**Saturday, June 27**

8:00 am  Depart Miami on **American Airlines 9470**, arrive Havana at 9:00 am

10 am  Visit to **La Finca Vigía**. The principal home of Ernest Hemingway from 1939-1960, La Finca Vigia is a museum preserved as it was when Hemingway departed Cuba. It was here where he wrote *For Whom the Bell Tolls* and *The Old Man and the Sea*. The Pilar, Hemingway’s fishing boat, is displayed here.

12 pm  Enjoy a traditional Cuban meal overlooking the Straits of Florida at the Hotel **Nacional**. Tasty Cuban food served family style with a great view of the Havana sea wall and the old Spanish fortress. The setting brings many back to the 1950s, when the mafia held its annual meetings at this historic hotel.

2 pm  Visit to **Morro Castle**, one of the earliest constructed and most important Spanish forts in the Americas, featuring a great view of the Havana city landscape.

3:30 pm  Check in at the Hotel **Parque Central**, Trip Advisor’s top choice in Havana. Located on the corner of Central Park and along Prado Boulevard, the hotel is steps from the Capitol building, the Great Theatre and the famous Obispo Street. The complimentary breakfast buffet is served between 7:00 am and 10:00 am each morning.

6 pm  **Socio-economic discussion with urban planner Miguel Coyula.** Coyula spoke at the World Affairs Council on October 3, 2014. His presentation on Havana’s architecture pulls together housing issues, infrastructure, investment and restoration programs. For Coyula architecture reflects the political and economic context of the country. Location: Hotel Parque Central.

7:30 pm  **Welcome dinner at El Cocinero.** This private restaurant is housed in a former factory and attracts Havana’s hip crowd. **Walk next door for live music, art and photography at La Fabrica de Arte Cubana.** Rock star X Alfonso has turned this into meeting spot for an eclectic crowd of Cubans and foreigners.

**Sunday, June 28**

10:00 am  **Discussion with Carlos Alzugaray**, retired Cuban diplomat and expert on U.S.–Cuba relations, to learn about the bilateral relationship and Cuban foreign policy. Location: Hotel Parque Central.

11:30 am  **Visit Barbershop Alley.** “Papito” Vallares, a local barber, expanded upon his successful barbershop, opening a hairdressing school, a playground and several private businesses, incorporating entrepreneurship and corporate social responsibility.

12:30 pm  **Lunch at Doña Eutimia Paladar.** This *paladar* was one of *Newsweek*’s top 100 restaurants in the world in 2012. The restaurant is located on Havana’s historic Cathedral Square.
2:00 pm  Visit the **Taller de Grafica Experimental**. The Taller is Havana’s printmaking and lithographic workshop. It is a studio, a school and an art institution that works to preserve the sophisticated art of printmaking.

2:30 pm  **Walking tour of the Old City.** The tour includes the **Plaza Vieja**, the oldest plaza in Havana, dating from the 16th century; the **Plaza de San Francisco**, a cobbled plaza surrounded by buildings dating from the 18th century and dominated by the baroque Iglesia and Convento de San Francisco (1719); the **Plaza de la Catedral** and the Catedral de San Cristóbal de La Habana; the **Plaza de Armas**, a scenic tree-lined plaza formerly the center of power in Cuba.

4 pm  **Tour of the Port of Havana with architect and planner Pedro Vazquez**, who will provide an overview of the government’s plans to develop hotels, retail and marinas in the port.

6:30 pm  **Spend the evening at Café Madrigal with Frank Delgado**, singer and songwriter, for a discussion about the “nueva trova” movement in Cuba, followed by a musical performance. Café Madrigal, owned and run by film director Rafael Rosales, is housed in a colonial mansion. Over cocktails and tapas, we will talk with Rosales about operating a private business in a communist economy.

**Monday, June 29**

9:30 am  **Orlando Márquez, spokesman of the Archdiocese of Havana.** The Archdiocese has been actively involved in both Church-State issues (visas for foreign priests, opening new churches), educating new clergy, and providing meeting spaces for classes in business administration.

11:00 am  **The Patronato de la Casa de la Comunidad Hebreo**. The Patronato is one of two functioning synagogues in Havana. Although there is no resident rabbi, the sanctuary has recently been renovated. We will meet with Adela Dworkin, president of the Cuban Jewish Community.

12:00 pm  **Lunch at Paladar Atelier followed by meeting with independent business owners.** Atelier restaurant is housed in a building that was home to a pre-revolution senator. Niryus Herrera, the owner of this restaurant, along with the owner of a party planning company, an accounting service and the owners of a private car service will join us for a discussion about the emerging private sector in Cuba.

3:00 pm  Meeting with officials from the **Ministry of Foreign Relations (MINREX)** from the section that oversees relations with the United States. Location: the Foreign Ministry of Cuba.

5:00 pm  Discussion with the EU Ambassador to Cuba, Herman Portocarero, about relations between the European Union and Cuba. Location: Hotel Parque Central.

*Evening free*

**Tuesday, June 30**

9:00 am  Meeting with Professor Hal Klepak, Royal Military College of Canada, an expert on the Cuban Armed Forces and Raúl Castro. Location: Hotel Parque Central.

10:30 am  **The United States Interests Section (USINT).** USINT is the official diplomatic representation of the U.S. in Cuba. Technically it is part of the Swiss Embassy. In reality USINT is indistinguishable from a U.S. Embassy anywhere in the world. U.S. diplomats will speak to us about the function of USINT, current developments in Cuba, U.S. policy toward Cuba and bilateral relations.
11:00 am  **Take pedestrian ferry across Havana Bay to the community of Regla**, a working-class, Afro-Cuban community with a thriving local culture. Regla is especially known for its strong ties to Santería and other Afro-Cuban religions. We will have a discussion with **Magia López and Alexey Rodriguez of the hip-hop/jazz duo Obsesión** about their experiences and views on race and gender equality in Cuba.

12:30 pm  **Salad and sandwiches at La Chuchería Diner**, located along Havana’s seawall, the Malecón. This diner has quickly become a hit among Cubans.

2:00 pm  **If the embargo were lifted . . .** Discussion with Cuban independent business owners, Cuban legal experts plus Spanish and Canadian business executives on how business works in Cuba. This will be an exchange with experienced practitioners on contracts, property registries, banking and supply chain management in Cuba. Location: Hotel Parque Central.

4:00 pm  **Visit to Nostalgic Car Garage**, where Havana’s first private car service refurbishes autos from the 1950s. Discussion with owner and workers.

7:30 pm  **Farewell dinner at Paladar San Cristobal.** Located in the heart of Central Havana, this paladar has a reputation of excellence in both atmosphere and local cuisine. The chef worked for Cuban diplomats around the world; the atmosphere is Havana in the 1940s and 50s.

**Wednesday, July 1**

9:00 am  Check out of hotel.

9:15 am  **Visit to the arts and crafts market in Old Havana.** The largest handcraft market in Havana, la Feria de San José features hundreds of artisans selling art, crafts, clothes and music.

2:30 pm  **Depart Havana on American Airlines 9441**, arrive Miami at 3:30 pm