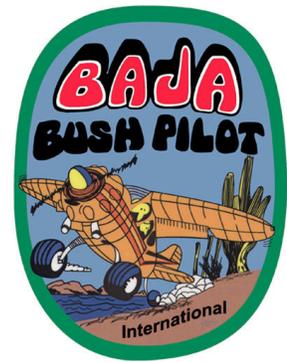


# Cuba 2015

June 23 – 29, 2015



**Cuba....** Charming, Adventurous, Colorful, Exciting, Exotic, Fascinating, Passionate, Enchanting, Musical, Forbidden (no more).... and we have a license for you to go.

Discover and experience Cuba with the BBP and delve into what makes this country so unique. The country whose heart is best seen and felt through its people. It will be an adventure of a lifetime as we spend six days scratching the surface of several facets of the country: history, music, art, cuisine and so much more. The word is out and people are rushing to Cuba left and right, before it becomes influenced by the modern Western world. If you ever wanted to go to Cuba, the time is now!

All will meet up in Florida the morning of departure where we will have a quick meeting as to what we will be doing; what to expect; what you should not do; and a lot more. Don't sweat it, we've been to Cuba with groups before and we have all come back! As all is taken care of for you; you don't have to worry about any legalities and be free to soak up all that Cuba has to offer.



## **Day 1, Tuesday, Miami : Havana Cuba**

We will gather in the morning to have the quick orientation meeting as indicated above and then it is onto the departure lounge where we will get cleared to board our chartered aircraft (a 737) and will depart for our short one hour flight to Havana.

Upon landing, we will be met at the gate by our VIP host who will walk us through Immigration and Customs to the VIP lounge. Here, our on-the-ground Cuban guide will lead us to our chartered bus that will take us to our hotel, The National, one of the most historical National Monuments located on a hill, provides a splendid view of the Havana Harbor, the Melecon and the city. Upon our arrival we will have a short welcome briefing by hotel staff and will enjoy our welcome cocktail in the Bar of Fame, a bar you will want to come back to, to spend some time in, as it holds such history and just plain cool pictures!

This is a good time to mention that we will have our chartered bus for most of our outings but rest assured that we will be throwing some surprises in along the way, as far as transportation goes. You've heard of the Coco Taxis right? Get ready to hold on!! ;)



That evening we will dine at a Cuban-French fusion paladar (privately owned restaurant), that is within walking distance of our hotel and promises to satisfy your pallet. It is a favorite to many.

After dinner, when back at the hotel there is a live music show in the Salon 1930 should you wish to attend. It costs \$25cuc and goes from 9:30pm-11:30pm. Performing is the Legends.com orchestra, members of the Buena Vista Social Club, the Afro Cuba All Stars and some dancers. An amazing show of dance and Cuban rhythms. You can buy tickets at the tourism desk.

## Day 2, Wednesday, Old Havana

Today will be an early-to-rise day as we have a very full itinerary! Breakfast at the Nacional is at “La Veranda” located below the lobby. Following breakfast, we will gather at the entrance of the Nacional for our first Person to Person event exploring Old Havana. We will get to see the historical core of the city, the famed Calle Obispo (has no car traffic and a lot of tourists, but worth experiencing at least once). Before we go too far we will have the opportunity to see Old Havana through a view similar to what we who fly are used to. Located on the top floor of a 20<sup>th</sup> century building, a gift from Spain, we will see the city through the Camara Obscura which was created as a tribute to photography and those who have captured Cuba in a different light, giving the world a glimpse into the heart of Cuba. We will also be visiting a few really neat museums today, the Rum Museum where we will get to learn a bit about the history of the label and get to see the Cuban rum making process. If you have ever been through Tequila or any small town in Mexico where you can walk through the Tequila making process, you know this will be a really neat experience. We will also be stepping into history at the Revolution Museum. This place holds much history and it will be interesting to see how the other side recorded the history of events.



Dinner that night will be at one of our favorite Paladares, La Guarida, setting to the movie Strawberry and Chocolate (1993) What makes this place so unique is its location as it sits within a multifamily building which makes for a very cool atmosphere. You get the mix of daily Cuban lives among a very luxurious restaurant setting.

