

Register by December 15<sup>th</sup> and Save

# Cuba: Baseball & Afro-Cuban Arts



Cienfuegos, Trinidad, Santa Clara, Matanzas, & Havana  
March 23 to March 31, 2013  
\$3,500.00



(In celebration of the upcoming exhibition "Bringing It Home - Black Baseball in Minnesota")

Join us for this first of a kind visit to Cuba. A balanced blend of sports and arts, travelers will learn about the history of baseball in Cuba, meet today's Afro Cuban and female baseball players, visit the studios of the artists Chocolate and Gilbrante, visit rumba and salsa schools, enjoy the jazz nightlife "Havana style" attend a private screenings with filmmaker Gloria Rolando, aka the Alex Haley of Cuba. **Note:** Limit for the group is 30 people.

For more information call: 612-787-3644 or visit [www.MAAMCC.org](http://www.MAAMCC.org)

## Schedule

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 23</b>
3:05 pm	Depart Miami on K8-8607, with Airline Brokers.
4:05 pm	Arrive Cienfuegos. Transfer to <b>Hotel Jagua</b> . Check in.
Evening	Welcome dinner at <b>Palacio del Valle</b> . After dinner, continue to <b>Club Beny Moré</b> for chance to share the nightlife with local Cubans.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 24</b>
Morning	Breakfast at the hotel.
9:00 am	Tour of the central architectural and historical features of downtown Cienfuegos.
11:00 am	Visit to the Beny Moré Provincial School for the Arts, where group will meet with faculty and students.
Mid Day	Lunch at <b>Club Nautico</b> .
Afternoon	Visit to the Cienfuegos Baseball Stadium. If scheduled, stay for baseball game. Take the opportunity to exchange views with Cuban attendees on Cuban and U.S. baseball, players, and the sport. If no game scheduled, tour the stadium and meet with stadium staff and grounds keepers and then walk the surrounding neighborhood to and interact with the stadium's neighbors.
Evening	Dinner will be at the <b>Ebenezer Paladar</b> with direct payment by members of the group.
<b>Monday</b>	<b>March 25</b>
Morning	Breakfast at the hotel.
9:00 am	Visit the Martín Digo Sports High School, named after the Afro-Cuban baseball player named after his death in 1971 to the Cuban, U.S., Mexican, Dominican and Venezuela Halls of Fame.
10:00 am	Depart for Trinidad.
11:30 am	Visit to the Academy of Painting "Oscar Fernandez" and meet with staff.
Mid day	<b>Lunch</b> at a restaurant on the Plaza Mayor ( <b>included</b> ).
Afternoon	Walk the center of Old Trinidad, visiting several of the small museums that dot the central plaza; The Museum Romantico, the Museum of Architecture, the Museum of the Fight Against Bandits
Late afternoon	Visit to the Caso Templo de Santería Yemayá (Rubén Martínez Villena No 59 btwn Simón Bolívar & Piro Guinart). Meet with temple's <i>Santeros</i> .
Evening	After dinner on your own, visit to the Casa de la Trova of Trinidad. Overnight at the Hotel Gran Iberostar or the Costa Sur or Ancón.
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>March 26</b>
Morning	Breakfast at the hotel. Then depart for Santa Clara, driving over the mountains.
11:00 am	Arriving on the outskirts of Santa Clara, visit the Che Memorial and museum.
12:30 pm	Drive into the city and check in to <b>Hotel Los Caneyes</b> . <b>Lunch</b> .
Afternoon	Tour the historic sites of Santa Clara, final battle of the Cuban Revolution.
Evening	Opportunity to explore downtown Santa Clara on your own, have dinner (optional) and meet with local people
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>March 27</b>
Morning	Breakfast at the Hotel.
9:00 am	Visit to the Santa Clara baseball stadium before departing for Matanzas.
Mid day	On arrival in Varadero, visit the Center for the Elderly run by the nearby Dora Arce Church. Along with an opportunity to help out at meal time, you'll be able to talk with the residents about issues related to the elderly in Cuba and similar issues in the United States.
1:30 pm	<b>Lunch at Al's Restaurant or the Meson del Quijote (direct payment)</b>
3:00 pm	Drive into the City of Matanzas. Visit the Pharmacy Museum and then stay on for a drink at one of the central square's cafés and a chance to talk with local residents before returning to Varadero.
Evening	Dinner at the hotel and then a jaunt into downtown Varadero for an ice cream and chance to talk with local residents about the impact of tourism on their lives and their economy and exchange views on Cuba-U.S. relations
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>March 28</b>
Morning	Breakfast and a leisurely morning and opportunities to explore the town in small groups.

