

# OHIO VALLEY SKI COUNCIL CAPTIVATING CUBA

## August 18 – 25, 2019

### Includes:

Non-stop flights from Miami to Santa Clara & Havana to Miami, including fuel surcharges and taxes and fees

U.S. Treasury Department, OFAC License Certification and Authorization Letter

Cuba Entrance Visa & Air Departure Tax

All land transportation, transfers & portorage in Cuba

1 night pre-tour accommodation at the Hotel Crowne Plaza Miami airport

7 nights superior 1st class hotel accommodations in Cuba

17 meals: 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 4 dinners

Comprehensive educational exchange program, including entrance fees

One Friendly Planet escort

Professional, English-speaking local guide, who will facilitate the educational exchanges with Cubans

Health insurance in Cuba (mandatory)

\$3,359 per person, double occupancy



Day 2: Arrive Cuba, and drive to the picturesque town of Sancti Spiritus, one of the original seven cities founded in Cuba by the Spanish 5 centuries ago. 2 nights at one of 3 hotels TBD.

Day 3: Hacienda de Manaca Iznaga, (once known as Cuba's center for sugar production); Trinidad, one of the best preserved colonial cities in all of Latin America and a World Heritage site since 1988; Casa del Alfarero; Lunch in Trinidad. Explore the historic town of Templo de Yemaya, with its open-air craft markets, shops, museums and bars.

Day 4: 2 nights Melia Varadero. Drive to Santa Clara, visit the Performing Arts school with dance theater and music performances by the students and a discussion about the role of music and education in the USA and the impact of music on Cuban life, lunch, and then Varadero Beach – the most famous beach on the Cuban mainland. Enjoy the resort town and your beautiful, all-inclusive hotel

Day 5: Learn about the official national dance and musical genre, a craft workshop. After lunch, enjoy the day at your leisure

Day 6: 3 nights Melia Cohiba, Havana. Enjoy lunch in the fishing village of Cojimar, the setting for Hemingway's book, *The Old Man and the Sea*; Visit Ernest Hemingway's home, Finca Vigia, now a museum. Continue on to Fusterlandia, the home and surrounding neighborhood of "The Picasso of the Caribbean", Jose Fuster.



Day 7: Old Havana: Visit on of Havana's famous cigar factories, enjoy a walking tour of Old Havana, (a World Heritage site since 1982), enjoy some time on your own exploring the Plaza d' Armas, the oldest plaza in the city, ride in vintage cars, and tour the Christopher Columbus Cemetery

Day 8: Havana. After breakfast, stop at the Plaza de la Revolucion, the most famous and politically important square in Cuba, witnessing many rallies and revolutions that have altered the course of Cuban history, and view the 109 m tower and 18 m statue of Jose Marti.



After lunch at a local restaurant, walk along the beautiful Paula Promenade by the waterfront of the Bay of Havana. The Artisan Market has souvenirs, including handicrafts and other collectibles. Enjoy the remaining day at your leisure, then after dinner, enjoy live, traditional Cuban music and salsa dancing. Wear your dancing shoes!

Day 9: Transfer to the airport and board your flight back to Miami.