Cuban Chrome

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In Cuba, cars are not just a means of transportation; they are an obsession, a point of pride and a history lesson in U.S.-Cuban relations. The classic Fords and Chevrolets from the 1950s — repaired countless times over many decades and still on the road — are a perpetual reminder of the U.S. embargo that has lasted almost 60 years. Meticulously maintained and restored, these classic cars are the epitome of the Cuban spirit, resourcefulness and the ability to turn utility into art. Meet with mechanical “artists” to discuss and observe the restoration process and experience these automotive masterpieces.
DAY 1 ¡Bienvenidos a Havana!

Depart Miami on a group flight, and arrive in Cuba in the late morning. En route from the airport, visit Museo Ernest Hemingway, in the author’s former home at Finca Vigía. During a tour of the grounds, make a private visit to see Hemingway’s 1955 Chrysler, which is undergoing a restoration. Check in to your hotel on the famed Malecón for a reception followed by a welcome dinner in one of Havana’s best paladares (privately owned restaurants). (L, R, D)

DAY 2 Classic Cars

This morning, take a walking tour of Old Havana. Enjoy a special visit to the Museo del Automóvil to meet with the director, Eduardo Mesejo Maestre, to learn about the restoration of the oldest car in Cuba, a 1905 Cadillac. Tour a private car-painting workshop and speak with the owners. After lunch, visit A Lo Cubano Car Club, which was featured on the reality show “Cuban Chrome.” Meet with the founders and members of the club. After dinner as a group at a paladar, you may choose to attend a show at the famous Tropicana nightclub.* (B, L, D)

DAY 3 Mechanical Wizardry

This morning will focus on another hallmark of Cuban culture — cigars. Visit a tobacco factory to speak with and observe rollers and other workers to learn about Cuba’s signature export. Then visit the workshop of Luis Enrique González to learn about the mechanical wizardry required to keep pre-revolution cars running without state-of-the-art tools. Luis will display his homemade lathe and welding equipment in addition to his personal collection of pre-revolutionary motorcycles. This afternoon, visit the NostalgiCar Workshop to continue your discussion of car restoration and upkeep. This evening is yours to enjoy Havana at leisure. (B, L)

*Optional. Not included.
DAY 4  Harlistas Cubanos

Depart for the beach town of Varadero. **February departure:** Experience the annual Harlistas Cubanos Festival, which includes car exhibitions, races and live music. Here you will have the chance to have an exchange with the Harlistas, a group of mechanics, tour guides, retirees, musicians and others who share a love of all things Harley-Davidson. **November departure:** Varadero car-inspired activities and visits with the Harlistas Cubanos TBD. Return to Havana for an evening at leisure. (B, L)

DAY 5  Motorcycle Restoration

This morning, meet with the director of a cooperative of classic cars, and go to its workshops. Then visit the home of Cuban music producer and Harlista Lyng Chang to see his collection of restored Harley-Davidsons and other pre-revolutionary motorcycles. This afternoon, enjoy a quick detour from cars to another one of Cuba’s iconic pastimes: baseball. Explore Estadio Latinoamericano, home to the Havana Industriales, for a stadium tour and discussion of the importance of baseball to the island nation. Then meet with members of the Amigos de Fangio Classic Car Club, named for one of the most renowned drivers in Formula One racing history, for additional one-on-one discussions. This evening, dine in one of Havana’s paladares. (B, L, D)

DAY 6  Departure

After breakfast, travel as a group to José Martí International Airport for a group flight to Miami and individual flights onward. (B)

EXPEDITION EXPERT

Charles Fleming


ACCOMMODATIONS

5 NIGHTS  Meliá Cohiba

The 22-story Meliá Cohiba is in the modern Vedado district of Havana and faces the Havana coastline, with its renowned Malecón ocean drive. The hotel, just a 10-minute cab ride from Old Havana, has comfortable rooms, a spacious and elegant lobby with fountains, classical furnishings and panoramic views. A wireless internet connection is available in the lobby, and several restaurants, bars and cafes are nearby.
**DATES & PRICING**

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**Price does not include round-trip group flight between Miami and Havana. Estimated flight cost is $450, including visa costs.**

**LAND COST**

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**WHAT IS INCLUDED**

- Comprehensive educational program by content experts and professional on-site guides
- All accommodations and meals as outlined in the itinerary
- All ground transportation within the itinerary unless otherwise indicated
- All sightseeing as specified in the itinerary
- Entrance fees
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- Transfers to and from airports for those arriving or departing according to the designated itinerary (exceptions may apply)

**WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED**

- U.S. domestic or international airfare or other transportation from your home to the departure point of the trip and from the end point of the trip to your home
- Travel and trip cancellation insurance
- Passport, visa, airport departure and baggage fees
- Meals not specified in the itinerary, and food and beverages not part of the included meals
- Personal items such as telephone, fax and internet charges, laundry, room service and alcoholic or other beverages not specified as included
- Gratuities for non-group services
- Expenses you may incur resulting from delays due to bad weather, road conditions, sickness, government action and flight delays
- Expenses incurred in making individual travel arrangements in conjunction with the trip, and sightseeing not included in the itinerary
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