

## PRIVATE HAVANA SHORE TOUR ● DEDICATED GUIDE



As a Global Relations Travel Club (GTRC) member taking a cruise and stopping in Havana, there is an opportunity to have a private Cuban guide for an independent shore tour. You will not be part of a large group excursion coming off of the ship. You will have your own private guide, just for you and your traveling companions.

You will be sent a photo of your guide before you set sail. Your guide will be knowledgeable, professional and speak good English. They will be available from 9 am - 9 pm on the shore tour day.

Meeting up with your guide will be easy. Disembark the ship, go through Cuban Immigration, walk across the street and you will be in San Francisco Plaza. Your guide will be awaiting for you with a sign at the outdoor café in the Plaza. Visit with your guide, get their advice, ask your questions and plan your day. Since this will be your tour, changes can be made as the day goes along. First up, a walking tour of Old Havana!

- The Global Relations Travel Club (GTRC) membership fee is a one-time \$29 per person and a requirement to participate in the special Private Havana Shore Tour,
- All participants in the Private Shore Tour must be a member of Global Relations Travel Club,
- The price for the 12 hour Private Shore Tour, 9 am–9 pm, is \$99 per person,
- Taxis, entrance fees, food, drink and gratuity are not included,
- Your Cuban Visitor Visa will be expedited at the same \$75 the cruise ship charges,
- Gratuity for your guide is not included,
- Your guide does not receive compensation or commission from sites you may visit or taxis and restaurants you may use. There is no incentive for them to steer you in a certain direction,
- During meals and refreshments it would be appropriate and appreciated for you to host your guide,
- You will receive briefing e mails before your departure to assist you in preparing for the day,
- Your guide will be at the meeting point in San Francisco Plaza at 9 am. If you are not be able to be there at that time your guide will wait until at least 10 am. If you have not arrived by then your guide may leave,
- Missed tours are non-refundable,
- Payment for membership (if one is not already a member), Private Shore Tour fee and the Cuban Visitor Visa is sent to GTRC prior to ship departure,
- If you make friends on the cruise that you would like to join your Private Shore Tour, they may do so if you agree. They will need to make payment of the membership (\$29) and tour fee (\$99) in cash by putting it in an envelope with their name, address and e mail address on the outside and leave it with your guide,

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## Currency

You will be able to exchange your US dollars into Cuban Convertible Currency (CUC), the currency visitors use on the island, when you disembark.

When you leave the island do not take the CUC with you. It is prohibited to do so. You may exchange your remaining CUC into US dollars at the currency exchange when you return to the ship. But, GRTC provides a service to its members so they do not have to stand in the currency exchange line.



As you return to your ship you may leave your CUC, including coins, in an envelope with your name on it with your guide. Then e mail [DanRutherford@GlobalRelations.US](mailto:DanRutherford@GlobalRelations.US) the amount of CUC you left in Cuba and US dollars will be mailed to you. GRTC will use the CUC you left on their next trip to Havana.



## The Nitty Gritty

\$29 per person for Global Relations Travel Club one time membership fee, unless one is already a member,

\$99 per person for your Private Havana Shore Tour Cuban guide, 9 am to 9pm,

\$75 per person, optional to GRTC, for the mandatory Cuban Visitor Visa. This is the same price the cruise ship charges. GRTC will expedited your Visa. Recommended.

*Please write your check for: \$29 GRTC membership + \$99 Shore Tour = \$128 to Global Relations. Include the \$75 for the Visa if you would like GRTC to handle. The check should be sent to: GRTC, 320 North Plum Street, Pontiac, IL 61764*

The Private Shore Tour registration form is available at [www.GlobalRelations.US](http://www.GlobalRelations.US) under the 'Cuba' tab. Please complete it and postal mail it with your check or e mail it to [DanRutherford@GlobalRelations.US](mailto:DanRutherford@GlobalRelations.US)