



***Building Relation with Cuban Labor***  
**April 28 – May 3, 2022**

**Provincial Excursion**  
**May 3– 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

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**April 28<sup>th</sup> 2022**

Please plan your arrival in Havana and taxi to your hotel of choice. We will arrange 2 group pick ups as well.

- 4:00 pm Check-In to our casas particulares
- 6:00 pm Orientation and Meet and Greet Session.
- 8:00pm Welcome Dinner

**Meals Included :** Dinner

**April 29 2022 :**

- 9:00am Meeting with ICAP, the Cuban Institute for Friendship with the People for a discussion on the current relationship between the US and Cuba.
- 11:00m Explanation of the history and development of Havana by an architect/urban planner, explanation of the social and political effects on the development of the Cuban Capital (Miguel Coyula requested).
- 12:30m Lunch in Old Havana
- 2:00pm Group breaks up to visit to the Museum of the Revolution (for those that have been you can experience the Bellas Artes Museum) or enjoy free time along the Prado.
- 4:00pm Enjoy a guided **Walking City Tour of Havana**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Delegates also have time to engage with Cubans at their art studios, galleries and markets where participants will meet with Cuban artists and find out first hand how artist negotiate between the tourist market, a socialist economy and new opportunities for individual entrepreneurship. Visit the four major historical squares of Cuba. Historian's massive efforts to restore Old Havana buildings, attract tourism and new investment, and improve social services for local residents. See buildings and homes in different stages of reconstruction, meet with neighborhood residents. Learn about how tourism impacts economic good.
- 6:00pm Break to debrief, swim or relax. Dinner and Evening are free for personal exploration
- 9:00pm **Optional hotel Activity:** enjoy a short and then a conversation **with Gloria Rolando** Among her best known works are Cuba, My Footsteps in Baraguá (1996), a history of the West Indian community in eastern Cuba, Eyes of the Rainbow (1997), a **film** about Assata Shakur, and a three-part series on the 1912 massacre of members of the Partido Independiente de Color (Independent Party of Color). She will talk about race and gender in Cuba, and answer your questions about filmmaking.

**Meals Included :** Breakfast, Lunch

**Thursday April 29, 2022 :**

- 9:00 am | Learn about labor history in Cuba as we exchange with a member of the **Cuban Workers Confederation, CTC.**
- 11:30am | **Exchange with Cuban Biotech to learn about investment in vaccines and the vaccination plan in Cuba.**
- Lunch | At a local Paladar.
- 2:00pm | Visit with local artists studios or visit to the renovated Capital Building.
- 3:30pm | Meet with **MOVPAZ** -Cuba's work internationally against military bases and in support of Peace, Justice and Sovereignty. Representative to talk at their headquarters in Vedado.
- 6:30pm | Dinner and Evening free like for cultural activities like live jazz at the Jazz at the Fox and the Crow
- Meals Included :** Breakfast and Lunch

**Friday , May 1, 2019**

- Day | **We board the bus at 4:00 am in order to arrive at Revolutionary Square, park, go through security, and find our seats for the March of 1,000,000 workers celebrating May Day. After the March we have lunch and have the rest of the afternoon for a break.**
- Meals Included :** Breakfast and Dinner

**May 2,**

8:00am COVID antigen tests.

9:00am Participate today in the **International Conference of Labor Solidarity.**

12:30 Lunch.

2:00 pm **Group splits for visits to the Denunciation Memorial** and to the newly opened **Fidel Castro Museum.**

4:00pm **Exchange with unions that represent the health care delivery system.** We will discuss how Cuba has responded to COVID and what is protections are for workers.

7:00 pm Group Farewell Celebration Dinner .

**Meals Included :** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**May 3,**

**Group 1 departs for flights back home. We will have on am transfer and others can take a cab at your leisure.**

## Excursion to Cienfuegos, Trinidad and Santa Clara

**May 3, :** \_\_\_\_\_ **(B, L)**

9:00am Check out of our hotel and then we are off to **Cienfuegos**, known as the “Pearl of the South”. It was founded by the French, which lends it a distinctly European flavor, with a wide Parisian-style boulevard and elegant colonnades. Like Havana, Cienfuegos has a beautiful Malecón, where fisherman cast nets and locals socialize. If possible on the weekend, we will visit the Korimakao Cultural Project in Ciénega de Zapata, an area famous for its tropical wetlands. Korimakao is a project founded in 1992 to bring theatre, music, and dance to remote areas of Cuba.

3:00 pm After lunch, we head along the picturesque **Bay of Pigs (Bahia de Cochinos)** past the site where the landing of U.S. sponsored counter-revolutionary exile militia occurred in 1961. Today there is a museum here that recounts the events of this conflict which resulted in the first defeat of a U.S backed take-over in Latin America.

On arrival to Cienfuegos we settle into our hotel before taking a walk around the city to learn it’s history.

7:00pm **Free time for Dinner and resting in our hotel**

**May 4, Cienfuegos** \_\_\_\_\_ **(B,L)**

8:00 am Breakfast at the hotel

9:00 am Visit the **Benny Moré Art School** to meet with its director Federico Cortese and students studying music, dance, or art and their teachers.

11:00am Exchange with local **CTC** office to learn about labor issues in the provinces.

12:30 pm Lunch

2:30 pm Free to **visit social institutions** (TBA: UNEAC , schools or polyclinics).

7:00 pm Free time for Dinner at the hotel and time to relax.

8:30 pm **Exchange with a local CDR**, Committees for the Defense of the Revolution.

### **May 5<sup>th</sup>      Trinidad      (B,L)**

9:30am      Check out of our hotel and depart for the beautiful colonial city of Trinidad is a UNESCO World Heritage site, and home to many beautiful and photogenic colonial buildings. We are near the lovely Valle de los Ingenios (Valley of Sugar mills) and Playa Ancón, with its long stretches of unspoiled, white sand beaches. We begin with a guided cultural tour of Trinidad where we have options to visit museums such as: **Museo Lucha contra Bandidos, Architecture Museum** and Museo Romántico. At the **Afro Cuban temple to Yemaya** we can learn about the Santería religion and its deities from the official caretaker – the Santero priest Israel Ernesto Bravo Vega.

After lunch we have time to visit an Afro Cuban Folkloric dance group that performs

shows at the club Palenque. Gisela Zerquera, the director of the ballet will welcome us into the venue by the where they train and perform before taking on an optional Cuban salsa class. After you have free time to wander the streets and exchange with local artists.

Dinner and Evening are free to explore. We recommend the **Casa de Trova**.

### **May 6<sup>th</sup>      Topes De Collantes      (B,D)**

9:30am      We are off to explore the beauty of Cuba's rich biodiversity today. We will Travel to the Escambre Mountains and explore the beautiful reserve, at the **Topes de Collantes**. We will visit with local **CITMA** staff to learn about biodiversity protection.

Lunch Reservations

2:30pm      Enjoy an ecology walk, el **Paseo Ecologico** and a 2 mile hike in the afternoon for those that like to the **Caburni Falls**.

5:30pm      Return to Trinidad for local night life and dinner together.

\*for those that don't want to hike you can enjoy a day here in town or take a cab to enjoy Playa Ancon.

