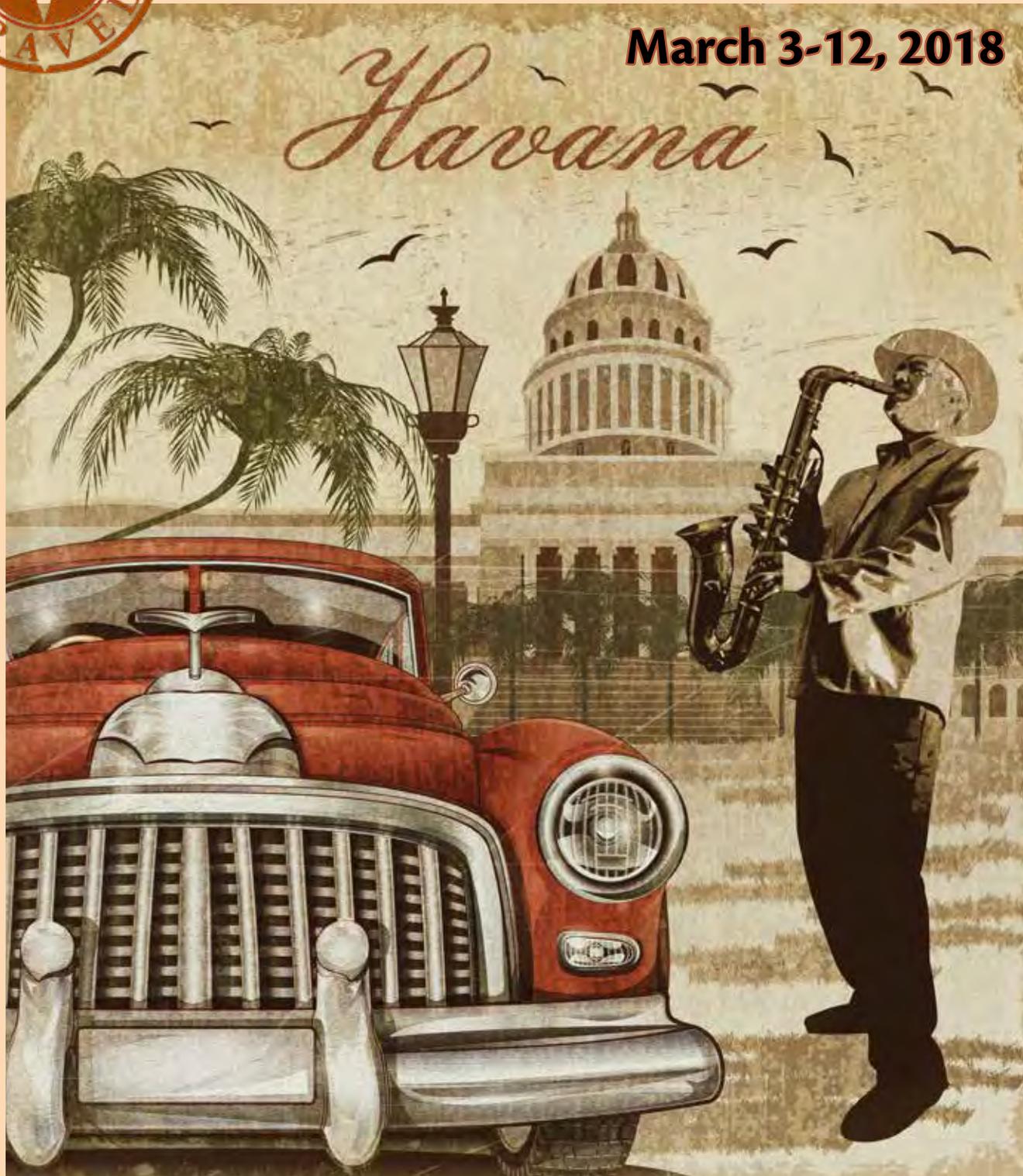




Come With Us To Cuba!

March 3-12, 2018



Ninety miles and a world away, Cuba beckons with its rich culture and history.

*This opportunity may be fleeting, so we invite you to
join us on this great adventure!*



Dear Compass Travelers:

Last March, Luigi and I visited this charismatic island and we want to share it with you! There are so many reasons to step into the magic that is Cuba—famed art and literature; timeless Colonial architecture; spicy salsa and

legendary cigars, not to mention the most warm and welcoming people. We hope you will join us for this new travel opportunity.

