

## TENTATIVE TOUR ITINERARY (SUBJECT TO CHANGE):

### **Day One: Monday May 15**

- . Depart Miami International Airport with your tour-host "Cryptmaster Chucky" aboard your flight to Havana, the "Forbidden City."
- . Arrive Havana Airport, clear customs & immigration.
- . Enjoy V.I.P. room while representative claim bags.
- . Meet your professional tour guide who will be with you throughout the trip.
- . Stop at "The Revolution Square" (Plaza de la Revolución was originally named %Civic Square,+ and then renamed %Revolution Square+when Fidel Castro took power.
- . Private group check-in at selected hotel
- . Welcome Dinner and Group Orientation
- . Special guest Speaker on the mystiques and mysteries of Cuba and an introductions to the many stories of ghost sightings around the Island.
- . After dinner evening program "Changing of the Guards and Cannon Ceremony" at the Morro Castle (first approach to military architecture of the colonial era): a tradition evoking the announcement of the closing of the gates in the city wall and of the channel at the entrance of the bay, which take place every evening in the San Carlos de La Cabana fortress (18<sup>th</sup> Century.)

### **Day Two: Tuesday May 16**

- . Breakfast at hotel
- . Visit Old Havana, walking tour around historic and cultural heritage site. Visiting the four main squares where the restoration process and architectural richness of Old Havana can be appreciated more clearly.
- . Visit the very haunted Cathedral Square, the most beautiful and private 19<sup>th</sup> Century colonial plaza on the Island. Named after the masterpiece of Cuban baroque architecture: the Catedral de San Cristobal de la Habana built by the Jesuit order. Some witnesses have seen a ghostly nun at the Plaza de la Catedral (means Cathedral Square). Witnesses have seen a nun on the roof of Plaza de la Catedral, and as they watched her, the nun will step off the roof and float down the street, She'll then look onward and slowly start walking off before she just disappears.
- . Visit "La Bodeguita Medio" for a cocktail. La Bodeguita lays claims to being the birthplace of the mojito cocktail.
- . Lunch at restaurant in the historical center
- . Visit the Mansion of Catalina Lasa at Paseo Avenue (amazing love story and embalmed body)
- . Visit one of the most famous hotels in the world, Hotel Nacional, where countless movie stars and entertainers partied. We will take the hotel tour with over 80 years of history, and visit the haunted underground Bunkers used in the 60s during the Cuban Missile Crisis.
- . Dinner at "La Barraca"
- . Evening program and show at "Nacioal"
- . After dinner evening program including the museum Room 511 at Hotel Ambos Mundos, where the famous writer Ernest Hemingway stayed. Walk along Obispo and Mercaderes Streets to experience the different galleries, art studios and the Cuban Cigars world.

### **Day Three: Wednesday May 17**

- . Breakfast at hotel
- . Visit the Cigar Factory "Partagas"

- . Visit to the Ernest Hemingway farm “Finca Vigia”, former residence of the American writer in the San Francisco de Paula neighborhood on the outskirts of the city.
- . Lunch at local restaurant
- . Visit Colon Cemetery (a true open-air funerary museum), also known as The (Christopher) Columbus Cemetery or The Necropolis Christobal, is a mecca of the supernatural. Beautiful but often referred to as “The City of The Dead,” it is, in fact, actually a city within a larger city. Truly an eerie experience. While there, we will visit the tomb of the Milagrosa, a young woman who died in childbirth and whose tomb has become a destination for women desiring to become pregnant and for others asking their wishes for a healthy birth be granted. Learn about the many stories and mysteries that are buried here.
- . Visit the haunted Monument to the Medical Students. Some witnesses claim that they have seen the 8 medical students at the firing wall. Other witnesses have said that the 8 medical students were seen walking down the street together.
- . Dinner at a great Private Paladar “La California” with a great ghost legend of its own
- . After dinner evening program “Buena Vista Social Club”

