on your own, meet with a Committee for Defense of the Revolution, CDR, the local block committee for a special P2P exchange with

Guantanamo people

Evening Optional activity Visit to House of del Changüí
Overnight Hotel Marti.

Thursday January 9

B, L

7-8:00 am Breakfast at the hotel.

9:00am Check out of hotel and leave for Baracoa, the eastern most point of Cuba and where Cuba's indigenous history and culture is still in evidence. Visit to the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Assumption of Baracoa to know about the Cruz de la Parra National Monument and Treasure of the Nation, visit to the Archaeological Museum, visit to the Matachín Museum and the Spanish Fortresses system of the XVIII century for a city tour a

3:00pm Check into casas Particulares in Baracoa

Evening is free for dinner and a photowalk.

Friday January 10

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6:30 am Early breakfast at the hotel.

8:00 am Photo tour. Then enjoy ecotourism opportunities as we visit the watershed of the Toa River which occupies around 70% of the Reservation of the Biosphere that takes the name of Knives of the Toa "Cuchilla del Toa". Here experience biological diversity, the variety of its landscapes, the peculiarity of its ecosystems and the high presence of endemic species in flora and fauna, constituting the refuge and species center oldest of Cuba. If the river water levels allow we will also have enjoy a traditional canoe ride on the Toa River

12:30 pm Lunch Reservations at Rancho Toa.

1:30 pm Depart for Holguin with a number of stops along the winding shore road and arriving at approximately 5pm

Check into the Villa Islazur Mirador de Mayabe

7:30 pm Farewell dinner.

Photo review with Joe Guerriero

Wed. January 11

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Breakfast at the hotel

Morning for beach (

10:30 am Transfer to the Airport.

1: 35 pm Depart for Miami

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