



***CATLIN GABEL PRESENTS:***  
***“PUEBLO A PUEBLO”***  
***A HUMANITARIAN TRIP TO CUBA***  
***HEAD ESCORT: ROBERTO VILLA***  
***MARCH 15 - 26, 2010***

This trip will be operated under a Humanitarian License issued to Salve Regina by the United States Treasury Department.

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You will participate in a humanitarian mission to Cuba together with other Americans. Participants will carry medical supplies, clothing, hygiene products, school supplies, and over the counter pharmaceuticals with them to share with the Cuban people they meet on their travels around the country. The bulk of the supplies will be distributed by a church and synagogue visited by the group.

“It is so rewarding to meet and talk with these people from whom we have been isolated for so long, and especially gratifying to be able to provide goods which we take for granted in the U.S., but are difficult or impossible to find in Cuba. I feel very fortunate to have experienced the warmth of the Cuban people, their vibrant culture, and beautiful country” says Miguel Orta, from Salve Regina that is licensed by the U.S Treasury to conduct these humanitarian trips to Cuba.

## **MONDAY, MARCH 15 - HAVANA**

Depart Portland with Continental Airlines flight # 308 to Houston leave at 6:00AM arrive at 12:09PM. Connect with Continental Airlines flight # 1464 to Cancun leave at 1:10PM arrive at 2:35PM.

(All US flights arrive in Terminal # 3, after you clear Mexican customs and immigration, please take the shuttle to the Mexicana terminal # 2). The Mexicana check in counter will open at 5:30pm.

Connect with Click (a subsidiary of Mexicana Airlines) flight # 7322 to Havana leaving at 8:40PM and arriving at 10:45PM. Upon arrival in Havana Jose Marti airport, you will be met by **Ya'lla Tours USA's** Cuban representative and transferred to your hotel for overnight.

Our hotel, **KOHLY**, is located on the banks of the Almendares River near Havana's Forest and the Grand Metropolitan Park. All 136 guest rooms have views of the forest or the city and most have terraces. Hotel facilities and services include air-conditioning, a restaurant, bar, business center, fitness center, restaurant, laundry, massage, sauna, swimming pool, tennis courts and night club.

## **TUESDAY, MARCH 16 – HAVANA**

**(B,L,D)**

Meet with a representative from the office of the City Historian for a lecture about the History of Cuba.

Then take a walking tour around the historic center of **Old Havana**, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

See **Plaza Vieja**, one of Havana's historic squares, dating from the 16<sup>th</sup> century.

Visit **Plaza de Iglesia** and **Convento de San Francisco de Asis**, built between 1580 and 1591. It is one of the finest churches from the colonial period.

Continue to **Plaza de la Cathedral** and the **Plaza de Armas** where Old Havana originated. Here we find the **Palacio de los Capitanes Generales**. Begun in 1776, this stately palace remains as a testament to Cuban's importance as Spain's principal port of the Americas during the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

Lunch will be served at a local restaurant.

We will also see the **Seminaries of San Carlos and San Ambrosio** before we end the visit to Old Havana at the outdoor **handicraft market**.

After first hand experience of the Old City, visit the **Old Havana model** where you have a bird's-eye view of this magnificent part of the city on a scale of 1 to 50.

Visit "**El Floridita**," birth place of the daiquiri and one of Hemingway's favorite Havana bars (drinks not included). In the 1950's it was among the 7 most famous bars in the world.

Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17 - HAVANA**

**(B,L,D)**

Start the day with a visit to the **Convento de Belen**, a very unique humanitarian project by the Cubans for seniors and handicapped kids. What is unique about this project is that it is run by seniors, for seniors in a very unique way.

Walk to the **Palacio de los Capitanes Generales**. Built in 1776, this stately palace remains as a testament to Cuba's importance as Spain's principal port of the Americas during the 18<sup>th</sup> century. We will also see the **Seminaries of San Carlos and San Ambrosio**.

Continue in the footsteps of **Ernest Hemingway**, beginning with a visit to a local **cigar factory**. Learn about the history of the cigar in Cuba and see the entire production process, from the drying of the leaves to rolling the leaves to create the cigar.

