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## **Military Fortification Tour to Cuba**



**August 10-18, 2017**



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**Escorted by  
LTC (Ret)  
Brian De Toy,  
PhD**

**America's Oldest and Most Experienced Military History Tour Operator**



**Expert historian and guide, LTC (Ret) Brian De Toy, PhD** served as Director of the Defense & Strategic Studies program at the United States Military Academy, West Point from 2007-13. His previous assignments include Assistant Professor in the Academy's History department, Chief of Research and Publications in the Combat Studies Institute at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and Professor of Military Science at the University of Kansas. DeToy graduated from the University Of Notre Dame with a BA in History and earned a PhD from Florida State University in European History. He has presented papers, and chaired and commented on sessions at numerous conferences both in the United States and Europe, and has travelled to Cuba many times.

500 years! That is how much history, military history, is encapsulated on the warm, sunny island of Cuba. This expedition is the trip of a lifetime! Filled with history, culture, music, food and drink on one of the most beautiful, warm and inviting islands on earth!



Fly from Tampa to Havana and go by ground to Santiago de Cuba, overlooking Gitmo, and fly back to Miami from there.

**APPLICATION FORM**

Military Fortification Tour to Cuba – August 2017  
 Mail to Valor Tours, Ltd., 10 Liberty Ship Way, Sausalito, CA 94965  
 Questions? Call toll free to 1-800-842-4504

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my/our check for the deposit in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$1000 per person), or please charge my credit card

Expiration \_\_\_\_\_

I/we wish to reserve \_\_\_ spaces on a \_\_\_ twin share basis (two persons to a hotel room), or  
 \_\_\_ I am traveling alone and do not wish to share. Please advise the cost of single supplement.  
 \_\_\_ I am travelling alone and wish to share with another tour participant)

Reason for taking tour (WWII Veteran, family member, history buff, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Special need (handicaps, dietary needs, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

I/we require assistance with airfare from \_\_\_\_\_ to Tampa and back from Miami. (Valor Tours, Ltd. will check on best fares/schedules and let you know what is available.)

\_\_\_ I/we need extra night at Tampa airport hotel prior to tour commencement.

I have read and understand the terms set forth in this announcement.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Includes copy of picture page of passport, please.*  
 Important travel tips on your visit to Cuba will be sent to those who sign up.

**Tour cost \$4950.00 per person, twin share.**

**Single supplement \$500.00**

Includes air fare from Tampa to Havana and from Santiago to Miami; air taxes; Cuba visa; 8 nights hotel accommodations; services of Brian De Toy as historian/tour leader; local Cuban guide; all meals; all ground transportation, entrance fees; emergency travel insurance

### **Reservations & Cancellations**

A reservation can only be held with a deposit of \$1000 per person and on a first come-first served basis. Please fill out, sign and return the application form with your check or credit card number. Final payment is due 90 days prior to tour departure. A reminder with newsletter will be sent to all participants on deposit. Cancellations received up to 90 days prior to tour departure are fully refundable; cancellations received between 90 and 30 days prior to tour departure subject to loss of deposit; Cancellations received within 30 days of tour departure or “no shows” are non-refundable. Changes to your reservations within 30 days of departure may result in administrative fees and/or penalties. Reservation deadline is 30 days prior to tour departure – subject to space availability. Late bookings can be accepted provided space is available and full payment is received immediately. Cost is based on a minimum of 10 passengers traveling together and maximum of 20 passengers travelling together. Unused components of the tour are non-refundable. Tour itinerary and costs subject to change.

### **Travel Insurance**

To ensure worry free travel, this tour includes valuable travel insurance at no additional cost to you. This coverage is provided by TRAVELEX Insurance Services. A description of insurance coverage will be sent to each participant upon receipt of his/her application and deposit. Coverage includes sickness and accident medical expense; medical evacuation and repatriation; baggage and personal effects loss or delay; emergency assistance services worldwide. Cancellation/trip interruption not included but available upon request. \$6000 of coverage \$373.00 per person; \$7000 of coverage \$435.00 per person, regardless of age.

### **Documents**

All passengers must have a passport valid at least six months beyond date of travel. A visa is also required and will be handled by our supplier. Cost of visa included in package. Please mail a copy of the picture page of your passport along with your application form.