## Day 3, Thursday, Havana : Cojimar

Ok guys, today is the day to learn the Salsa. No, we are not going to a bar to wiggle our hips; we are going to a dance studio where we have made arrangements for a professor of dance to teach us how to Salsa. No, once you are done you will not make it to “Dancing with the Stars” however, you will have learned about the history of Salsa, learned the basic steps, and will wow all your friends once you’re back in the States with how well you dance....

But before we embark on our Salsa experience, we will start our day with a visit to one of Havana’s oldest and most famous cigar factories, Tabacos Partagas. There are about 400 workers there who work up to 10 or 12 hour days rolling the famed Cuban cigars.

We will then continue with our emersion into Cuban culture as we learn more about Hemingway and his influence in Cuba and why Cuba loved him so. We will visit his home, the Finca Vigia, the harbor in Cojimar where he kept his boat and made his life-long friend who inspired The Old Man and The Sea which played a large part in his winning the 1954 Nobel Prize for Literature.

After our Salsa lesson we will stop by for a visit of a Community Project called Compas Dance. Their presentation of live music has a strong percussion base and it is sure to give you a



glimpse into the rich musical culture and talent of the Cuban people.

That night, we will enjoy a special treat. As we walk through Havana you will get to see several hotels, some nicer than others. For dinner, we will visit the famous Hotel Inglaterra, the oldest hotel in Cuba and enjoy live Son and Salsa music.

#### **Day 4, Friday, Leisure Day**

Today is an open day. You can relax around the hotel and enjoy its unique atmosphere. The Nacional has music playing daily in the various bars, restaurants and the beautiful outside sitting area. You will hear the various Cuban styles from bands such as “Sabor de Cuba”, “Constellation”, “Frequency Tropical”, and various trio musicians. Music is a big part of the Cuban culture and you can experience so much of it, before even stepping outside the hotel boundaries.



The Nacional also offers a historic tour. It takes maybe 20-30 minutes and is a must. You can do this tour throughout the week from 10:00 to 3:00 and on Saturdays at 10:00 or anytime you can find the groundkeeper with the key to the underground tunnels. It is really something you should count on doing whenever you have some free time.

Don't forget to bring your swim suits and swim trunks. The hotel has 2 pools, one with a snack bar and the other which in the 1930's, was boasted to be the deepest in Cuba. The actor Johnny Weissmuller who played the original Tarzan and also held one of the best competitive swimming records of the 20<sup>th</sup> century made quite a show of jumping into the pool from the 2<sup>nd</sup> story balcony!



Today could be a great day to take a day trip. You could visit the countryside to see the life of the Guajiros (Farmers) and maybe visit a cigar drying house. Our Cuban tour leader or the concierge at the hotel can give you more information of where, how and taxi fares so you don't get overcharged. There is also a beach about an hour or so away from the hotel, filled with tourists and locals alike.

That evening just might be the highlight of the trip as we will have dinner at the fabulous Parisienne Cabaret. One of Cuba's most popular Cabarets, “Cubano Cubano” is a fusion of Indoamerican, Hispanic and African cultures that you will find in Cuba. Once the show is over, there will yet another opportunity for you to show off your dance moves as some of the dance troupe comes out to do a post-show for those that wish to stick around.



#### **Day 5, Saturday, Modern Habana**

After breakfast we will hop on our bus and tour Modern Havana. We will have a chance to walk through John Lennon park, Callejon de Hamell and Barrio Chino (Cuban's China town), just to



name a few landmarks. We will also make a stop in Jaimanitas to tour the community project of the artist Fuster who has turned even his home into an expression of art. To end our afternoon, we will stop at the city's UNEAC (National Union of Cuban Writers and Artists) and be treated to the cultural activities of the afternoon in the patio, which will include live music and maybe even some dancers. Sometimes it children, adults or both. The performers of the UNEAC are amazingly talented and exude the heart of Cuba.