#### **Day Four: Thursday May 18**

- . Breakfast at hotel
- . Check out with luggage
- . Depart to Cienfuegos, and a city tour with a local guide, including Castillo de Jagua, an imposing fortress built to protect Cienfuegos from menacing pirates. The region is the antithesis of American culture; the lack of advertising and U.S. household names immediately striking.
- . Lunch at a famous restaurant in the city
- . Visit Jagua Castle (fortress on the entrance channel of the bay dating back to the 18<sup>th</sup> Century). Widely recognized as one of Cuba’s most important military structures, the castle is haunted by ‘the Lady in Blue,’ a ghost in a blue brocade gown.
- . Visit Valle Place (eclectic building with a strong Arabic influence)
- . Walk along Punta Gorda peninsular to appreciate the wooden houses dating from the early 20 centuries
- . Check-in at hotel
- . Dinner at local restaurant
- . After dinner evening program: séance

#### **Day Five: Friday May 19**

- . Breakfast at hotel
- . Check out with luggage
- . Visit Reina Cemetery “Old Cemetery” and explore the tomb of the sleeping beauty, great love story, with haunted overtones
- . Return to Havana via Guama
- . Lunch at a Famous Cuban restaurant
- . Check-in at hotel
- . 50s era tour on classic cars drive around Old Havana, modern Havana, take a look at Malecon seafront and enjoy the sunset.
- . Back to hotel
- . Dinner at a private restaurant
- . After dinner evening program: Guided visit of the Gran Teatro de la Habana, Alicia Alonso. This theater is filled with memories and ghosts. Caruso and Sarah Bernhart performed here along with many other international stars. Also visit the beautiful Marti Theater, which was formally the El Alambra

Theater featured in the movie "The Bella del Alambre" which is based on a true story of a young woman who dresses as man in order to enter the "men's only" theater which offers erotic entertainment for gentleman. She later becomes the star of the show. Memories of those times fill the small Old Havana theater.

### **Day Six: Saturday May 20**

- . Breakfast at hotel
- . Visit Museum of the Revolution. Located in the Old Havana section, the museum is housed in what was the Presidential Palace of all Cuban Presidents. It became the museum of the revolution during the years following to the revolution.
- . Visit Gramma Monument, with the famed yacht that was used to transport 82 fighters of the revolution from Mexico to Cuba in 1956. Built in 1943 and designed to accommodate 12 people, "Gramma," is said to have been named for the original owner's grandma. Since 1976 the yacht has been on permanent display at the Gramma Memorial, adjacent to the Revolution Museum.
- . Lunch at private restaurant
- . Visit "El Callejoh del Hammel." Hammel Street is located in Centro Havana neighborhood and has been completely covered with murals. This creepy community project introduces people to Afro-Cuban heritage, music and religion. You think you know about Voodoo; now discover Santeria.
- . Visit Casa de Africa for explanation of some of the most important orichas or deities. They are the intermediaries between God and human beings. They're associated with elements in the natural world. Grandma's Black Magic: "My grandmother practiced extreme black magic and had evil spirits near her, some of them physically manifesting and audibly calling out my mother and uncle's names in the middle of the night. She practiced a dark version of an African Diapora religion. I don't know what she practiced exactly, but she opened gateways to all sorts of spirits that most African practitioners have never heard of. In Cuba, sometimes the malevolent entities at her house would appear as great spheres of light."
- . See the Afro-Cuban dance and spiritual ritual
- . Back to hotel
- . Gala "Cuban Night" Farewell Dinner— this doubles as our infamous gala Monster Mash Masquerade Ball Dance Party and Bizarre Costume Bazaar.

### **Day Seven: Sunday May 21**

- . Breakfast at hotel
- . Visit "San Jose Warehouse Market" shopping paradise for souvenirs, local arts and crafts available for purchase
- . Check out from hotel
- . Lunch
- . Transfer to Airport
- . Flight back to Miami

#### **Trip includes:**

- . Roundtrip airfare from Miami International Airport to Jose Marti Airport, Havana
- . Visas
- . 6 night accommodations at deluxe 3 and 4 star hotels hotel in Central Havana
- . Luxury air conditioned coach
- . Professional English-speaking tour guides
- . Professionally hosted by "Cryptmaster Chucky"

- . All entrance fees, admissions, parties, events
- . Full American buffet breakfast everyday
- . Daily lunches included at specially-selected restaurants
- . Speakers on the supernatural and paranormal
- . Cabaret show at the Hotel Nacional
- . Ride in old vintage cars with chauffeur
- . Buena Vista Social Club performance
- . and so much more to be announced and added

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