Next, visit the house where Hemingway lived from 1939 to 1960. The house, now a museum, contains more than 22,000 original items that belonged to the writer, including records, books, paintings, personal documents, weapons and photographs. Located 7 miles south of the center of Havana, this 4-hectare property gives visitors a good sense of the daily life and habits of Hemingway during his years in Cuba. Visit the seaside village of Cojimar, where Hemingway fished, and where he was inspired to write one of his great novels, The Old Man and the Sea.

Lunch will be served at the seafood restaurant **La Terraza de Cojimar**, famous as the backdrop of scenes from the film "The Old Man and The Sea".

Return to your hotel for a special treat:

**Lecture at the hotel:**

Meet Dr. Carlos Alzugaray Treto from **CESEU** (Centro de Estudios sobre Estados Unidos) for an overview of US-Cuban relations. Dr. Alzugaray is a former Cuban diplomat who serves today as the Coordinator of International Strategic Studies

Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 18 - HAVANA**

**(B,L,D)**

Group lecture on the Educational system in Cuba.

Visit the "Complejo Científico Pedagógico Ciudad Escolar Libertad".

Lunch en route.

Meet and interact with students from the "Instituto Superior Pedagógico Enrique José Varona".

Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

## **FRIDAY, MARCH 19 - TRINIDAD**

**(B,L,D)**

Depart for the **Bay of Pigs** or Playa Giron, about a 2 hour drive.

A force of U.S. backed, anti-Castro Cuban exiles attempted to overthrow the Castro regime here in the Battle of the Bay of Pigs. Visit the museum here.

Then drive to Zapata Wetlands for lunch at **La Boca**.

**Zapata Peninsula National Park** which contains the largest wetland in Cuba; the most important preserve of Cuban flora and fauna; Treasure Lake; and the La Boca Crocodile-Breeding Center, one of the largest in Latin America. A biosphere preserve, the Zapata Peninsula also has vertical flooded coastal caves and two beautiful beaches Larga and Giron. This is an ideal natural environment for ecotourism.

Located exactly at the entrance of the Laguna del Tesoro (The Treasure Lagoon), a place of great interest. International and typical food of region, the house specialties are plates made with crocodile meat. Yacht and speed boat journeys through the canals leading to the Treasure Lagoon, the Taíno Village and Guamá hotel. Fishing and bird watching in the waters of the Treasure Lagoon.

Then drive 1 hour to the city of **Cienfuegos**. The city was founded in 1819 and grew prosperous from the production and trade of sugar. Visit the Palacio del Valle restaurant, well known for its synthesis of numerous architectural styles. Continue along the 16 block long Paseo del Prado promenade, one of the longest in Cuba.

Then continue to the city's foundation, **José Martí Park**, site of many historic buildings. In particular, notice the Cathedral of Cienfuegos, built in 1904. Today the building houses an art gallery and the Town Council.

Then, travel about 1½ hours on to Trinidad for dinner and overnight.

Our hotel, **COSTA SUR**, is located on the beach in Trinidad de Cuba. The hotel provides a wide selection of services to ensure guests have a comfortable stay. All 131 guest rooms and bungalows are air-conditioned and have satellite TV. Hotel facilities and services include two restaurants, four bars, a night club, a swimming pool, tennis courts, snorkeling and kayaking rental, massage, a shop, laundry, safe deposit box and currency exchange.

## **SATURDAY, MARCH 20 - TRINIDAD**

**(B,L,D)**

At 9:30AM, board **the Tourist Steam Train from Trinidad to Sugar Mills Valley - Valle de los Ingenios**. The ride will give us a clear visual understanding of the 1895 rebellion. The picturesque valley was once center of the sugar and slaves trades, home to the plantations that brought prosperity to Trinidad region in 18th century. Pass through small tunnels and over a few huge bridges, right through the sugar cane fields to the hacienda of Pedro Iznaga at Manaca, even continuing to the colonial hacienda Guachinango. The main site is the remarkable Manaca Iznaga Tower, used by one of the wealthiest men in Cuba, Pedro Iznaga to watch over his African slaves.

Return to the hotel for lunch by 2:00PM.

