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People-to-People

with Women of the Midwest!

March 19-26, 2024



Dear Women of the Midwest,

I am thrilled to host and present this unique opportunity to travel to Cuba. Along with an immersive itinerary and a rich and authentic way to learn about the lives of Cubans, we will also be sharing our perspectives on the world with them.

I was born in Cuba but grew up in Los Angeles before moving to Ohio in my mid-twenties. This will be my first "return to Cuba," and I'm excited!

Our goal is for there to be a mutual benefit to all involved as we learn from each other. Your participation in our Cuba tour supports the Cuban entrepreneurs who provide us with private services along the way.

Traveling to Cuba with us provides a hassle-free, fully legal way for Americans to visit, experience, and check off that "bucket list" to Cuba you have always dreamt of. Our local experts are offering us an authentic experience that gets you behind the scenes to understand Cuba's rich culture and history.

And our program is busy! By law, travelers must have a full-time schedule of activities that enhance contact with the Cuban people and result in meaningful interactions with individuals in Cuba. Our tour provides this rich daily content and includes a schedule of engaging, educational, interactive, and incredibly insightful exchange activities.

Reserve your spot now on this once-in-a-lifetime trip to Cuba. Come, join me, solo or two-by-two.

Sincerely,
Liset Garcia-Bates, Ambassador
Women of the Midwest



Call Executive Travel's Group Department today at 402-435-8888. Space is limited.

"Gateway to Heaven" - Havana



March 19, 2024 - Tuesday Traveling to Cuba

Our adventure begins as we fly to Havana. Upon arrival, we will meet with our local tour manager and together transfer to our hotel. Time to freshen up before we gather for a welcome drink (fresh-made mojitos), followed by dinner at an authentic Cuban restaurant serving great local dishes in a refined dining room. Welcome to Cuba! D

March 20, 2024 - Wednesday Old Havana - Convertible Tour - Salsa

We begin our day with a filling breakfast. Next, we head out to explore Havana. Find your bearings and step back in time as you immerse yourself in the iconic, colorful, and historic Habana Vieja (Old Havana). Lunch is served at an eclectic and tropical rooftop restaurant before we take a vintage convertible tour cruising throughout Havana's neighborhoods. No visit to Cuba is complete without taking it to the floor in a Salsa club. Our teacher guarantees to have you up and dancing in no time. We return to our hotel to freshen up, and the evening is yours to enjoy dinner at leisure. We have a great suggestion! B | L

March 21, 2024 - Thursday Viñales - Tobacco Farm - Cigar Rolling

Located three hours from Havana, Viñales is a beautiful quaint Cuban town nestled among soaring limestone cliffs and tobacco

Hand-rolling Cigars



farms. These limestone mogotes, combined with Viñales' vibrantly colored casas in shades of orange, green, pink, yellow, blue, and red, have earned the Valley of Viñales a World Heritage designation. We will explore tobacco country like a Cuban farmer! Stop at a working tobacco farm run by a lovely multi-generational family. Learn the special technique and secret family recipe for rolling cigars with a twist. We will continue into the lush Viñales Valley to our special viewing point, one of the most tranquil places on the planet. Lunch today includes a panoramic view of the Vinales countryside. We return to Havana for an evening at leisure. We suggest you join us for an informal and light dinner, cocktails, and ...a cigar? B | L

March 22, 2024 - Friday Hemingway - Arts Workshop - Mojito

After enjoying our breakfast, we enter the world of Ernest Hemingway with a visit to the Hemingway House, Finca La Vigia (meaning 'lookout house'). Famed novelist Ernest Hemingway lived at this sprawling mansion with his wife, Martha, from 1940-1960. View the perfectly preserved home where many of the Hemingway personal furniture and belongings remain intact since the day that "Papa," the U.S.-ambassador-in-spirit left. View his famous boat on display, the Pilar in which he used to patrol for Nazis in the Caribbean waters and featured in his novel "Islands in the Stream". We will take a break

Seed Jewelry - Local Souvenir



for a delicious lunch and refreshing drink in a paladar. A paladar is a restaurant that is individually owned by Cuban people. Next, an exhilarating workshop with a local art organization. Dive deeper into Cuba's art culture as you visit a local community arts organization. Get to know inspiring individuals and create your own small craft project with them. And we are not done yet! Our Mojito-making class will wrap up our wonderful day in the most fun way. Learn how to make Cuba's classic drink, a refreshing mojito! We invite you to join us for dinner at a place with the best quintessentially Cuban ambiance, serving international food and local Cuban specialty dishes. B | T | L

