



# Cuba: A 2017 Conservation Expedition

May 2-10  
June 1-9

**\$3,450**  
+\$100 for  
single occupancy

A CONSERVATION EXPEDITION WITH SEA TO SHORE ALLIANCE

SPACE IS LIMITED, RESERVE NOW!

## Once in a Lifetime Experience



Please join us for an incredible expedition with international manatee expert Dr. James “Buddy” Powell and his team of Cuban marine biologists. Dr. Buddy Powell has spent more than a decade and some of the most remote and beautiful coastal areas in Cuba. Now, with the doors opening for a fortunate few, we are able to invite a small group of adventurous people on an 8-day conservation expedition.

Our special license will enable you to explore coral reefs, Viñales, dine in private homes, and participate in our research activities. Our local scientists will introduce you to the vibrant and remarkable culture of Cuba, as well as provide exclusive access to locations in Cuba rarely seen by outsiders.

**Expect the unexpected!**

For more information or to reserve your place, please visit:

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Viñales Valley



Punta Frances National Marine Park



Research with Our Staff

## Itinerary

### Day 1 Tampa - Havana-Viñales

Early morning departure from Tampa to Havana. Bus ride to Viñales valley, to meet our host, Yolanda, and have lunch. Explore downtown Havana and dinner at Agroecologico Restaurant. Lodging at select private guest houses to experience Cuban family life.

### Day 2 Tour Viñales Valley

With a local guide, we will walk or ride horses to Viñales valley and explore organic gardens and tobacco plantations. Our guides will provide valuable insights into the culture of the region as well as the geological formations and the rare endemic species of plants, birds and other animals that live there. Lunch and cocktail hour overlooking the valley. Our host, Yolanda will host a traditional Cuban roast for dinner.

### Day 3 San Juan y Martinez-Havana

Morning travel to San Juan y Martinez, the very famous tobacco lands. Best Cuban cigars are made with the leaf produced at San Juan y Martinez. We will learn about tobacco leaf production from Finca Robaina. Lunch at Don David in Havana. In the afternoon, we will tour Havana in old cars and have a walking tour of Old Havana. Dinner.

### Day 4 Travel to the Isle of Youth

Morning departure for Port of Batabano. Accompanied by a marine scientist from the Univ. of Havana, we will take a boat to the historically significant Isle of Youth and the inspiration for the book "Treasure Island". Along the way we will explore the Gulf of Batabano, the most important lobster fishing grounds in Cuba. Stay in private houses at La Victoria community. Dinner and presentation by scientist from UH's Center for Marine Research.

### Day 5 Visit San Pedro River

We will take a boat to San Pedro River and conduct surveys for manatees and dolphins in the river, our primary study site in Cuba. In the afternoon we will visit Rives's organic farm and enjoy a roasted pig.

### Day 6 Punta Frances National Marine Park

Depart by boat to Punta Frances National Marine Park. Founded in 1976 the park contains superb mangrove, seagrass beds and coral reefs habitats. We will conduct surveys by snorkeling or SCUBA diving on the pristine reef crests where fish, corals and lobster are plentiful. We will spear for invasive lionfish and conduct removal program. We will visit caves along the spectacular beach.

### Day 7 Hike La Canada/Visit Nueva Gerona

After breakfast we will hike La Canada, the tallest mountain in the Isle of Youth (309 m above sea level). Travel by bus to Nueva Gerona to visit Isle of Youth's main city. Lunch at Cabrera's house. Visit Presidio Modelo, the infamous old prison where Fidel Castro was held in jail. Walk along the boulevard to experience local culture

### Day 8 Return to Havana

Flight back to Havana. Visit University of Havana and Center for Marine Investigations (leader in Cuba for marine science research and teaching, and main partner of Sea to Shore Alliance). Cultural experiences in Havana and discussions with Cuban colleagues. Closing celebration at Hotel National and dinner with Cuban friends and colleagues.

### Day 9 Return to Florida

Early departure for Tampa.

## Pricing

\$3,450

\$345.00 non-refundable deposit upon reservation.

Remaining fees due by Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, for the May trip and Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, for the June trip.

Cost includes: All accommodation and transportation in Cuba, And meals listed in itinerary.

## Additional Pricing

Round-trip airfare out of Tampa (est. \$500 USD) and entry visa (est. \$100 USD included in airfare).

## Fine Print

*Cost is based on double occupancy for participants. A \$100 fee applies to single occupancy requests. Single occupancy will be accommodated first come first serve.*

*Application, deposit, and FINAL PAYMENTS are due by March 3<sup>rd</sup> for the May trip and March 31<sup>st</sup> for the June trip to reserve your space on the trip. This deposit is non-refundable.*

*Cancellations received after this date are 50% refundable up to March 31<sup>st</sup> for the May trip and April 28<sup>th</sup> for the June trip. Cancellations after March 31<sup>st</sup> and April 28<sup>th</sup> respectively are not refundable.*

## Enrollment

Enrollment deadline:

May Trip - 3/3/2017

June Trip - 3/31/2017

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