



## History of the Cuban Revolution May 20 to June 1 – Preliminary Program

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<b>Friday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>May 20</b> Depart Miami for Holguin, arriving at approximately 2:30 pm. Drive to Bayamo. In Bayamo, a stop to see the city, the 2nd colonial settlement in Cuba, pivotal city in the independence wars and original of the Cuban National Anthem, “La Bayamesa” and of the “Grito to Yara”, a call to defiance of occupation that resonates in Cuba still today. After a late lunch at a local restaurant , continue to Manzanillo. Check in at the Hotel Guacanayabo.
<b>Saturday</b> 7 – 8:00 am 9:00 am Mid day 4:30 pm	<b>May 21</b> Breakfast at the hotel. Depart for Cabo Cruz, stopping en route at Media Luna, birth place of Cuban leader Celia Sanchez. Continue to the Parque Nal, the Granma Landing Site, and the Guafe Ecological/Archeological Park. After lunch, drive up into the Sierra Maestra Mountains to La Plata, the command post for much of the Cuban revolutionary war. Drive down from the mountains to Santiago de Cuba, checking in on arrival at the Hotel Meliá.
<b>Sunday</b> 7 – 8:00 am Morning Mid day Afternoon Evening	<b>May 22</b> Breakfast at the hotel. Visit on foot and by bus to important highlights of Santiago’s history: Santa Efigenia Cemetery, the Martí Mausoleum, San Juan Hill, and among others. Break for lunch in downtown Santiago. Visit to the Frank Pais Museum and other important sites of the urban insurgency in that city before after following the Moncada attack. Talk on the significance of Pais and the movement he led. After a visit to the Morro Castle at the mouth of the harbor, take a launch across the harbor to Cayo Granma for dinner.
<b>Monday</b> 7 – 8:00 am Morning Mid day Afternoon	<b>May 23</b> Breakfast at the hotel. Spend several hours visiting the scenes of the bold and failed insurgency and attack on the Moncada Barracks, considered the start of the Cuban Revolution in 1953. Lunch with historian of the period talk about the life and times of Santiago in the 1950s and the response of the citizenry to the Moncada attack. Free.
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00 am Day Afternoon	<b>May 24</b> Breakfast at the hotel. The day will be spent driving clear across the island, from Santiago de Santa Clara, with stops along the way for important historic sites as well as for lunch and a break. Arrive Santa Clara. Check in to Los Caneyes. Dinner at the hotel.
<b>Wednesday</b> 7 – 8:00 am 9:00 a.m. 11:30 am Afternoon Evening	<b>May 25</b> Breakfast at the hotel. Meet with historian from the University of Las Villas for a presentation on the City of Santa Clara and its significance in the Revolutionary War. Visit by bus and on foot to the memorials to the Battle for Santa Clara. Drive into the Escambray Mountains and for lunch at the Hotel Hanabanilla. Visit important sites of the “Second Front” of the war, which prepared the way for the Battle of Santa Clara. Return to Santa Clara and Los Caneyes.
<b>Thursday</b> 7-8:00 am 9:00 am	<b>May 26</b> Breakfast at the hotel. Visit the Che Guevara Monument and Museum.

11:30 am Depart for Havana by bus.  
 Afternoon Arriving in Havana, check in to hotel.

**Friday May 27**

7 – 9:00 am Breakfast at the hotel.  
 Morning Meet with a historian from the Center for Martí Studies who will accompany the group on visits to the monuments to Antonio Maceo, General of the Mambí Army, born in the Eastern mountains but who died on the outskirts of Havana, and then to the Plaza of the Revolution and the monument to José Martí.

11:30 am Returning to the Center for Martí Studies, historians from the Center will give a talk on why Martí is considered the “intellectual author of the Cuban Revolution” as well as one of the leading writers and thinkers of Latin America.

1:00 pm Break for lunch.  
 Afternoon Walking tour of the Old Havana, with opportunity to explore on your own as well as to follow a knowledgeable guide to the Old City from the Office of the Historian.

Evening Dinner at El Templete or Divina Pastora Restaurant followed by a trip to the Morro Fortress for the “cañonazo ceremony”.

**Saturday May 28**

7 – 8:00 am Depart for Playa Girón, the Bay of Pigs. Visit the museum and other sites of the failed invasion in Cuba with a specialist to talk about the period of time in U.S.-Cuba relations, the aspirations and delusions of those who returned to Cuba as saboteurs or invasionary forces.

Mid day Lunch and a time to rest at Treasure Lagoon.  
 Afternoon Return to Havana.  
 Evening After a short lecture by a specialist on the significance of mobster culture in 1940s and 1950s Cuba, go with your specialist for a night at Tropicana, the famed nightclub.

**Sunday May 29**

Day free for your own pursuits.

**Monday May 30**

7 - 8:00 am Breakfast at the hotel.  
 9:30 am Lecture by expert in the clandestine battles of the City, on a walking tour of many of the sites in that struggle.  
 11:30 am Visit to the University of Havana and the Aula Magna where students, autonomous at the university, prepared their insurgency. Presentation on the University and Student participation in the Cuban Revolution.  
 Mid day Break for lunch  
 2:00 pm Visit to the Museum of the Revolution, with a presentation on Jose Antonio Echevarria and the attack on The Presidential Palace.

**Tuesday May 31**

7 – 8:00 am Breakfast at the hotel.  
 9:00 am Visit to the Nico Lopez Party School. Master Presentation on “The Revolution’s First 50 Years: Today’s challenges, Tomorrow’s Future, by a senior instructor of the School.  
 Afternoon Remainder of the day free.  
 Evening Farewell party.

**Wednesday June 1**

7 – 8:00 am Breakfast at the hotel.

**Return to U.S.**