

## CUBA AT THE CROSSROADS: PHOTO WORKSHOP WITH MAGDALENA SOLE & LUIS ALARCON

In order to secure space on this trip please register **HERE** and fill out and sign the following forms (notice that you can fill out the attached forms on the internet but you must print off and sign) as we need to have the originals:

- Application form please state name of group on top of the form
- Liability form please remember to initial the bottom of each page
- Travel Affidavit please be sure to sign
- Reservation form you only need to fill out the personal information- do not worry about travel dates, flight numbers, name of hotel, etc, but you must sign this form.

## Return with:

- Two clear copies of the of the photo page of your passport. Your passport must be valid for 6 months past date of return.
- Deposit check in the amount of \$1500 per traveler made out to Other Cuban Journeys, LLC.

Deposits and all paperwork must be received no later than **September 15, 2015** Final payments are due later than **October 15, 2015** 

## Please send all forms and checks to:

Other Cuban Journeys, LLC c/o Marla Whitesman 1702 Linwood Ave Flint, MI 48503

## Important Information:

- Your passport must be valid for six months from date of return
- We check in for our flights as a group and check –in is 3 hours prior to departure. A few weeks prior to departure, you will be made aware of the time and place we will be meeting. On your day of return to the US make your connecting flight as late as possible preferably after 6 or 7 pm to allow for delays and to clear customs. You will not be given confirmed flight information until a few weeks before departure as this is the nature of Cuba travel.
- There are many hotels in Miami near to the airport with a free shuttle, however
  we find that the Miami International Airport hotel, located within the airport is
  the most convenient.
- If you are Cuban born and departed Cuba before December 31, 1970, you will need a special visa and must notify OCJ as soon as possible. This is a timely and lengthy process and can take up to 12 weeks to receive. You must let us know immediately.
- Travel insurance is highly recommended. Medical evacuation is not included in the Cuban Medical insurance and has to be paid for before an air ambulance will come to get you if you do not have travel insurance. Also, once within cancellation period there are no exceptions to the refund policy. We do not sell insurance but we recommend Eileen Brenner at cubainsurance@gmail.com or 5617159947 or 5614881945.
- Each traveler must fill out an application, liability form, travel affidavit and reservation form and we must have the originals. Faxed or emailed copies will not be accepted.
- Cuban health insurance is included (and compulsory) in the cost of the trip. It
  covers medical expenses in Cuba due to illness and accident up to \$25,000
  and repatriation up to \$7000. Pre-existing conditions are not covered.
- Cuba is not a non-smoking country. If you have issues with smoke, be aware that even non-smoking accommodations and establishments may still have smoke. If you have bad asthma or allergies to smoke this may not be the trip for you.

- Although this is not considered a very strenuous trip, you have to get on and off a bus, walk on streets in Old Havana that are cracked and with cobblestones and many times the elevators in museums may not be working and you will have to take steps. You must be in somewhat satisfactory walking condition.
- Checked- in luggage to Cuba is charged at \$20 per bag. Your total free cumulative baggage allowance is 44 lbs (carry-on + checked bags). Any weight over 44 lbs, airlines charge \$2 per lb cash in Miami (Do not let the cost of extra weight keep you from bringing much needed aid!)
- As a participant on this people to people trip, you are required by OFAC to participate in the full time activities of this itinerary.
- If you use a CPAP machine you should bring an extension cord as many hotels do not have outlets next to the bed.
- You will receive all travel documents in the Miami airport morning of departure

   air ticket, visa, letter of authorization and copy of OCJ license.
- Please refer to the bottom of the itinerary for what is and is not included in your journey.