Spend the afternoon on a walking tour of **Trinidad**, a living museum of Spanish colonialism. The whole city, with its fine palaces, cobbled streets and red tiled roofs, is a national monument and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Trinidad's prosperity rested on the sugar industry. The city was a cultural center with theater, schools of language, music, dance and a wide variety of artisans, including gold and silversmiths. Lavish public and private buildings filled the city. During the second half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, the Industrial Revolution and increased sugar beet production in Europe led to the decline of Trinidad's slavery-based economy. Construction ceased and the city remained frozen in time. The maze of cobbled streets is lined with terra cotta roofed houses in soft pastel colors. Much of the architecture is neoclassical and baroque, with a Moorish flavor reflecting the town's heritage of conquistadors. Visit the Plaza Mayor in the center of town. Around the plaza are the Museo Romantico and the Iglesia Parroquial de la Santisima Trinidad. The **cathedral** is the largest church in Cuba and renowned for its acoustics. This is another place to leave our donations. Explore the **Museo Romantico** which houses a collection of romantic-style porcelain, glass, paintings and ornate furniture. The museum is located in a colonial mansion with beautiful views over the square from the upper floor balconies. The adventurous are invited to climb up to the **Antiguo Convento de San Francisco de Asis**. The tower and church are all that remain of the original convent.

Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

#### **SUNDAY, MARCH 21 – HAVANA**

**(B,L,D)**

After an early breakfast, drive about 3 hours towards the city of **Santa Clara** and visit the Ernesto (Che) Guevara Memorial en route. Che Guevara, born in Argentina, was one of the commanders who fought with Fidel Castro in the war against the dictatorship of Batista in the 1950's. He died in Bolivia in 1967 while leading that country's revolution. His remains were recovered in 1998 and, together with the remains of those who died with him, are buried in this memorial known as Che Guevara Mausoleum in Santa Clara Revolution Square. Lunch will be served at **La Granjita**.

Return to Havana for overnight.

**HOTEL: KOHLY**

#### **MONDAY, MARCH 22 - HAVANA**

**(B,L,D)**

Visit the sustainable agrarian high school "Che Guevara". Meet and interact with students, teachers, and administrators.

Visit the **Che Guevara Museum**. Lunch en route.

After lunch tour the **Revolution Square**, the administrative and political center of Cuba. Next, visit the **Christopher Columbus Cemetery** with the lavish tombs of wealthy Cubans from before the revolution.

In the afternoon, group lecture on the Health and Social Security system in Cuba  
Visit a family doctor's office and a medical family practice clinic, meet the medical personnel.

Then **visit el Morro**, for the 9:00PM cannon ceremony.

Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 23 - HAVANA**

**(B,L,D)**

Day for meetings at different schools.

Lunch en route.

Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

**WEDESSDAY, MARCH 24 - HAVANA**

**(B,L,D)**

After an early breakfast, meet your private tour guide and set out for a 2 1/2 hour drive to **Pinar Del Rio**, Cuba's westernmost province. Pass through the beautiful countryside of the Guaniguanico mountain range, agricultural lands, and pine forests. Visit the colonial city of Pinar Del Rio.

Next, visit the **Viñales valley** with some of the most spectacular scenery in all of Cuba. Conical limestone hills rise above the fertile valley floor where small privately owned farms dot the landscape. Centuries of erosion has created many underground rivers and caves. See the prehistoric mural depicting the evolution of this region.

Visit a tobacco farm and meet with the farmer and learn how the tobacco is grown and rolled into the finest cigars in the world.

Lunch will be served at **El Palenque de los Cimarrones** is followed by free time to explore the beautiful town of Viñales on your own. Later in the afternoon, visit the Cueva del Indio (Indian Cave) and its subterranean river.

Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 25 – HAVANA – CANCUN**

**(B,L,D)**

Time to enjoy the beach at **Playas de Santa María del Mar**. Santa María is one of the most breathtaking of Cuba's 300 natural beaches. On one hand, you have the clear turquoise blue waters that contrast with the broad beach of coral sands dotted with coconut trees and sea grapes and, on the other, in the distance, the spectacular ancient escarpments created by the tide and that today are natural observation points looming 60 meters high. Santa Maria del Mar boasts a fine and white sand with remains of coral and shells. Its warm waters only deep dozens of meters away from the shore are crystal clear with different shades of green and blue.

