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**Tour Highlights**

**Pinar del Rio-2 nights**
- Explore UNESCO Sierra del Rosario Biosphere Reserve
- Visit Las Terrazas, an ecotourism center
- Explore the ruins of the Buenavista Coffee Plantation
- Visit the Orchid Farm at Soroa
- Explore the Valley de Viñales
- Walk along the Coco Solo Palmerito trail
- Visit a traditional tobacco farm
- Visit Finca Pinar San Luis

**Havana-4 nights**

Saratoga Hotel-
Deluxe Patio Rooms
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- Visit the homes and studios of many artists and photographers
- Visit the Instituto Superior de Arte
- Visit the Museo de Bellas Artes
- Enjoy a private screening with documentary filmmaker, Estela Bravo

**Cienfuegos-2 nights**

La Union
- Explore Cienfuegos and admire the city’s historic core and its lavish Cathedral
- Enjoy a day long photography workshop while exploring Trinidad, an opulent living museum and UNESCO World Heritage site, built by sugar planters
- Visit the Taller Grafico of Cienfuegos
- Visit the Cienfuegos Botanical Garden
- Enjoy a performance of the Cienfuegos choir

MEMORIAL ART GALLERY ART TOURS COMMITTEE PRESENTS:
Cuba is a country of picturesque colonial towns and magnificent 20th century architecture, a country of spectacularly beautiful landscapes and an intriguing Afro-Cuban culture. Our tour begins with two days in the western part of Cuba, with its jungle-covered summits dropping down limestone cliffs to verdant valleys. Visit the picturesque UNESCO Sierra del Rosario Biosphere Reserve where both north and south coasts can be seen. Stop at Las Terrazas, a community of 5,500 people that live in the biosphere reserve. Visit the ruins of the Buenavista Coffee Plantation. Explore the Orchid Farm at Soróa before continuing on to Viñales to admire the valley’s distinctive landscape. Explore the UNESCO World Heritage site of Pinar del Río, one of Cuba’s most captivating landscapes. Enjoy a chance to stop and sketch and photograph local farmers working in the fields as you walk along the Coco Solo Palmarito trail before visiting a traditional tobacco farm.

The next four days are spent exploring Havana which has the reputation of being the most splendid and the finest example of a Spanish colonial city in the Americas. Visit the city’s fort. Understand the American perspective on relations with Cuba at a special meeting at the US Interests Section. Accompanied by a local photographer, explore Old Havana which has the reputation of being the most beautiful city in the Americas. Visit the home of artist Jose Fuster who has turned his neighborhood into one large display of magnificent mosaic art. Visit the home of photographer Roberto Salas who has a very interesting perspective on life in Cuba. Enjoy dinner at the lovely home of artist Sandra Ramos, an outspoken critic of the political manipulation of Cuba’s political history. Accompanied by a contemporary art curator, tour the Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes: Arte Cubano. Visit the Callejon de Hamel to meet with residents and musicians. Enjoy a private screening with Estela Bravo of her documentary—Fidel: The Untold Story.

Drive to Cienfuegos with a visit to the Cienfuegos Botanical Garden and an important print workshop where local printers will meet the group. Spend a day exploring Trinidad, Cuba’s oldest colonial city, surrounded by a verdant ring of mountains. It is the crown jewel of Cuba’s colonial cities and since 1988, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Accompanied by a professional photographer, enjoy a chance to see and record the historic sites of Trinidad on a day long walking tour of Trinidad, maintained today as a living museum, just as the Spaniards left it in its period of greatest opulence. Return to Cienfuegos and enjoy a performance of a local choir before your farewell dinner at Cienfuegos's best private restaurant. Depart Cienfuegos for your flight to Miami.

Landscapes and Images of Cuba
$4,165 PER PERSON • SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT $750
Group size limited to 25 travelers

The Tour Cost includes:
• Airfare on a round-trip charter flight from Miami to Cuba
• Accommodation as listed based on double occupancy.
• Breakfast and lunch and dinners. One drink is included with lunch, and one with dinner.
• Bottled water on the bus
• Sightseeing and excursions as listed
• Transportation in a deluxe motor-coach with air-conditioning
• A Distant Horizons tour manager and a representative from Memorial Art Gallery will accompany the group
• Services of a local Cuban guide
• A Cuban visa card
• All gratuities
• $25,000 of medical insurance and $7,000 of evacuation insurance

Not Included are:
• Domestic airfare to and from Miami
• Cuban departure tax of $30
• Additional drinks at meals
• Trip cancellation, lost baggage or medical insurance (above a mandatory amount required by the Cuban government)
• Items of a purely personal nature and any items not listed

For more information or a detailed itinerary, call Michelle Turner at 585-352-3046

RESERVATION FORM

I would like to reserve ______ space(s) for the Landscapes and Images of Cuba trip sponsored by Gallery Council of the Memorial Art Gallery.

*Enclosed is a non-refundable deposit of $500 per person, in the total amount of $ ________________.

Please make checks payable to Distant Horizons and on the check’s memo line note MAG January 5, 2014.

Room Arrangements
☐ Single Supplement  ☐ Double Occupancy, I will be sharing a room with: __________________________

☐ I would prefer a roommate, but will pay the single supplement if one is not available.

Personal Information

Last Name_________________________  First Name_________________________

Address_______________________________________  City, State, Zip____________________________________

Daytime phone ___________________________  Email Address_____________________________________

Send reservation form and deposit to: Distant Horizons; 350 Elm Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90802