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CUBA

Dec 25, 2023 – Jan 1, 2024

REVISED ITINERARY 12/5/2023

Hotels:

Havana: Grand Aston La Habana (Deluxe Standard)

Trinidad: Melia Trinidad Peninsula (Deluxe Standard)

SUBJECT TO CHANGE – TIMES ARE APPROXIMATIONS

❖ Day 1: Monday Christmas Day December 25 (D)

12:17 PM Depart in flight AA743 MIA>HAV

1:40 PM Arrive at Jose Marti International Airport

2:40 PM Transfer in AC motor coach to the city

3:10 PM Check in hotel – **Grand Aston La Habana**. Welcome cocktail

5:30 PM Orientation meeting at hotel meeting room

6:30 PM **Classical Car ride** for 1 hour through city landmarks

7:30 PM Welcome Dinner at local Paladar **Mansion Castillo**

❖ Day 2: Tuesday December 26 (B, L)

7:30 AM Breakfast at hotel

8:30 AM Depart for Guanabacoa

9:00 AM Visit to the **Jewish Cemetery** in Guanabacoa

9:45 AM Return to Havana

10:15 AM Guided tour of Old Havana historic center

12:15 PM Depart for lunch

12:30 PM Lunch at local paladar **Cha ChaCha**

2:00 PM Visit Museo de la Revolucion

3:30 PM Visit Angeles del Futuro Circus School – after school project

7:30 PM **Dinner at leisure on your own. The guide will provide options**

❖ Day 3: Wednesday December 27 (B, L, D)

7:30 AM Breakfast at hotel and check out

9:00 AM Depart Havana to Trinidad via Playa Larga

11:30 AM Arrive in Playa Larga, a tranquil village set on the beach at the head of the Bay of Pigs. It was here that the failed April 1961 CIA-sponsored invasion took place.

12:30 PM Lunch included at **Cueva de Los Peces**

2:00 PM Time to explore the premises – SWIM IN THE CENOTE – BRING BATHING SUIT AND TOWEL

3:30 PM Continue to Trinidad

6:00 PM Check into hotel **Melia Trinidad Peninsula**. Welcome drink

7:30 PM Dinner at leisure at all-inclusive resort

❖ **Day 4: Thursday December 28 (B, L, D)**

7:30 AM Breakfast at hotel

9:00 AM Depart for a walking tour of Trinidad. Visit landmarks

12:30 PM Lunch included at local paladar **San Jose**

2:00 PM Visit Manaca Iznaga Estate – a sugar cane plantation from the 18th century

3:30 PM Return to hotel

7:30 PM Dinner at leisure at all-inclusive resort

❖ **Day 5: Friday December 29 (B, L,D)**

7:00 AM Breakfast at hotel and check out

8:00 AM Depart to Havana via Cienfuegos

9:30 AM Guided visit to Jardin Botanico de Cienfuegos

11:00 AM Guided walking tour of Cienfuegos landmarks

12:00 PM Light lunch included at paladar **Finca del Mar**

1:00 PM Continue to Havana

4:30 PM Check in hotel – **Grand Aston La Habana**. Get ready for Shabbat

5:30 PM Visit Patronato – Meet with Adela Dworin - Donations – Shabbat services with the Community

7:30 PM Group dinner

❖ **Day 6: Saturday December 30 (B, L)**

7:30 AM Breakfast at hotel

9:00 AM Visit **Sephardic Center**. Donations

11:30 AM Visit to Hemingway Museum at Finca Vigia

12:30 PM Lunch at local paladar **El Divino**

2:00 PM Enjoy a guided visit to **Bellas Artes Museum** – Cuban Art Collection

4:00 PM Rest of the afternoon at leisure– drop off in Havana Vieja or Hotel.

7:00 PM **Dinner at leisure on your own**. The guide will provide options

*Optional Non Included Activity : arrange tickets to the **Ballet** thru tour guide

❖ **Day 7: Sunday December 31 New Year's Eve (B, L, D)**

7:00 AM Breakfast at hotel

9:30 AM Depart for Old Habana

10:00 AM Visit **San Jose Craft Market** to meet local artisans and purchase souvenirs

11:00 AM Continue with a visit **Callejon to Hamel** to learn about Santeria traditions. Tour the alley and enjoy orisha drums and dances (Rumba Sunday)

12:00 PM Continue to Jaimanitas
12:30 PM Lunch at local private restaurant **Marea**
2:00 PM Visit **Fuster** –the famous ceramicist/workshop
3:30 PM On the way back, visit Havana scale model in Miramar neighborhood
4:30 PM Return to hotel to get ready for New Year's Eve dinner
8:00 PM **New Year's Eve dinner** included at hotel

❖ **Monday 8: Monday January 1 (B)**

7:30 AM Breakfast at hotel and check out
9:00 AM Transfer to the airport
9:30 PM On the way to the airport, stop at Rosenberg Memorial and John Lennon Park
1:00 PM Depart in flight AA2706 HAV>MIA

SAFE TRIP HOME AND BEST WISHES FOR A BETTER NEW YEAR

END OF SERVICES

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