André Coleman Photography

CUBA

June 6-12, 2020

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Photographer Andy Coleman has traveled around the globe in search of amazing wildlife and landscapes. He has contributed to National Geographic Traveler and the National Geographic website, as well as other publications, and is represented in the National Geographic Image Collection. Andrew has an insatiable appetite to be in the wild and, through his images, attempts to capture the extraordinary beauty of the natural world. Over the course of his career, he has traveled, camera in hand, to some of the world’s most remarkable places, including Alaska, Cuba, Jordan, Easter Island, Kenya, Peru, South Africa, Bhutan, and Uganda. He has been a photography expert on National Geographic Expeditions from Yellowstone National Park to the Galápagos, and from Borneo to the Arctic and beyond.

Highlights:

• Spend time photographing Cojimar and the former home of Ernest Hemingway, Finca Vigía
• Enjoy meals at local paladares, or privately-owned restaurants
• Tour and photograph the Havana Cigar Factory, and interact with its rollers and readers
• Travel by classic car to the colorful town of Jaminitas, and enjoy the beauty of Jose Fuster’s ceramics
• Photograph the colonial town of Trinidad

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Itinerary

Saturday, June 6, 2020
Depart on a commercial group flight from Miami to Havana. Travel to the coastal town of Cojimar east of Havana, to visit the daughter of Cuban photographer, Raul Corrales, and hear about his work. Spend time photographing Cojimar and the former home of Ernest Hemingway, *Finca Vigía*. Stop for lunch at Il Divino, a *paladar* that funds the community projects of the Finca Yoandra organic garden. Following lunch, visit la Plaza de la Revolucion and tour the Museum of the Revolution. Check in to the hotel and gather for a Welcome Dinner.

Included meals: Lunch, Dinner
Accommodations: Hotel Sevilla

Sunday, June 7, 2020
After breakfast at the hotel, attend a morning presentation by local photographer, Arien Chang Castán. Then, embark on a walking photography tour of Old Havana, including stops at the Graphic Artists Workshop (subject to availability), the National Theater and other local galleries. Lunch today will be at El Figaro, a *paladar* that contributes to the work of the ArteCorte community barbershop. Tour the project following lunch and photograph its eclectic work-space. In the afternoon, attend a dance rehearsal and engage in conversation with dancers and directors. End the day with a visit to the Rafael Trejo Boxing gym, a prime venue for capturing dramatic action shots. Return to the hotel for dinner on your own and an evening of optional activities, including a visit to Havana Café or the Tropicana night club.

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch
Accommodations: Hotel Sevilla

Monday, June 8, 2020
This morning, tour and photograph a Havana Cigar Factory and interact with its rollers and readers. Continue on to a classic cars workshop, where 1950s cars are meticulously restored and maintained. Take a ride in one of the colorful throw-backs to the art gallery of Jose Fuster (considered the Cuban Picasso) in Jaimanitas. Let the whimsy of Fuster’s mosaics surround you as you explore his studio and learn about the aims of the local community art project. After a traditional Cuban lunch, explore Callejón de Hamel, an eclectic alleyway filled with the Afro-Cuban murals and sculptures of artist Salvador Gonzales Escalona. Bid farewell to Havana this evening at a group dinner followed by an optional visit to the lively night club and art space, Fabrica de Arte Cubano.

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
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Tuesday, June 9, 2020
Check out of the hotel and depart by motor coach for Cienfuegos and Trinidad. Along the way, stop at the Zapata Swamp wetlands preserve — home of the elusive bee hummingbird — for wildlife viewing and photography. Upon arrival in Cienfuegos, stop for lunch at the bayside paladar, Villa Lagarto. Enjoy a performance by the Guitar Orchestra of Cienfuegos before spending time with students and professors at the Benny More Art School and Community Center. Dinner tonight is at the courtyard restaurant, Los Laureles, adjacent to the Palacio de Valle.

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodations: Hotel Jagua

Wednesday, June 10, 2020
Following breakfast at the hotel, travel south to the colonial town of Trinidad. Visit the home and workshop of Cuban photographer and “Horse Whisperer,” Julio Munoz. Embark on a walking photography tour of Trinidad, including Palenque de los Congos Reales, an outdoor dance and music venue featuring salsa and Afro-Cuban rumba. After lunch, visit a dance school and take the opportunity to photograph performers in action. Return to Cienfuegos for an evening at leisure.

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch
Accommodations: Hotel Jagua

Thursday, June 11, 2020
Travel to the Valley of the Sugar Mills this morning for a visit to the Manaca-Iznaga plantation and tower. The 18th century tower was erected to keep watch over the enslaved field workers, and at 7 stories high, it offers expansive views of the valley. Enjoy lunch at a nearby restaurant. Tonight’s Farewell Dinner will be followed by evening activities with a local Cuban block association.

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodations: Hotel Jagua

Friday, June 12, 2020
Check out of the hotel after breakfast and travel to Santa Clara for a visit to the Che Guevara Mausoleum, which houses the remains of the celebrated revolutionary. Then, visit the Armored Train memorial, commemorating a pivotal event during the Cuban Revolution where Che and his guerillas defeated Batista’s troops by outmaneuvering them with a bulldozer. Depart for the airport after lunch for an evening flight back to Miami.

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch
Accommodations: Hotel Jagua

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Accommodations

**Hotel Sevilla, Old Havana**
Hotel Sevilla is ideally located in Old Havana, just steps away from the Museum of Fine Arts, with stunning views of the Capitolio. Built in 1908, the historic Moorish Revival property features a swimming pool, sun terrace and a fitness center and a fascinating pre-Revolutionary mafia connection. Rooms are modest, and feature air-conditioning, satellite television, telephone, hair dryer, and a safety deposit box.

**Hotel Jagua, Cienfuegos**
The Hotel Jagua is a basic hotel with lovely views of the Bay of Cienfuegos. The hotel features a bar, restaurant, and snack bar. Guest rooms are comfortable, but simple, each with a telephone, satellite television, safety deposit box, and air-conditioning. The hotel is located in the well-known residential area of Punta Gorda, and the city center is just 10 minutes away by bus.

**Pricing**

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**Costs Included in Pricing**

- All accommodations and meals as outlined in the itinerary
- All guided visits and entrance fees throughout the program
- Air-conditioned coach for excursions
- Comprehensive pre-trip notes and materials including name badges and bag tags
- Group transfers between hotels and airports in Cuba
- Service charges, taxes and gratuities for guides, bus drivers, porters, hotel staff and restaurant staff
- Visas

**Costs Not Included in Pricing**

- Domestic airfare to Miami and/or flight cost between Miami, Havana and Santa Clara for travelers
- Travel and trip cancellation insurance
- Passport and excess baggage fees
- Meals not specified in the itinerary; food and beverages not part of the included meals
- Items of a personal nature
- Anything not explicitly listed as included

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