Mid day	After lunch at the hotel, depart for Havana. On arrival, check in to the <b>Melia Cohiba Hotel</b> .
Afternoon	Visit to the Wilfredo Lam Center for Contemporary Art, a nonprofit art center named for the foremost Cuban artist and interpreter of Afro-Chinese-Cuban culture and spirit.
Evening	Dinner at <b>La Cocina de Lilliam</b> (direct payment).
<b>Friday</b>	<b>March 29</b>
Morning	Breakfast at the hotel.
10:00 am	<b>Visit with Gloria Rolando</b> at <b>Casa Africa</b> for a talk with her and one of her recent films.
Mid day	Walk to <b>Chinatown for lunch</b> , breaking up into smaller groups to sample different restaurants (direct payment) and meet the proprietors of the restaurants.
Afternoon	After a stop by the <b>Esquina Caliente de Beisbol</b> in the small Central Park across from the Capitolio, a visit to the Museum of Fine Arts, Cuban Collection.
Evening	<b>Dinner at Dona Eutimia in Old Havana.</b> Direct payment
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 30</b>
Morning	Breakfast at the hotel.
9:00 am	Visit to the <b>Latin American Stadium</b> and with members of Cuban baseball teams and staff from the <b>Cuban Sports Institute</b> .
Mid day	Lunch on your own.
Afternoon	Visit to the Mercado de San José in the old Havana port facilities, with a chance to view a variety of Cuban arts and crafts and to talk with the artisans in the market.
Evening	<b>Farewell dinner and show at the National Yoruba Association</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 31</b>
Morning	Breakfast at the hotel.
9:30 am	Visit to the town of Regla and the Church of the Black Virgin.
11:00 am	Meeting and talk with Esteban Morales, specialist in Cuban economics and race relations.
12:00 pm	Check out of hotel and store bags with hotel concierge. Remainder of afternoon free.
3:30 pm	Transfer to airport.
6:00 pm	Depart Havana on K8-8704, arriving at approximately 7:00 pm

### Information for Travelers



### Cost

**\$3,500.00 Double Occupancy**  
**Additional \$450.00 Single Occupancy Supplement**  
**Fee covers travel from Miami, FL – Cuba – Miami, FL**

### Travel Fees & Incentives

- Early Bird Price: \$3,350.00 if registered by December 15, 2012
- Standard Price: \$3,500.00 register between December 16, 2012 and January 15, 2013
- Later Bird Price: \$3,650.00- January 16, 2013 – March 1, 2013.

## Miami Schedule

**Important Note:** The departure city for the Cuba visit is Miami, Florida. The trip package covers flights from Miami to Cuba, internal transportation in Cuba, and return to Miami. We will begin check in for Cuba flight at 9:00 a.m. on the 13<sup>th</sup> of December, 2012. **We strongly recommend that you arrive in Miami on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March to avoid any airline mishaps that might impact your ability to be at the Miami airport at 9:00 a.m. on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March 2013**

If arriving on the 22<sup>nd</sup> we recommend that you make reservations and stay at the Regency Hotel Miami located at 1000 NW Le Jeune Road, Miami, Florida. The number is 305-779-2010. Obsidian Arts has set up a group rate of \$99.99 per night for members of this trip. When making reservations, to receive the special rate please refer to Group Obsidian Arts.

**Note:** For those arriving on the 22<sup>th</sup> and wishing to get a taste of Miami's art and cultural scene we recommend that you arrive by 5 p.m. Around 6:00 p.m. we will be hosting a brief art outing and light reception program for travelers as a way to welcome you to the trip. Details to follow.

## Tour Inclusions

- \*Havana/Santiago Charter from/to Miami
- \*All the travel by Air-conditions Coach in Havana /Santiago de Cuba/Ilse of Juventud/Mantanzas
- \*Any Meals (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner) as noted for the day with a B or L or D
- \*Mineral water will be provided during the travel / sightseeing (01 Liter per day)
- \*English speaking Tour Escort will accompany the group
- \*Venue entry fees/pass provided for Fire Festival
- \*Medical insurance

## Tour Exclusions

- \*Tips
- \*Any Personal nature expenses not indicated in above features
- \*Flights to/from departure city and associated lodging in Miami

## Registration & Payment

The registration fee/deposit is \$500.00. Final Payments Due March 1, 2013.

Forward payments to:

### Obsidian Arts / Cuba Travel

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## Refunds and Cancellations

Reservations are accepted and confirmed upon receipt of Trip Deposit of \$500.00 per traveler. Half of trip deposit is non-refundable. Should Obsidian Arts cancel a trip, all payments and deposits will be fully refunded.

