

*Truity Credit Union Refers...*

# Rediscover Cuba

## *A Cultural Exploration*

November 5 – 12, 2019



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**8 Days • 16 Meals:** 7 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 6 Dinners

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Per Person Rates\*:

**Double \$4,064**

**Single \$4,764**

**Included in Price:** Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$315 per person, Round Trip Air from Tulsa International, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers

\* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change

**IMPORTANT CONDITIONS:** Your price is subject to increase prior to the time you make full payment. Your price is not subject to increase after you make full payment, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. Once deposited, you have 7 days to send us written consumer consent or withdraw consent and receive a full refund. (See registration form for consent.)

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Cuba



### Collette Experiences

- Delve into the world of classic cars as you meet the owners of these restored vehicles.
- Learn about the Cuban national dance, *Danzón*, along with a Salsa lesson.
- Enjoy a musical performance by one of Cuba's last *Piquete* bands.

### Must-See Inclusions

- Visit Ernest Hemingway's home – *Finca Vigía*.
- Savor a 4-night stay in lively and historic Havana.
- Get an insider's look at the work and life of Cuban artist Jose Fuster.

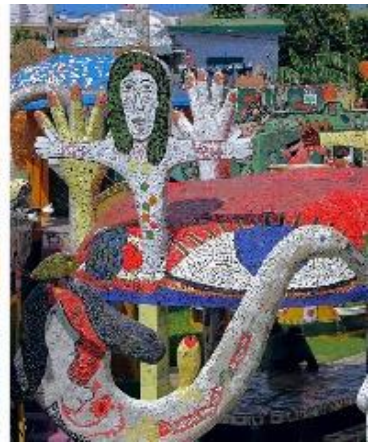
### Culinary Inclusions

- Meet the owners of a *paladar*, a small family-owned restaurant with its own organic farm.
- Savor country-style farm-to-table Cuban cuisine.

**Highlights:** Santa Clara, Che Guevara Memorial & Museum, Remedios, Sugar Museum, Cuban Cigars, Cienfuegos, Botanical Gardens, Havana, Revolution Museum, *Finca Vigía* - Ernest Hemingway's Home, Cuban Fine Arts Museum, Salsa Dancing, Casa Fuster

**Day 1: Tuesday, November 5, 2019**  
**Santa Clara, Cuba - Tour Begins** Your Cuban adventure begins as you fly to Santa Clara Airport. Transfer to your hotel located in the charming city center. Explore the buzzing and lively Parque Vidal, full of locals going about their daily lives and located just steps from your hotel. This evening gather with your fellow travelers for a **mojito-making demonstration, rum tasting and delectable welcome dinner.** (D)

**Day 2: Wednesday, November 6, 2019**  
**Santa Clara** Embark on a tour of Santa Clara where we will meet local art or theatre students. Learn about the Cuban arts and the techniques of these students and teachers as you interact with them. Visit the Che Guevara Memorial & Museum and learn about this polarizing figure and the revolution he helped to spark. **Spend time with Piquete Melodías Antillanas**, one of Cuba's last *Piquete* bands. Engage with this vibrant community and discover their passion for music, singing and dancing. Learn



how this musical genre emerged in Cuba back in the 17th century. Delight in the band's performance of original scores by renowned composers such as Miguel Faildes and Moses Simons. This special performance is conducted on original wind instruments dating back to the 1800s. **Learn Cuba's national dance, *Danzón***, as the *abuelos* give you a dancing lesson before returning to your hotel. (B, L, D)

**Day 3: Thursday, November 7, 2019**  
**Santa Clara - Remedios - Santa Clara**  
Journey to Remedios and tour the *Museo de la Sucre* (Sugar Museum). Learn from local producers of the rise and fall of the Cuban region on the back of sugar cane production. Enjoy a walking tour of Remedios, a charming town considered to be the oldest Spanish settlement in the former Las Villas province. **Visit San Juan Bautista de Remedios**, a 17th-century Baroque church. View the beautiful gold leaf altar made of carved cedar and one of only seven known statues in the world depicting a pregnant Virgin Mary. Later, **learn about Cuban cigars** - one of the

country's most popular products. (B, D)

