

Organic Revolution Trip Itinerary

Updated 1/3/2018

Monday, March 26

Time	Activity, Project or Farm	Details	Location
Morning	Arrival of the group to Jose Marti International Airport	<i>We recommend American Airlines flight #851 departing from Charlotte at 8:50 am and arriving in Havana at 11:20 a.m. Participants are fully responsible for coordinating their own flight details, and the above flight information may change. Please check with your airline. Direct flights are available from most parts of the Southeast.</i>	Havana
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.		Check-in to casas Particulares. Reservation details and locations will be sent a month before departure.	
4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Welcome Address & Trip Goals	An introduction to Organic Growers School, Food First, and Altruvistas.	
7:00 p.m.		Welcome dinner at El Aljibe.	

Tuesday, March 27

Time	Activity, Project or Farm	Details	Location
9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Orientation Meeting	Itinerary overview and encounter with Altruvistas program officer Cicely. Introduce yourself to your fellow-travelers!	Havana
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	The History of Cuban Agriculture	Briefing by Dr. Pepe Morales, from the Center of Investigation for Animal Improvement and the Ministry of Agriculture (CIMAG).	
1:00 p.m.		Lunch at Hemingway's Bodequita de Medio.	
2:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Havana: History, Food & Architecture	Enjoy an dynamic briefing with architect Miguel Coyula to discuss the development of Havana. Enjoy a guided Walking City Tour of Havana, including stops to a farm market and Revolution Square.	
Evening		Evening free to explore local paladares and nightlife. We suggest enjoying life Cuban jazz at the Zorra y El Cuervo.	

Wednesday, March 28

Time	Activity, Project or Farm	Details	Location
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	<i>Organopónico Vivero Alamar</i>	We are off to learn about the power of organic urban farms in Cuba as we visit Alamar, an urban cooperative on the outskirts of Havana. One of Havana's largest and most successful urban farms, Alomar is a Unidad Básica de Producción Cooperativa (Basic Unit of Cooperative Production). Covering 11 hectares in Alamar, a residential suburb, the farm produces fresh vegetables, fruits, ornamental plants, seedlings, timber and medicinal and spiritual plants. The cooperative also adds value to their products by offering dried herbs, condiments, garlic paste, tomato sauce and pickles; vermicompost, compost and substrates; goat and rabbit meat and mycorrhizal fungi. Alamar also welcomes tourists and holds workshops and courses in organic agriculture.	Alamar
12:00 p.m.		Lunch TBD	Havana
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	A Cuban Agriculture Today	Briefing with Juan José León, from the Ministry of Agriculture.	
4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.		Optional Salsa Dancing Lesson!	
Evening		Dinner and evening free to explore local venues for dinner. We recommend that you check out the Fabrica Del Arte!	

Thursday, March 29

Time	Activity, Project or Farm	Details	Location
8:00 a.m.		Breakfast and check out of casas. Drive to the beautiful Vinales Valley.	Havana
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	The Cooperative Systems in Cuba	Exchange with Bertico, President of "Republica de Chile" Cooperative.	Viñales
1:00 p.m.		Lunch at the farm -- please plan to support them at 15-20 CUC per person.	
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	<i>TBD -- Farm Visit</i>	Visit a local innovative agriculture Association of Small Farmers (ANAP) project.	La Palma
Evening		Check-in to your casas particulares in Viñales, dinner and cultural activities on your own.	Viñales

Friday, March 30

Time	Activity, Project or Farm	Details	Location
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Vinales Valley Tour	Enjoy a leisurely Walking Farm Tour of this beautiful valley.	Viñales
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	<i>Paradiso Farm</i>	Exchange with Wilfredo and family about their farm and restaurant.	
1:00 p.m.		Lunch at the farm -- please plan to support them at 15-20 CUC per person.	
Afternoon		Free time for local ecotourism activities on your own.	
7:30 p.m.		Dinner together with Mid-Tour Check-in and Food Sovereignty Discussion.	

Saturday, March 31

Time	Activity, Project or Farm	Details	Location
8:30 a.m.	<i>TBD -- Farm Visit</i>	Visit to ANAP Farm that is production based (requested seed project in Pinar del Rio).	Pinar del Rio
12:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.		Lunch at the Vegetarian Restaurant El Romero.	
2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	<i>Las Terrazas</i>	Visit Las Terrazas Biosphere Reserve, Community, and Eco-Station, discussion with Fidel (owner and operator of El Romero) and walking tour of his organponico.	
Evening		Return to Havana and check in to casas. Dinner and cultural activities on your own.	Havana

Sunday, April 1

Time	Activity, Project or Farm	Details	Location
9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	<i>Finca Marta</i>	Leave for the Finca Marta en Artemisa, a wonderful Agro-ecology farm. Overview of agroecology today in Cuba.	Artemisa
12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.		Lunch at the farm -- please plan to support them at 20 CUC per person.	
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Service Project	Continue our exchange -- time for service at Finca Marta and exchange with Fernandito Funes.	
4:00 p.m.		Depart Artemisa back to Havana and check into your casas.	Havana
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Cuban Economy, Cooperatives & Politics	Dinner tonight is at Jardin de los Milagros Paladar with a presentation by guest Rafael Betancourt – Overview of the Cuban Economy, Cooperatives and Politics.	

Monday, April 2

Time	Activity, Project or Farm	Details	Location
10:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.		Time to shop or explore the San Jose de Almancenés faire.	Havana
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Antonio Núñez Jiménez Foundation for Nature and Humanity	Visit and wrap up with the Antonio Núñez Jiménez Foundation for Nature and Humanity (FANJ). FANJ a cultural and scientific non- governmental institution, dedicated to research and promotion of programs and projects for the protection of the environment as it relates to culture and society. Dialogue and exchange with staff about important issues facing Cuba today. Learn about environmental education, science, urban agriculture and food security in Cuba (requested speaker Roberto Perez).	
1:00 p.m.		Lunch TBD.	
2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Service Project	Service project with Yocial and Roberto at FANJ. Details TBD.	
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.		Debrief discussion with group and exploring Havana on your own.	
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.		Farewell dinner -- location TBD.	

Tuesday, April 3

Morning		Breakfast at your casas. Check out and transfer to the airport. Departure home.	Havana
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Please note this itinerary is subject to change. We will post updates as we get them, and will provide a finalized itinerary to registered participants one week before departure. Thanks in advance for your understanding and flexibility, as Cuban travel is complicated to arrange.