March 23, 2024 - Saturday Cienfuegos - Trinidad

After enjoying breakfast, we will depart for Cienfuegos. Explore the historic French town of Cienfuegos, considered one of Cuba's most beautiful colonial cities. It has been recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2005, and the colonial-era buildings will take your breath away. Cienfuegos is also one of the chief seaports of Cuba, a center of the sugar trade as well as coffee and tobacco. While sugarcane is the chief crop, local farmers also grow coffee. We will spend a few hours seeing this beautiful town and savor a delightful local lunch. We continue to Trinidad, one of Cuba's oldest cities, which remains lined with cobblestone streets

Trinidad



Cuban Roast Pork Sandwich



Havana



and beautiful colonial architecture. We will check in to our seaside hotel and freshen up. If you like, come join us for dinner at Plaza Mayor, the Neo-Baroque main square, surrounded by grand colonial buildings, in the center of Trinidad (a short drive from our hotel). We also invite you to an optional Salsa Dancing. Partake in this fun event in the town square with the locals. A day and evening to remember! B | L

March 24, 2024 - Sunday Trinidad - Artisan Tour - Beach Time

After breakfast, we will join a Trinidad artisan tour. Learn about the incredible artists in Trinidad and visit a local potter, an art market where women carefully crochet, and other talented artists. You will have time to stroll and relax in the town, and together we will enjoy lunch at a cozy restaurant. This afternoon, we invite you for a swim. Trinidad is known for its beautiful beaches. The turquoise waters where you can swim, enjoy a mojito, and engage in meaningful interactions with locals. Watch the sun go down over the beautiful view. Join our local tour guide for dinner tonight. This takes place at a fantastic seafood restaurant with unparalleled ocean views. B | L

March 25, 2024 - Monday Havana

Breakfast at a slow pace this morning

before we board our private motor coach to drive to Havana. Enjoy the beautiful countryside and views. We will stop for lunch along the route at a typical Cuban countryside restaurant. Arriving in Havana in the afternoon, check in to our hotel, and then we will head out to discover the sights and sounds of an artistic neighborhood of Havana that most tourists do not see; we will take a cultural immersion tour. Tonight's farewell dinner is served at one of Old Havana's trendiest spots. Dine under the stars at a beautiful rooftop restaurant known for craft cocktails and the local artists and musicians frequently stopping by. Cheers to a wonderful time in Cuba! B | L | D

March 26, 2024 - Tuesday Traveling Home

All too soon, your Cuba adventure has ended. Transfer to Havana airport in plenty of time to check in for our flight and to clear security. We board our plane and fly back to the United States. B

Itinerary is subject to change. It's very common for the daily activities and people to people interactions & visits to be interchanged and experienced on different days than this printed itinerary. All visits and experiences will be included as written in this itinerary, but could be on different days due to availability and schedules.

B = Breakfast L = Lunch
T = Tasting D = Dinner

TRAVEL LICENSE LEGAL COMPLIANCE NOTE

Our supplier, CUBA CANDELA ("the Company"), a U.S. entity incorporated in the State of Delaware, is subject to U.S. jurisdiction authorized to provide travel services in connection with travel-related transactions involving Cuba, pursuant to the Cuban Assets Control Regulations, 31 CFR 5 Part 515.

The Company holds a general license authorization to provide travel services pursuant to §515.572(a) (1) ("General licenses – Authorization to provide travel services").

The Company maintains a policy to comply with required reports and recordkeeping pursuant to §515.572(b)(1) and §515.572(b)(2) ("Required reports and recordkeeping"), including retaining for at least five years from the date of the transaction a certification from each customer indicating the section of 31 CFR 5 Part 515 that authorizes each customer to travel to Cuba. In the case of a customer traveling under a specific license, the specific license number or a copy of the license is maintained on file. Additionally, the Company retains the names and addresses of individual travelers with all other information required by §501.601 - such records which must be furnished to the Office of Foreign Assets Control on demand pursuant to §501.602.

On behalf of its customers, the Company makes travel-related transactions authorized by general license pursuant to §515.560(a) ("Travel-related transactions to, from, and within Cuba by persons subject to U.S. jurisdiction"), including all transportation-related transactions ordinarily incident to travel to, from, and within Cuba, including the acquisition of Cuban visas authorized pursuant to §515.560(c)(1) and all transactions ordinarily incident to travel within Cuba, including payment of living expenses and the acquisition in Cuba of goods for personal consumption there authorized pursuant to §515.560(c)(2).

The Company's customers engage in a full-time schedule of authorized activities while in Cuba, pursuant to the following general license category: §515.574(a) ("Support for the Cuban People – General license").

