



# CUBA 2018, FEB 19-28

**PRICE: \$2499, \$500 DEPOSIT (YOU MIGHT WANT TO GET THIS IN AS SOON AS YOU DECIDE TO GO, TRIP VERY LIKELY TO SELL OUT), FULL PAYMENT IS DUE NOV 15TH, 2017**

## **EXPECTATION:**

CUBA IS A VERY NEW DESTINATION FOR US TRAVELERS, EXPECT AN ADVENTURE, SOME OF THIS INFORMATION, ESPECIALLY PEOPLE TO PEOPLE TOURS, MAY CHANGE FROM NOW UNTIL DEPARTURE DATE, BUT THERE WILL BE FUN STUFF TO EXPLORE AND GREAT DIVING!

## **INCLUSIONS:**

AIRFARE TO/FROM FT. LAUDERDALE, FL. AIRPORT TRANSFERS IN CUBA. TRANSPORTATION BETWEEN HOTELS. LODGING AT MELIA HOTEL CAYO SANTA MARIA, ALL INCLUSIVE. (7 NIGHTS) FIVE DAYS OF TWO TANK BOAT DIVING (TOURS FOR NON DIVERS). REQUIRED DAILY PEOPLE TO PEOPLE EDUCATIONAL TOURS. TWO NIGHTS AT THE IBEROSTAR PARQUE CENTRAL WITH MAGNIFICENT VIEWS OF OLD HAVANA AND A BEAUTIFUL ROOFTOP TERRACE WITH POOL AND BAR. (INCLUDES BREAKFAST)

## **EXCLUSIONS:**

AIRLINE BAGGAGE FEES. VISA FEES (AT AIRPORT) CURRENTLY \$85. MEALS OTHER THAN BREAKFAST IN HAVANA. TELEPHONE AND INTERNET USAGE COSTS. ADDITIONAL PM DIVES \$40.

## **INFO:**

CUBA HAS BEEN RECENTLY OPENED UP TO AMERICAN TRAVELERS. IT ISN'T EASY GETTING DETAILS YET, BUT WE ARE DOING OUR BEST!

OUR PLANE DISEMBARKS IN SANTA CLARA, FROM THERE WE HAVE ABOUT A 90 MINUTE DRIVE THROUGH COUNTRYSIDE AND OVER A LONG BRIDGE TO CAYO SANTA MARIA ISLAND. (A SMALL ISLAND LOCATED OFF OF THE NORTH COAST.) THE NORTH ISLANDS ARE A PART OF A LARGER ARCHIPELAGO KNOWN AS "KING'S GARDEN" WHICH IN TURN IS A PART OF BUENAVISTA BIOSPHERE RESERVE, RECOGNISED BY UNESCO.

FROM CAYO SANTA MARIA, OUR BEACHSIDE RESORT WILL GIVE US EASY ACCESS TO THE HEALTHY REEF. ACCORDING TO NATURE CONSERVANCY, LIMITED DEVELOPMENT ALONG THE MORE THAN 3000 MILES OF COASTLINE MEANS THE FOUR REEF SYSTEMS REMAIN UNSPOILED, TEEMING WITH LIFE. IN THE 1990'S, CUBA TOOK BOLD ACTION TO CREATE EXTENSIVE CORAL REEF PRESERVES. LEGAL ACTION PREVENTS DEVELOPMENT ALONG THE COASTS OF THESE AREAS LEAVING HEALTHY, BOUNTIFUL CORAL GARDENS AND LIFE. GROUPERS, TARPON, EELS, SHARKS, JACKS, TURTLES, BARRACUDA, SNAPPERS, STINGRAYS, ANGELFISH AND BEAUTIFUL REEF AWAIT US.



## VISAS:

ISSUED AT AIRPORT IN HAVANA UPON ARRIVAL. REQUIREMENT IS ONLY VALID PASSPORT THAT DOES NOT EXPIRE WITHIN 6 MONTHS OF DEPARTURE.

## TOURS:

OUR VISAS REQUIRE DAILY "PEOPLE TO PEOPLE" TOURS. THIS IS THE TOUR LIST IN CAYO SANTA MARIA FOR NON DIVERS: JEEP SAFARI, TRINIDAD COLONIAL TOUR, SUGAR HISTORY TOUR (CIGARS & RUM), CAIBARIEN PORT TOUR, BASEBALL GAME, ECO MARINE CAGUANES PARK, SANTA CLARA (CHE GUEVARA TOUR), ATV TOUR AND CROCODILE FARM, TURTLE BREEDING INSTITUTE, SUNSET SAIL. (SOME TOURS WILL BE PM SO DIVERS MAY JOIN, SOME TOURS ARE ALL DAY SO DIVERS WOULD NEED TO SKIP DIVING TO JOIN.) IN HAVANA, ONE OF THE TOURS IS 2 HOURS OF DRIVING THE OLD CARS!

## MONEY:

NO USD WILL BE TENDERED IN CUBA. ALL MONEY EXCHANGES SHOULD OCCUR BEFORE WE BOARD OUR PLANE. NO AMERICAN CREDIT CARDS OR CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED. OUR TRAVEL AGENT SUGGESTS USING CANADIAN DOLLARS OR POSSIBLY EUROS. YOU WILL NEED MONEY FOR VISA (\$85), SOUVENIRS, NON INCLUDED ACTIVITIES IN HAVANA, LUNCH AND DINNER IN HAVANA. (THE CUBAN CONVERTIBLE PESO IS THE CURRENCY. CURRENTLY, ONE CANADIAN DOLLAR = .75 USD. IT CONVERTS TO THE SAME IN CUBAN MONEY. ONE CANADIAN DOLLAR = .75 CUBAN.)

## PLUGS:

POWER PLUG TYPES IN CUBA CAN VARY. SO CAN THE VOLTAGE. WE TEND TO BRING ADAPTERS AND POWER STRIPS ON INTERNATIONAL TRIPS. [HTTP://WWW.POWER-PLUGS-SOCKETS.COM/CUBA/](http://www.power-plugs-sockets.com/cuba/)

## DIVING:

WATER TEMPERATURE IN FEB SHOULD BE BETWEEN 75-79 DEGREES. BRING YOUR OWN DIVE GEAR. NON DIVERS SHOULD BRING OWN MASK, FINS AND SNORKEL. DIVE OPERATOR HAS VERY LITTLE RENTAL GEAR AVAILABLE. BRING YOUR CERTIFICATION CARDS. INTERNET IS LIMITED SO WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO LOOK UP CERTIFICATIONS ON THE FLY. IT MAY PROVE IMPOSSIBLE TO SERVICE GEAR IN CUBA, SO IT IS YOUR BEST INTEREST TO HAVE YOUR GEAR SERVICED AND DO A SHAKE DOWN DIVE PRIOR TO THE TRIP. WE OFFER SAME DAY SERVICING WHICH YOU CAN BOOK ONLINE AT [WWW.HONOLULUREPAIR.COM](http://www.honolulurepair.com)

## INSURANCE:

FOR TRAVEL INTO CUBA, TRAVEL MEDICAL INSURANCE IS REQUIRED, WE WILL NEED PROOF OF COVERAGE BEFORE DEPARTURE. THE MEDICAL INSURANCE MUST INCLUDE MEDICAL EVACUATION BY AIR, MEDICAL EMERGENCIES AND REPATRIATION. TRAVEL INSURANCE IS HIGHLY SUGGESTED DUE TO THE FREQUENT LATE DEPARTURE AND CANCELLATIONS WITHIN CUBA. OF COURSE, DAN OR OTHER DIVE INSURANCE IS ALSO HIGHLY SUGGESTED.