Havana Fort



## **Itinerary – subject to change**

Lodgings should be in 4/5 star hotels

- Tampa, Old Havana, Cienfuegos, Santiago de Cuba

### **Day 1 – Thursday, August 10 Tampa**

Independent arrivals at Tampa Hotel near airport

3:30pm to 7:00pm Tour of Military History in Tampa/Ybor City - specifically the Spanish-American War.

7:00pm to 8:30pm Welcome Dinner in Ybor City.

Overnight hotel in Tampa

### **Day 2 Friday, August 11**

Depart Tampa on Southwest flight at 6:15 am with arrival in Havana at 7:30am

Walking Tour of Old Havana – the 4 Plazas

Visit Museum of the City in Captains General Palace

Lunch in Old Havana (paladar near Plaza de Armas or El Templete or similar). Visit Castillo de la Real Fuerza & museum

Continue walking tour of Parque Central and the Prado

Visit Museum of the Revolution. Visit Castillo de San Salvador de la Punta & museum. Check-in to our lodgings in Old Havana (Hotel San Felipe). Dinner outside on rooftop at paladar La Moneda Cubana

### **Day 3 Saturday, August 12**

Early drive to Matanzas City: Visit Castillo de San Severino; Visit El Marillo Castillo; Lunch in Matanzas paladar; Return to Havana and visit fortifications on eastern side of Havana: -Bacuranao Tower; Cojimar Fortressearthwork battery; Visit El Morro fortress (Doze Apostle Battery, Velasco Battery); Visit La Cabana fortress; Dinner at Divina Pastora; Attend/observe the Cabana night gun firing .

### **Day 4 Sunday, August 13**

Morning -- visit fortifications on the western side of Havana: Castillo Atares (outside only), San Lazaro Tower on the Malecon outside only), the *USS Maine* Monument, the Hotel Nacional and Santa Clara battery, La Chorrea Tower. Lunch at Meson la Chorrea. Afternoon – Guests have their own time to visit museums and shops in Old Havana. Dinner at Hotel

### **Day 5 Monday, August 14**

Early departure for Bahia dos Cochinos

Explore the Bay of Pigs Museum and 1961 invasion beaches at Playa Larga and Playa Giron. Lunch at The Brig paladar in Playa Giron.  
Visit Castillo de Jagua at Cienfuegos Bay entrance  
Drive to Cienfuegos and walk downtown  
Visit Palacio de Valle on Punta Gorda  
Check-in to hotel in Cienfuegos – Hotel Jagua  
Dinner at hotel

### **Day 6 Tuesday, August 15**

Early 8am departure for all-day drive to Santiago de Cuba  
Lunch enroute. Visit sites in downtown Bayamo for 1 hour.  
Continue on drive to Santiago de Cuba. Check-in 8pm to Hotel Melia Santiago. Dinner at the Hotel

### **Day 7 Wednesday, August 16**

Visit Sta Ifigenia Cemetery  
Visit El Morro castle, including Vigia and Scopa Alta batteries from 1898. Lunch at El Morro restaurant. Visit sites of the 1898 Spanish-American-Cuban War, including:

- Playa Siboney
- Las Guasimas
- El Caney
- the heights of San Juan and Kettle Hill
- Arbol de la Paz

Dinner at a Santiago paladar

### **Day 8 Thursday, August 17**

Drive to an overlook to observe Guantanamo Bay and the American base. Lunch at the hotel overlook. Return to Santiago and visit Moncada Barracks. Visit Parque Cespedes.  
Dinner at downtown Santiago paladar  
Rooftop cocktails at Casa Granda

### **Day 9 Friday, August 18**

Drive to Holguin Frank Pais International Airport for 1:10pm flight to Miami, arriving 2:47pm and end of the expedition

*Deviations are not allowed on this tour.*



Teddy Roosevelt at San Juan Hill



Battery of the 12 Apostles, Havana



Santiago

*“My October Cuba trip with Essential History Expeditions was by far one of the best, well-organized, educational as well as enjoyable tours that I have participated in. Brian was an exceptional host with deep knowledge and experience. I have logged over twelve tours with Valor Tours and can vouch that the clients will reap the benefits of two perfectly matched organizations.” Jack Kavanagh - Brookline, MA*



Twin fortresses guarding the entrance to the harbor – El Morro and La Cabana