With respect to travel authorized by §515.574(a), the Company's customers comply with all applicable requirements including those stated in §515.574(a).

The Company maintains a strict policy to not conduct, facilitate, engage in, or permit its Customers to engage in, tourism to Cuba. For the avoidance of doubt, the Company does not engage in tourism to Cuba. The Company maintains a strict policy to prohibit tourist travel to Cuba. For the avoidance of doubt, the Company does not engage in tourism to Cuba.



Package Price:

Per person in shared double room:	\$4,895
Per person in a single room:	\$5,895*

Triple rooms are not available.

We offer "Pair & Share" service for our Solo travelers. Ask us to assist in finding your roommate!

A non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person is required upon signing up. The deposit can be paid by cash, check, or credit card. The balance is due on November 20, 2023, is non-refundable, and can be paid by cash or check. Credit card payment (any payments after the deposit) will access a 3.5% processing fee.

EARLY BIRD BONUS - ZERO CREDIT CARD FEES:

Pay for your tour in full upon registration and minimum six months prior to departure using your credit card!
SAVE 3.5%!

This tour will be materialized with a minimum of 15 and a maximum of 22 travelers. Should the number fall below 15, all funds paid to Executive Travel will be refunded 90 days prior to departure.

Included:

- 7 nights accommodations at local 4-star hotels
- Porterage at hotels (one bag per person)
- 7 breakfasts
- 7 lunches
- 1 dinners
- Welcome drink
- 1 tasting (mojito)
- Private motor coach transportation as per itinerary
- Sightseeing program as per itinerary
- All admissions as per itinerary
- Professional English-speaking tour manager and local step-on guides during entire program
- Cuba Travel Visa
- Gratuities to step-on guides in Cuba
- All local taxes and fees as per July 29, 2023
- Women of the Midwest Ambassador, March 19-26, 2024

Forwarding registration and deposit signifies that you agree to the terms and conditions found at executivetravel.com/eti-home/vacation/escorted-tours

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ONLINE REGISTRATION LINK:

Via our website www.WomenoftheMidwest.com/journeys

Tour Activity Level: LEVEL 1 2 3 4

This tour involves a considerable amount of walking, stairs, longer periods of standing, outdoor activities, and steep areas within the places visited. This trip is not recommended for guests with walking difficulties. Comfortable, sturdy shoes/boots are recommended.

Travel Insurance:

We recommend travel insurance to help protect you and your trip investment against the unexpected. For your convenience, we offer a plan provided by Travelex Insurance Services. For rates and plan highlights, please ask us.

Travelex Insurance Services, Inc CA Agency License #0D10209. Travel Insurance is underwritten by Berkshire Hathaway Specialty Insurance Company, NAIC #22276.

Group airfare:

Group airfare is available. See separate insert.

Accommodations (final accommodations 90 days prior to dep.):

- Havana, Hotel Grand Aston or similar
- Trinidad, Melia Trinidad Peninsula or similar

Excluded:

- Airfare, see separate insert
- Travel insurance
- Professional fees, \$75 per person due at the time of registration
- Gratuities to local tour manager (estimate \$10 per person, per day)
- Personal expenses
- Meals other than mentioned in the tour program
- Entrance fees to monuments and/or museums other than mentioned
- Anything not mentioned in the inclusions



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JOIN OUR GROUP AIRFARE!

We offer group airfare with American Airlines:

March 19, 2024	Omaha* - Miami	6:58 AM - 11:20 AM
March 19, 2024	Miami - Havana	1:29 PM - 2:43 PM
March 26, 2024	Havana - Miami	3:45 PM - 4:57 PM
March 26, 2024	Miami - Omaha*	7:30 PM - 10:32 PM

\$750 per person including taxes and fees, economy class.

*We are happy to assist with airfare from a different airport than Omaha.
Please reach out to us to assist you. A small supplement may occur.

Group airfare comes with **seat assignments 30 days prior to departure.**

Executive Travel/Women of the Midwest cannot confirm precise seat numbers earlier than 30 days prior to your departure, and therefore cannot guarantee the availability of specific seating on the aircraft. We do our best to honor your preferences (window, aisle seat).

Premium seating upgrades are usually not available when traveling on a group air contract. If you have frequent flyer miles (AAdvantage® program), please note those cannot be used to upgrade to a different class of service. Contact us if you have any questions and kindly note that certain exceptions may exist.

All taxes, fuel charges and security fees are subject to change.
Air schedule is subject to change at the discretion of the airline.

