

# The Western Marvels of Cuba

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I invite you to travel with me to Cuba, to experience the enthralling history & splendor of this fascinating Caribbean Island – a cobblestoned Caribbean gem where the rum is plentiful, the smiles infectious and dancing is essential. Join my adventure and wind your way from sultry Havana and its crumbling churches, through the valleys and farms of Pinar del Rio, and on to the Afro-inspired beats of Trinidad. Along the way we have assembled a cast of Cuban characters to give you a proper welcome – tobacco farmers, local artists, historians, and salsa dancers that understand where Cuba came from, where the country sits now and, more importantly, where it is going. A country caught in a cultural time warp, Cuba is a bright snapshot of the mid-20th century, a true feast for the senses.

Accompanied by our very own expert guides, on this People-to-People Exchange program we will stay at well located B & B Accommodations (approved by the US Govt). We will stay 5 nights in Havana, 2 nights in Vinales, 3 nights in Trinidad & 1 night in Playa Giron. We will dine at some of Cuba's top *paladares* or privately run restaurants, enjoy evening entertainment at El Tropicana nightclub and interact with interesting locals.

**My small-group journeys offer the flexibility you need to truly savor a destination.**

**It's like traveling with a local friend.**