



## Cuba and Its People Through the Photographer's Lens

OCTOBER 23-30, 2023

October 23 Havana D

Arrival in Jose Marti International Airport.

3:00 pm Bus transfer and check in to your accommodations in 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 your local Cuban guide, and Altruvistas program coordinator 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.

October 24 Havana B, L

Am Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Meet with **Cuban Architect** 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.

5:00pm Exchange with Cuban Art Historian about Restoration efforts in the Old Havana.

7:00pm Dinner and evening are free  
9:45pm Optional Cultural Activity for live jazz at la Zora y el Cuervo.

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**October 25<sup>th</sup> Havana B, L**

8:00 am Breakfast

9:00 am Check out of accommodations and continue on to Vinales valley. The Viñales valley is encircled by mountains and its landscape is interspersed with dramatic rocky outcrops. Traditional techniques are still in use for agricultural production, particularly of tobacco. Sustainable, organic food production and the implications for health will be presented. The quality of this cultural landscape is enhanced by the vernacular architecture of its farms and villages, where a rich multi-ethnic society survives, illustrating the cultural development of the islands of the Caribbean, and of Cuba.

In Viñales we will enjoy the beautiful sites and enjoy a walking farm tour, including a visit to a tobacco farm. We will meet with a cigar roller and learn about this labor intensive craft. We will horseback ride in the valley, meeting and talking with farmers. Upon arrival in Viñales we will visit the center and the garden of Soledad and lunch in the organic farm El Paraiso with view over the valley (typical farmers kitchen with several options). In the afternoon we will walk in the valley of Viñales passing by the beautiful mogotes and exchange with tobacco farmers.

Dinner and evening are free for Joe's Photo review

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**October 26<sup>h</sup> Viñales B, L**

Am Breakfast

Am The Viñales Valley, containing the most spectacular scenery in Cuba and some of the most interesting and varied geological formations on the island valley is particularly famous for its great freestanding rock formations called mogotes. We will have time to walk and enjoy walking these local agricultural areas.

1:00pm Lunch at a local Paladar

3:00pm Visit the Cueva el Indico, used by the Guanahatabey Amerindians as a burial site in ancient time, and as a refuse from the Spaniards for both Indians and Black slaves alike. We'll take a short boat ride on the subterranean river running through the cave. Or visit to Mural de la Prehistoria, a huge painting on the side of a mogote (your choice).

Next you'll have some free time to explore Vinales Village at your leisure: its open-air craft market, Parquet Marti, town church, and other interesting sites of this charming colonial hamlet.

Evening is free for dinner and local cultural options.

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**October 27<sup>h</sup> Viñales/Havana B, L**

8:00am Breakfast check out and return to la Havana

12:30pm Lunch in Old Havana

3:30pm Enjoy a walking tour of Centro Havana, to experience everyday life and diverse architecture with a local Cuban photographer that is an expert in architectural photography.

Free time to shoot Old Havana or activities TBA.

- 5:00pm Check into our accommodation.
- 7:00 pm Reservation at local Paladar Jardin de los Milagros and Photo review with Joe.

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**October 28h** **Havana** **B, L**

- 9:00am Day by Classic Cars! This morning we will leisurely make our way to stop and shoot.
- 11:00am Optional visit to explore contemporary Cuban Arts at the Bellas Artes Museum with a local art historian and docent.
- 12:30 pm Enjoy a curated lunch in a Cuban home.
- 3:00pm Exchange with a local Cuban photographer and visit their studio.
- 5:00pm Time for rest and personal exploration.
- 8:00pm Reservation at la Tierra at the FAC.
- 10:00 pm Enjoy a visit to **the Fabrica De Arte** .

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**October 29<sup>th</sup>** **Havana** **B, D**

- 9:00am Day 2 Travel and Shoot by Classic Cars!
- 10:00am Photo walk with Joe and local photographer in Barrio Chino.
- 12:30pm Lunch reservation at a local Paladar
- 2:00pm Enjoy a private overview of the work on another Cuban artist and photographer. After for those that like we will soak up the afternoon at the Santa Marta Beach.
- 8:00 pm Farewell dinner celebration

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**October 30<sup>th</sup>** **Havana** **B**

- am Breakfast and check out to departure

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