Holly and Luigi

ITINERARY

Saturday, March 3

Our exciting adventure begins with a private transfer from New London to Boston's Logan Airport and our flight to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

Overnight: Hyatt Place Ft. Lauderdale Airport

Sunday, March 4

Fly to Havana where we're met by our driver/guides and transferred to the pioneering eco-village of Las Terrazas, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve and site of the earliest surviving coffee plantation in Cuba. This evening enjoy a welcome dinner.

Overnight: Las Terrazas—Hotel La Moka (D)

Monday, March 5

After breakfast, our guides escort us around the community of Las Terrazas, where we meet local artisans and visit the 19th century Buena Vista Coffee Plantation to learn about coffee production in Cuba. Lunch today is in a typical rural home where they prepare local delicacies in a wood burning stove. If you feel adventurous, enjoy a swim in the San Juan River.

Overnight: Las Terrazas—Hotel La Moka (B,L)

Tuesday, March 6

We return to Havana for a walking tour of the Old City, a UNESCO World Heritage site founded in 1519. View the handsome main squares: Plazas Vieja, de San Francisco, de la Catedral, and de Armas. After lunch we tour the city to see its chronological growth—Central Park; Capitolio, the

capital building, former seat of congress; Revolution Square; and Necropolis de Colon, Havana's monumenal Columbus Cemetery.

Overnight: Havana—Iberostar Parque Central (B,L,D)

Wednesday, March 7

Today we visit Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes, the National Fine Arts Museum, founded in 1913 thanks to the efforts of architect Emilio Heredia. After lunch at a *paladar*, a private restaurant inside a Cuban home, we meet with famed photographer Roberto Salas. At age 15, he tagged along with his photojournalist father on assignment to cover Cuban activists, one of whom was Fidel Castro; fate gave the budding shutterbug a front-row seat to the impending revolution. Later, we visit Museo del Ron, the Museum of Rum, to understand the production process of the spirit described as the "cheerful child of sugar cane" by Cuban writer and journalist Fernando Campoamor, a friend of Ernest Hemingway.

Overnight: Havana—Iberostar Parque Central (B,L)

Thursday, March 8

After breakfast, we visit Finca La Vigia, Ernest Hemingway's former home, where he penned *The Old Man and the Sea* and *For Whom the Bell Tolls*. This afternoon, we visit Almacenes San Jose, Havana's vast indoor art market. Early this evening, take a ride in "Yank tanks" (vintage cars) to our dinner at La Guarida, setting of the famous Cuban film, *Fresa y Chocolate*.

Overnight: Havana—Iberostar Parque Central (B,L,D)



Friday, March 9

We depart Havana for central Cuba and the maritime city of Cienfuegos with its well-preserved historic center. After a walking tour of the city and lunch, we travel on to Trinidad, which was founded by Diego Velazquez in 1514 and was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1988.

Overnight: Trinidad—Iberostar Grand Hotel Trinidad (B,L,D)

Saturday, March 10

We spend today exploring Trinidad. The original cobblestone streets and pastel-colored houses give the impression that time has scarcely moved on since colonial times.

Overnight: Trinidad—Iberostar Grand Hotel Trinidad (B,L)

Sunday, March 11

This morning we drive northeast to visit Valle de los Ingenios, whose name derives from the sugar mills built there in the early 19th century. Back in Trinidad, perhaps do some last minute shopping before we gather for our farewell dinner.

Overnight: Trinidad—Iberostar Grand Hotel Trinidad (B,L,D)

Monday, March 12

We bid “hasta luego” to cultural Cuba and its friendly people as we transfer to the Santa Clara Airport for our flight back to Boston. Upon arrival, our driver is waiting to return us to New London. (B)



TOUR PRICE

\$5,100.00 per person
(Based on double occupancy)

Tour Limited to 10 People

Included In Your Journey:

- Escorted by Holly Walker and Luigi Minoletti
- Private transfer from New London, NH, to Logan Airport and return
- First class accommodations for 9 nights
- Meals: 8 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 5 dinners (noted in itinerary as B, L, D)
- Sightseeing as outlined in the daily itinerary
- Services of two professional, English-speaking tour guides throughout
- Transportation in Cuba by two private, five-passenger vans

Not Included In Your Journey:

- Air Travel
- Gratuities
- Cuban Visa
- Medical/Travel Insurance

Please note that while we do our best to adhere to the itinerary listed here, traveling in Cuba requires flexibility, and changes to hotels and activities may occur.

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