Tonight we will have dinner together at a paladar started by a famous Cuban author. He runs it with his sister and brothers. Their menu varies from week to week and sometimes day to day and is a blend of Cuban and foreign cuisine.

### **Day 6, Sunday, Open day**

Today is your second free day to spend as you wish. Perhaps spending more time at any of the places we have visited, visiting one of the local mercados (local open markets) or doing some last minute shopping at the souvenir market. There is a smaller one near the hotel and the much larger one located in Old Havana. For our closing dinner we will dine at another of our very favorite paladares.



### **Day 7, Monday, Depart home**

Today, after breakfast, it will be time to pack and get ready for our flight back to the States. We have arranged for VIP service at the airport so, once we arrive at the airport on our chartered bus, our VIP guide will meet us and walk us through all the procedures, making everything simple and easy.

Then, it is the short one hour flight back to Florida where we will clear US Customs, say goodbye to all your new (and old) friends, and head back home or wherever.

**Cuba '15. Let's discover Cuba together before the "time capsule" country changes forever. Memories to last a lifetime.... See you there.**

Note: events, hotels, restaurants, etc. are all subject to change without notice



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## BBP Registration, Waiver, and Cancellation Clase

Note! Fill out on line before printing

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ BBP # \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address \_\_\_\_\_ Home # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Persons:	Cost PP	Number	Extension
Adult (double occupancy)			
Adult (single occupancy)			
Total			

Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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A deposit of US\$1,000 must be made when registering for this trip. The entire balance to be paid 30 days prior to start of trip. If deposit payment was by credit card, the final balance will be charged to that card. There are no refunds of any fees. Charter cost separate, to be paid cash on meet date. Itinerary is subject to change.

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**All name(s) on this form must match the name on passport(s)**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Baja Bush Pilots Waiver and Cancellation Clause

### Now For the Details and The “Legal” Part

Like any long-distance travel venture with personal aircraft, there are some things we can do and others that are beyond our control. The BBI wants to recap those so there are no misunderstandings about any of it. After all, we take some of your money and this is what we can give and cannot give you for it:

#### We do and/or provide:

Try to find and pay for the best hotels with clean and comfortable rooms, some meals, occasional good music and periodic libations.  
Arrange for fun side trips and excursions  
Set up receptions for when you arrive  
Suggest the best routes and times to fly  
Provide some bus/rail transportation/shuttles  
Provide airport security at some locations  
Provide liaison with the hotels, airports, etc  
Act as gracious host, cinema photographer, and confessional box to those who need it  
Help to find assistance or mechanic if needed in case of an aircraft mishap or funny landing  
And most important, we do provide an opportunity for a unique experience with fellow pilots and fliers, which generally proves to be more fun than you know what to do with.

#### We encourage you to obtain and possess (you can't get here without some of them):

Proper passports, visas, aircraft permits, licenses, insurance, emergency equipment  
Aircraft and personal insurance, a flight plan, emergency information  
Safety equipment, emergency equipment, pre-flight weather briefings  
Proper charts, weather information, in flight data  
Credit cards or cash for fuel, parking or airport fees, customs, immigration, or other duties required in foreign countries  
Medicines with prescriptions, protective Rx's for heat, sun, insects, rashes, Montezuma's gift for *gringos*, and other common or not so common maladies.  
Clothing, flashlights and any special diet foods

#### We cannot provide:

That the route, hotel, area, etc. that we travel to/stay in will be as indicated:  
Weather/flight/route guarantees  
Charters/extra flights/non scheduled side flights or any fees associated  
Five-Star Accommodations, electricity, hot water, and sometimes even water.  
Guarantees of your safety or security, or that of the aircraft  
Perfect landings or landing strips, tie downs everywhere, Taxis, umbrellas in the rain  
Medical, Accident or Evacuation Insurance  
Refunds if weather or aircraft conditions prevents you from arrival at any destination  
Additional expenses for the pilot and/or passenger because of delays of any kind.  
Guarantees against everything from mosquitoes to funny critters  
Changes in foreign governments' policies on customs, immigration, fees, taxes  
Insurance for any of the items mentioned above

So, for that and all your money, your self and all with you agree to sign our release prior to or upon arrival at your first stop on the trip. (so says our lawyer)

## **Baja Bush Pilots Waiver and Cancellation Clause**

### **Waiver of Liability and Consent and Registration Form**

I intend to participate in activities sponsored by the Bush Pilots Intl Ltd. Organization (hereafter "BBI") in or outside of the United States of America, during which time I will either be operating an aircraft, or a passenger in a participating aircraft.

