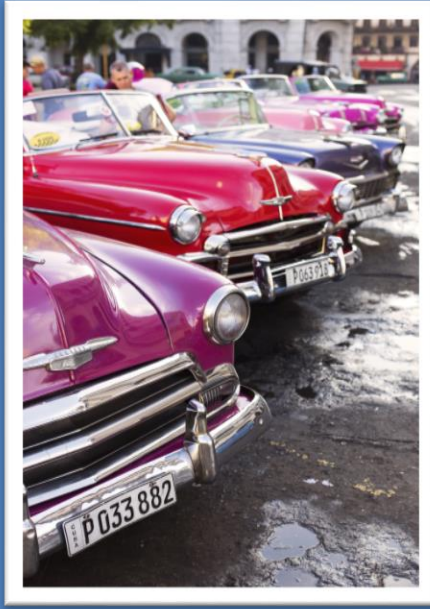




JOURNEY OF PURPOSE & DISCOVERY



Photographic & Cultural Journey To Cuba

Havana, Cuba

9 days / 8 nights

October 19-27, 2018

\$4,699 (Based on double occupancy)

Enjoy the unique culture and traditions of Cuba while you spend time with the locals. This adventure includes opportunities to interact with professional photographers on the island.

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Cuba Journey

- ✓ 9 days & 8 nights
- ✓ This journey offers **serious photographers and photographic enthusiasts**, unique opportunities to **create a visual vocabulary** to tell stories about the rich cultural environment of Cuba. Combining guidance on photographic craftsmanship with exposure to fascinating Cuban historic, artistic, cultural, and social life, as well as **Cuban photographers and artists**, makes this journey unlike other photographic or travel tours.
- ✓ Visit the capital's leading photographic center, the **Fototeca de Cuba**

Community Connections

- ✓ Chat with local shop owners in **Old Havana** and learn from local historians about its history.
- ✓ Meet local Cubans of all ages during an evening **neighborhood street party** with residents of the block participating. Photo ops are bound to happen!
- ✓ Visit the largest ballet school in the world, the **Cuban National Ballet School**, to learn about the importance of this art form to the Cuban people while expanding your photographic portfolio.

Cultural Immersion

- ✓ Hear some of Cuba's famous jazz, and hone your photography skills, at a local **Jazz Café** and at a local nightclub.
- ✓ Take a **driving tour** around Havana in an **antique car** to discover great photo opportunities and talk with the local Cubans.

What's included?

- Deluxe hotel accommodations throughout
- All transportation and activities outlined in the itinerary
- Group transfers to and from the international airport
- International air to and from Cuba (via Miami)
- Meals as mentioned and most tips
- Departure taxes where applicable
- Cuban tourist visa & flight to and from Cuba

Not included:

- Personal expenses at the hotels
- Meals not specified
- Tips for national guide
- Passport renewal or issuance
- Domestic flight to gateway city



📍 **Miami, Florida**

DAY 1

Convene in Miami this evening

Travel by individual arrangement to Miami, Florida. Upon arrival in Miami, transfer to the Miami Airport Hilton Hotel—or a hotel of similar quality—to check in. Enjoy dinner on your own tonight.

Overnight: Miami Airport Hilton (or similar)

Included meals: N/A



📍 **Havana, Cuba**

DAY 2

Arrival in Havana

Depart the hotel this morning for the Miami International Airport (transfer provided by the hotel). Airport check-in is required three hours prior to your scheduled departure time; optional breakfast choices will be available for purchase after check-in.

Upon arrival in **Havana**, meet your local guide and travel amid bicycles, bright yellow cocotaxis, and giant camello (camel) buses on your way to lunch at a local restaurant.

Enjoy a stop at **Revolution Square** and **Vedado** before heading to your hotel.

This evening, enjoy a welcome dinner at a local Paladar (family run Cuban restaurant).

Overnight: Four Points Sheraton (or similar)

Included meals: Lunch & Dinner

Travel Regulations

What are the new regulations for travel to Cuba?

Recently OFAC changed the regulations for U.S. visitors traveling to Cuba. Leisure travel is still prohibited, however, traveling with Nanda Journeys on a Career Enrichment program will ensure you adhere to the specified requirements. We will take care of all the regulatory paperwork on your behalf – your focus should be on creating new friendships and enjoying the wonders of Cuba.

Your commitment to full participation in the program is required if you choose to join the group. Most tourist-oriented activities are forbidden by the U.S. license, and this license does not allow for independent exploration in Cuba.



📍 Havana, Cuba

DAY 3

Welcome & Cultural Exploration

After breakfast, which will be provided daily at your hotel, gather for a welcome and orientation session on Cuba. Meet with your leader and national guide to learn more about the program.

Continue your explorations during a walking tour of the historic center of **Old Havana**, a village founded in 1519 and declared a World Heritage site by UNESCO in 1982. There will be an explanation of the projects carried out by the City Historian's Office for the rehabilitation of Old Havana.

Lunch will be provided at a local paladar.

After lunch, depart for a visit to the city of Regla. Explore the church of **Nuestra Señora de Regla**, one of Cuba's most frequented pilgrimage churches. The most impressive is the statute of the Virgin of Regla who is black and cradles a white infant in her arms. She is the patron and protector of sailors.

Enjoy dinner at a **local paladar** before heading to a local Jazz Café.