**Day 4: Friday, November 8, 2019**  
**Santa Clara - Cienfuegos - Havana**  
This morning we embark on a scenic drive to Cienfuegos Province Botanical Gardens, the oldest of its kind on the island. During a fascinating walking tour, learn about the garden's ties with Harvard University and its founding as a research center (where a sugar mill once stood). Continue to Cienfuegos and explore the historic Plaza Mayor in the heart of the city and view the Tomas Terry Theatre, an impressive opera house situated on the main square. Peruse the shops, converse with the shopkeepers and get a true taste of the local culture before enjoying a seaside lunch. Afterwards, sit back and **be amazed by an a cappella choral performance** conducted by the Cantores de Cienfuegos, a local student group gaining worldwide recognition. Travel across the countryside to Havana, Cuba's capital. (B, L, D)

**Day 5: Saturday, November 9, 2019**  
**Havana** This morning you are in for a



treat when we visit a local performing arts school and meet its creative students who will showcase their talents. Then **enjoy a tour of Old Havana** on foot and visit Plaza San Francisco de Asis, Plaza de la Cathedral, as well as many of the city's other historical squares and UNESCO sites, which make Old Havana very special. Complete your day with a visit to Almacenes San José Artisans' Market with free time to shop for a unique Cuban souvenir. (B)

**Day 6: Sunday, November 10, 2019 Havana - Finca Vigia - Havana** Your day begins with a visit to Hamel Alley, a Havana neighborhood known for its Afro-Cuban murals which artist Salvador González Escalona famously began in 1990. **Visit the Revolution Museum**, located in what was once the Presidential Palace. Gain insight into Cuban history during the 1950s revolutionary war period. Afterwards, visit a local park where antique car owners gather. Discuss how car ownership in Cuba works, along with the ingenious ways they keep these classics running. Enjoy a farm-to-table lunch at a local *paladar* where you will meet the proprietors of this

family-run, privately-owned specialty restaurant. Tour the grounds which include their own organic farm. We then **make our way to Finca Vigia, or Lookout House**, Ernest Hemingway's Cuba home located in the small town of San Francisco de Paula. Hemingway wrote two of his most celebrated novels here: *For Whom the Bell Tolls* and *The Old Man and the Sea*. (B, L, D)

**Day 7: Monday, November 11, 2019 Havana - Casa Fuster - Havana** This morning, **walk through the dramatic evolution of Cuban art at the Cuban Fine Arts Museum**. Then spend time in Havana interacting with some professional Salsa dancers. Strike up a conversation with the dancers and hear about their lives and Cuba's dance culture while learning some of the basic steps of this remarkable dance. Later, **travel to Casa Fuster** for an insider's look at the work and life of Cuban artist Jose Fuster, whose artwork was inspired by Spain's famous architect, Antonio Gaudi. This evening, **take a trip around Havana in one of the antique American cars that the city is known for**. Finally, savor dinner in one of Havana's finest

restaurants as you celebrate an amazing journey and your new Cuban friends. (B, D)

### Day 8: Tuesday, November 12, 2019

**Havana - USA - Tour Ends** Your Cuban adventure comes to a close today. Return home with vivid memories of this beautiful country and the rich personal experiences you shared with the people of Cuba. (B)

#### Itinerary at a glance

Days 1 – 3 Hotel Central , Santa Clara

Days 4 – 7 Hotel Nacional de Cuba, Havana

*On some dates alternate hotels may be used.*

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### Experience It! Old Havana

Step into days gone by in vibrant Old Havana. This section of the city is bursting with a variety of color and textures and is alive with the soul of Cuba. Founded in 1519 by the Spanish, this remarkable section of Havana was the largest port in the Caribbean for centuries and has been named a UNESCO World Heritage site. It's known for its well-preserved historic architecture. Stroll along its alleyways and pass an array of buildings that include private homes, arcades, boutique hotels and government buildings all adorned with elaborate carvings, wrought-iron and colorful paint. As you explore Old Havana, discover its friendly people that fill its lively plazas. They are the heartbeat of the city and a big part of what makes it so special.