Time for shopping at the artisans' market.

Return to the hotel for lunch and you will be transferred to Havana Jose Marti airport for your departure on Click flight # 7579 to Cancun leaving at 4:30PM and arriving at 4:40PM. Clear Mexican Customs and Immigration and transfer to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

**HOTEL, T.B.A.**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 26 -**

**(B)**

Transfer on your own to Cancun airport for your departure with Continental Airlines flight # 465 to Houston, leave at 1:00PM arrive at 4:28PM. Clear U.S Custom and Immigration and connect with Continental Airlines flight # 553 to Portland leave at 6:25PM arrive at 8:45PM.

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**Number of participants: 24+4    32+4**  
**Price per person in a double room: \$3,995    \$3,695**

**Prices are GUARANTEED for March 2010**

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**TOUR INCLUDES:**

- \* Round trip economy class airfare from Portland to Cancun with Continental Airlines.
- \* Round-trip, economy class air from Cancun to Havana.
- \* 11 nights of accommodations with buffet breakfast.
- \* 10 lunches and 10 dinners as per the itinerary with coffee, tea, and soft drinks during meals.
- \* All transfers to/from the airport in Cuba.
- \* 10 days of touring in an air-conditioned, **private** bus with licensed English-speaking guide.
- \* All entrance fees as per itinerary.
- \* Service fees and local taxes.
- \* **Ya'lla Tours USA, Inc.** exclusive information kit and travel bag.
- \* Tips for guide and driver and at hotels.
- \* Tips to bellman.
- \* Entry visa to Cuba.
- \* Departure taxes from Cuba.

**TOUR DOES NOT INCLUDE:**

- \* Meals that are not included.
- \* Personal expenses.
- \* **Travel insurance, \$256, highly recommended.**
- \* **Overweight luggage fee on Mexicana \$2 per kilo (anything over 20kg. per person, to be paid in Cancun).**

**IMPORTANT NOTE:**

- Air schedules are subject to change at any time.
- You must have a valid **U.S. passport** to enter Cuba. (Must be valid at least 6 months past your scheduled return date).
- A \$750 per person deposit is required upon booking, **no later than June 01, 2009.**
- The deposit is refundable up to 90 days prior to departure, less a \$200 per person administrative fee.
- Final payment is due on **December 16, 2009.**
- Continental Airlines offers mileage credit for all One Pass Mileage Members or their partners.
- **Ya'lla Tours USA** reserves the right to change the hotels to others of similar quality.

# TERMS AND CONDITIONS

## PRICE:

- \* The price of the tour is: **\$3,995** per person in a double room, based on a group of minimum **24** participants . The price is guaranteed but if due to unforeseen circumstances beyond **Ya'lla Tours USA Inc.**'s control, our suppliers increase the price, **Ya'lla USA Inc.** will adjust the price accordingly.
- \* Should a single traveler wish to share a room with another traveler, and **Ya'lla Tours USA Inc.** is unable to match him/her with a roommate, the single room supplement will apply.
- \* Should the number of participants, 90 days prior to departure, be lower than the published minimum number of participants to operate the tour, the price will be adjusted accordingly, or the tour will be canceled.
- \* A \$750 per person deposit is required at the time of the booking, **no later than June 01, 2009**
- \* Final payment is due **90** days prior to the group departure, **December 16, 2009.**

## CANCELLATIONS & REFUND:

- \* **For cancellation up to 90 days prior to departure (December 16, 2009), a \$200 Per person administrative fee will apply, unless the School replaces that person.**
- \* **For cancellation of 89 to 45 days prior to departure, a cancellation fee of 50% of the tour cost will apply.**
- \* **For cancellation of 44 to 15 days prior to departure, a cancellation fee of 75% of the tour cost will apply.**
- \* **For cancellation of 14 days and less prior to departure, a cancellation fee of 100% of the tour cost will apply.**
- \* No refund will be paid for unused services such as: transfers, sight-seeing, meals, hotel accommodations, entrance fees, and others that are listed in the tour program.
- \* **The travel insurance is NON-REFUNDABLE once purchased.**

## LAND ARRANGEMENTS:

The Tour Operator reserves the right to change the itinerary due to unforeseen circumstances. In all cases, **Ya'lla Tours USA Inc.** will do its best to maintain the content of the tour.