Overnight: Four Points Sheraton (or similar)
Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner



📍 Havana, Cuba

DAY 4

Introduction to Cuba

Meet with representatives from the **Cuban Institute of Friendship with People**. This mandatory meeting focuses on Cuban/U.S. relations, and is a required component of all U.S. visits to Cuba.

This morning, visit the **National School of Arts**. Start with a short introduction to the role of arts, with an emphasis on music & performing arts in Cuban culture and society. Explore higher education training for artists. Meet with fine arts students and faculty about their art, work and life in Cuba.

Lunch will be provided at **Artechef Restaurant & Culinary School**, which is a combination culinary school and restaurant. The chef/instructor will demonstrate the proper preparation of *ropa vieja* which you will be able to sample for lunch (audience participation encouraged); so simple, but so good.

This afternoon the group will enjoy a **driving tour** around Havana in **antique cars** with your guide. Discover unique photo opportunities and chat with local Cubans about their daily life.

Later this afternoon, the group will stop at the **Centro Cultural Antiguos Almacenes** to visit and talk with private sector owners of more than 300 different booths selling art, handicrafts, clothing, and a variety of Cuban products.

After dinner on your own arrangement, meet local Cubans during an evening **neighborhood street party** with the local people. This is a great opportunity to meet and speak with them personally in a casual setting.

Overnight: Four Points Sheraton (or similar)
Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch



📍 Havana, Cuba

DAY 5

Introduction to Photography

Today visit the capital's leading photographic center. Established in 1986, the **Fototeca de Cuba** contains the widest and most valuable archive of Cuban photos, plus temporary exhibitions. Its permanent exhibition – displaying the work of Cuba's photographic heroes such as Raúl Corrales, Alberto Korda, Osvaldo Salas, Ernesto Fernández and Mario García Joya – is the main reason for coming.

There's also a shop selling postcards, photographic works and publications. Also housed here is **one of Havana's scarce communal darkrooms**, so it's a good place to meet photographers.

After lunch at a local restaurant, visit **The National Union of Writers and Artists of Cuba** (Unión Nacional de Escritores y Artistas de Cuba). A prominent social, cultural and professional organization of writers, musicians, actors, painters, sculptors, and artist of different genres. It was founded on August 22, 1961, by the Cuban poet, Nicolas Guillen. Initially their objective was uniting the intellectuals within the young Cuban Revolution to maintain a genuine Cuban culture.

Dinner is on your own arrangement this evening. Your hotel has some options or you may venture out to a local paladar.

Overnight: Four Points Sheraton (or similar)
Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

📍 Havana, Cuba

DAY 6

Cultural Immersion with Photo Ops

This morning, a special visit is in the works to the **Cuban National Ballet School** (Escuela Nacional Cubana de Ballet). With 4,350 students, it is the largest ballet school in the world and the most prestigious ballet school in Cuba. The school was expanded in 2002, and of the 52,000 students who applied to join, 4,050 were selected. Most of the school's graduates are now eminent dance professionals, recognized for their superb training, technique and style, in Cuba and around the world. Enjoy photographing the school's faculty, students, and surroundings.

Lunch will be provided at a local paladar.

Travel onward to see the **Fuster Project in Jaimanitas**, a small coastal neighborhood west of Havana, led by famous Cuban painter and ceramist Jose Fuster. *This unique setting is a fantastic location for photographs.*

Dinner is on your own arrangement this evening.

Overnight: Four Points Sheraton (or similar)
Included meals: Breakfast & Lunch





📍 Havana, Cuba

DAY 7

Cultural Program

The group will visit the **Hemingway House** this morning to see the home and gardens where he penned many of his great novels and short stories.



Lunch will be provided at a local paladar.

This afternoon the group will visit the **Experimental Graphic Art Cooperative**. Meet and talk with staff and project leaders to learn more about their center and how it ties to the photographic world.

Dinner will be provided at a local restaurant like La Fontana Paladar.

This evening, depart for the **Cannon Blast ceremony**, a tradition evoking the announcement of the closing of the gates of the city and of the channel of the bay, at the 18th century San Carlos de La Cabaña fortress.

Overnight: Four Points Sheraton (or similar)
Included meals: Breakfast & Lunch



📍 Havana, Cuba

DAY 8

Continue to Explore Havana

This morning, visit the "**Opera de la Calle.**" Opera Street is a community project founded in 2006 by the baritone Ulises Aquino and has about 80 members. The musical arrangements of the Opera de la Calle blends Emilio Vega, who makes the orchestral part, Natacha Prado who deals with the vocal arrangements, Ruben Rodriguez who is the choreographer and other artists. The novelty of this project lies without doubt to **bring opera singing to various audiences, using the neighborhood as the ideal setting for the community.** However, Opera Street does not exclusively deal with lyrical art, but also venturing into the large Cuban universal sound **providing a tour of the musical heritage of the country.**

After lunch, continue on to the **Museo de Bellas Artes** (Fine Arts Museum) dedicated exclusively to Cuban art collections beginning in the mid-16th century. Spanning the 17th and 19th centuries, it has galleries devoted to landscape, religious subjects and the Costumbrismo narrative scenes of Cuban life.

This evening's **farewell reception** is at the Santa Isabel Hotel terrace in Old Havana. The stilt walkers dance group will entertain you as you follow them dancing in the streets to your farewell dinner at Café Del Oriente Restaurant in the historic center.

Overnight: Four Points Sheraton (or similar)
Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

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DAY 9

Depart

Head home this morning saying goodbye to Cuba!



📍 Miami

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📍 Havana, Cuba

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