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#### Please Note:

##### IDENTIFICATION

Passports and visas are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from date of return home. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

**IMPORTANT:** We recommend that our guests traveling abroad take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

This tour may also operate in reverse on certain dates.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. Triple and child accommodations are not available.

Cuba is a country that has been inaccessible to Americans for decades, and it is important to go into this experience with an open mind and make the most of every moment. The increased interest in Cuba has placed heavy demands on limited resources and infrastructure, which may result in lower standards of hotels and amenities than you are accustomed to. Temporary power outages, low water pressure or limited air conditioning are not uncommon in Cuba. It is important to remain flexible as some changes to the itinerary may be necessary while on tour due to situations beyond our control. Keep in mind, the purpose of this trip is to have meaningful interactions with the locals. Many places visited are not typical tourist destinations and thus not always accessible. If a planned people-to-people exchange isn't available, it will be replaced with another one just as enriching, and your full people-to-people

experience will be preserved. It is an exciting time as your trip to Cuba is both historic as well as culturally diverse.

Due to heavy demand for this destination and our ability to provide intimate cultural interactions with the local people of Cuba, this tour will operate with a maximum of 40 guests.

To truly experience the program and destination, you need to be able to participate in physical activities such as longer walking tours, walking over uneven terrain, climbing stairs and periods of standing. Some of the touring days may be longer, with select included activities occurring later in the evening.

In order to fulfill OFAC's licensing requirements on this tour, you will have a full-time schedule of educational exchange activities that will result in a meaningful interaction between the traveler, you, and individuals in Cuba. The itinerary has been designed with these requirements in mind and there will be no leisure time on this program as on other Collette tours.

The days and order of sightseeing may change to best utilize your time on tour and to better facilitate meaningful educational exchanges. Due to unforeseen circumstances and schedule changes, educational visits may be interchanged with similar activities.

This is an educational program that requires full-time participation; therefore, we require participants to be at least 15 years of age.

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Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

If travelling internationally with a child under the age of 18, please check directly with the airline for the legal documentation that is required. It is the sole responsibility of the guest to procure the proper documentation to travel and many requirements vary by airline and destination.

We will not be responsible for costs incurred for missed flights or canceled tours where a guest fails to secure proper documentation.

**All guests are required to obtain a Cuban Tourist Visa.** Application for the tourist visa card is at point of exit from the United States to Cuba, provided by the airline at your own cost of approximately \$100 USD per person. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

**A deposit of \$815 per person is due upon reservation (Which Includes Cancellation Waiver and Insurance). Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of April 29, 2019 are based upon availability. Final payment due by September 06, 2019. Deposits are refundable up until May 06, 2019.**

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## The Collette Passport Club

When you travel with Collette, you're automatically enrolled as a member of Collette's loyalty program, The Collette Passport Club. As a member of The Collette Passport Club, you will receive a \$150 travel credit for each trip you take† along with other great travel benefits, fun gifts, and special recognition.

## Our Worry-Free Travel Protection Plan

Sometimes life happens, and your carefully-made plans have to change on the fly. With Collette's worry-free Travel Protection Plan, you can cancel your trip for any reason right up until the day prior to departure and receive a full refund (less the cost of insurance). You're also covered on tour – if you have to return home early, need medical assistance, are delayed on tour for more than 12 hours, or lose your baggage, you're covered. This is just one of the ways we are with you at every step of the journey – even before it begins. Learn more at [gocollette.com/guided-travel#no\\_worries\\_waiver](https://gocollette.com/guided-travel#no_worries_waiver)

## The Collette Gateway

The Collette Gateway is designed to be your "one-stop shop" with all the important travel information you need, plus a lot of experience-enhancing extras you'll love. By registering for the Collette Gateway, you can discover more about your destination, explore exciting optional excursions, get a checklist of important things needed for a smooth journey, and access your Collette Passport Club features. Learn more at [gateway.gocollette.com](https://gateway.gocollette.com)

† Full credit is valid for your next tour when travel is completed within 12 months of the original trip. \$100 of the credit remains valid for travel within 13-24 months. Credit expires 24 months after the original trip.