I understand that the activities involved may expose me to certain risks not normally encountered in my home country. These risks include, but are not limited to, exposure to sun, heat, and tropical climates, adverse weather patterns, limited airport and medical facilities, as well as a variety of differing customs, legal requirements and laws in any of the foreign countries that will be visited. The travel, activities, and locations in these countries could possibly expose me to tropical diseases, viruses, infections, malaria, cholera, insect bites, stings, poisonous snakes, as well as contact with plants and trees capable of causing allergic reactions in human beings. I also realize that the medical treatment facilities outside the United States are often quite limited, and cannot be expected to provide the same level of health care and emergency services, which I would expect in the United States. I also understand that the level of police protection, government stability, and emergency services may also be at levels below that which is customarily found in my home country.

The activities sponsored by BBI during this period, including the lodging, food, and services, are all subject to unknown conditions and circumstances within the host countries, which may be beyond the ability of BBI to control. BBI cannot fully guarantee that any of the accommodations, suggested routes of travel, airport services, or other facilities, will be free from change requirements, or in exact conformity with the written materials and information which have been provided. Every effort has been made to ensure that they conform with the written materials; however, BBI cannot and does not exercise any control over any of these accommodations, airports, or other facilities, which I will be using during this travel.

I also understand that the countries in which I will be traveling ordinarily do not have the level of police services, police protection, or freedom from criminal activity that is ordinarily found in the United States. Neither BBI, nor Jack McCormick are guarantors of my personal safety, the safety of any aircraft, or my personal possessions during any period of this travel activity. I understand that I must maintain all required aircraft, personal property, and medical and personal evacuation insurance necessary to protect the aircraft, my property or me during these activities described in the literature provided to me. I have received and reviewed written information describing the trip, activities, suggested routes, precautions, accommodations, and other useful information, and I understand that there may be modifications of some of these necessitated by situations encountered during the travel activities, which may be entirely beyond the control of BBI, its agents, servants or employees.

The pilot of each aircraft participating in these travel activities retains the sole and exclusive responsibility and discretion to determine whether or not to fly to or from any given destination, alter a suggested route, time of departure or arrival, or make any other changes which the pilot in command of the individual aircraft believes are in the best interests of the safety of the aircraft, and his or her passengers. BBI, Jack McCormick, their agents, servants or employees do not assume any responsibility or liability for the safety of any participating aircraft, pilot or passengers, during any of the travel, flight operations, or other described activities that are in any way related to those specified in the literature provided to me prior to this travel venture. BBI, Jack McCormick, his agents, servants and employees have made no representations or warranties to me regarding any of these activities, and I have received no promises or other warranties from any of them that they assume any legal liability or responsibility for any accident, injury, mishap, occurrence, or other adverse event, which might occur during these activities.

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In the event of a dispute arising from my participation in these activities, or arising out of or in any way related to the travel, flight, airport facilities, accommodations or related services, for injuries, damages, or loss associated with such activities, I agree any and all disputes arising out of or in connection with these activities will be subject to mandatory arbitration before a single arbitrator appointed by a judge of the superior court in the county of Maricopa, Arizona, under the Arizona code of civil procedure, and procedures for the appointment and conduct of arbitrations of civil disputes, waiving the right of any appeal from the decision of the appointed arbitrator except in the case of fraud or willful nondisclosure of any actual bias or prejudice towards any party, and that all costs, attorneys' fees, or other fees related to the arbitration shall be recoverable by the prevailing party as defined by the arbitrator in any such matter submitted for determination. I hereby expressly waive my right to any other claim, lawsuit, or action for civil or other damages arising out of or in connection with the activities described herein.