The Tour operator reserves the right to change the hotels listed on the tour for others of similar quality.

### **RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY:**

Whereas **Ya'lla Tours USA Inc.** and the participating airlines and tour operators operate the land tours offered under this program only as agents of the aircraft, railroads, car rental contractors, steamship lines, hotels, bus operators, sight-seeing contractors and others who provide the actual land arrangements, we are not liable for any act, omission, delay, injury, loss or damage or nonperformance occurring in connection with these tours.

The Passenger contract in use by the airline concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airline and the purchaser of these tours and/or passenger.

**Ya'lla Tours USA Inc.** reserves the right to bring legal action to collect damages in the event that purchaser fails to pay any fees due and owing for services, including cancellation fees as set out in the section entitled 'Cancellations & Refunds'. The parties agree that should legal action be commenced, the prevailing party will be entitled to his/her or its reasonable attorney fees and court costs in addition to the actual damages sustained and proven.

### **PASSENGER RESPONSIBILITY:**

Passenger has read the above terms and conditions and agrees to each of them. Passenger hereby warrants that he/she fully understand each of them. Specifically passenger understands that should he/she cancel their trip for any reason, passenger will be charged the cancellation fee set out in the 'Cancellations & Refunds' section.

### **ENTIRE AGREEMENT SEVERABILITY:**

This is the entire agreement of the parties and it may be amended only by written agreement signed by both **Ya'lla Tours USA Inc.** and the client. If any part of this agreement is held unenforceable by a court of law, the rest of this agreement will nevertheless remain in force and effect.

### **TRAVEL INSURANCE:**

Travel insurance is not included in your tour price.

It is the passenger's responsibility to verify whether his / hers local health insurance covers you out of the USA. Please contact your insurance carrier for details.

**Ya'lla Tours USA Inc. highly recommends the purchase of comprehensive travel insurance, which covers health, luggage and trip cancellation. A waiver must be signed if insurance is declined.**

**Registration for Catlin Gabel Humanitarian Cuba Trip # 11134**

**Departure date: March 16, 2010**

**Last name \_\_\_\_\_ First name \_\_\_\_\_**

**Please print name as it appears on passport.**

**Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_**

**State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Tel \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_**

**Nationality \_\_\_\_\_ Passport number \_\_\_\_\_ Valid until \_\_\_\_\_**

**Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Tel \_\_\_\_\_**

**Require travel insurance? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_**

**If yes - add to your payment \$256 to your deposit.**

**If no - “I understand that I will be fully responsible for any fees or costs associated with the tour due to cancellation, medical necessities, lost baggage/delayed flights etc.” – signature \_\_\_\_\_**

**I hereby sign and agree to the terms and conditions attached to this form:**

**Signature: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Please sign this form and return it with a check or credit card for the full payment, payable to: Ya’lla Tours USA.**

**Mail or fax to:**

**Ya’lla Tours USA**

**4711 SW Huber St. # 1 Portland, OR 97219**

**Tel: (503) 977-3758 \*\* (800) 644-1595 \*\* Fax: (503) 977-3765**

**For credit card charge only:**

**Credit card type \_\_\_\_\_ Name on the card \_\_\_\_\_**

**Credit card number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp \_\_\_\_\_**

**CID # \_\_\_\_\_ (3 digit code on back of Visa/MC or 4 digits on front of Amex)**

**Billing address if different from above \_\_\_\_\_**

I hereby authorize **Ya’lla Tours USA** to charge my credit card \$\_\_\_\_\_ as a deposit for the **Catlin Gabel (students) Humanitarian Cuba Tour**. By signing this form I further state that I have personally read the attached terms and conditions and agree to each of them. Specifically, I understand that should I cancel my trip for any reason, I will be charged the cancellation fee set out in the “Cancellations & Refunds” section.

**Signature for the credit card: \_\_\_\_\_**