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*A photographic experience with Richard Martin and Ramses Batista*

# CUBA 2018

JANUARY 11 -20, 2018



Private home with Ballet dancer. All photos © Richard Martin

## *Beyond the tourist veil*

### **Exploring the authentic side of Cuba**

I have experienced numerous changes in Cuba over the past decade and have strived to adapt and structure our itineraries accordingly. For a third year, this January we will be departing from the regular program and looking behind the scenes and beyond the obvious, with a small group of passionate photographers. Once again we have the opportunity to work with Ramses H. Batista, a brilliantly talented Cuban photographer, exploring what I consider the “real or authentic side” of Cuba. To search well beyond the tourist veil, and into the nooks and crannies of Havana and Trinidad, ordinarily reserved for the citizens themselves.

We invite you to join Ramses and myself in January 2018. This tour offers the photographer a unique opportunity to discover both Havana and one of the island’s crown jewels—the colourful



city of Trinidad, with its red-tiled roofs and cobblestone streets.

Havana, the pulse of Cuba, is an eclectic mixture of old and new, crumbling and restored. Photograph the hauntingly beautiful 16th and 17th century streets of colonial Havana—its people, architecture, and atmosphere.

Placed on the UNESCO World Heritage list in 1982, old Havana remains the most authentic colonial city in the Americas. Discover this magical place and experience an island frozen in time.

This year I have made the decision to return to the consistency of hotel accommodations in Havana. Although the private homes were great, with 8-10 homes being used, not all offered the same degree of accommodation and quality. We will stay at the Roc Presidente hotel located in

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Vedado, a block from the famous Malecon of Havana. This hotel offers a salt water pool amongst its amenities, and with all the walking we do, this may be to everyone's liking. Our accommodations in Trinidad will be in private air-conditioned homes, with private bathrooms (no sharing). We will have access to Ramses photography studio in the heart of central Havana. Each morning Richard and Ramses will accompany you on a pre-breakfast photo shoot. Although there is no strenuous exercise involved in this itinerary, there is lots of walking on uneven cobblestoned streets. To view a sample of Richard's Cuban images from past tours please click on link <http://www.blurb.ca/b/5003192-cuba>  
[WWW.RICHARDMARTINPHOTO.COM](http://WWW.RICHARDMARTINPHOTO.COM)

Our tour itinerary has been designed specifically for serious photographers; to ensure that more concentrated time is spent in the most photogenic areas. Instruction is kept flexible to accommodate a changing itinerary and varying skill levels of the participants.



The following is our planned itinerary; however, the schedule is flexible to allow for spontaneous photographic opportunities. dates and times are subject to change due to the rhythms of Cuban life. The small group size will allow us to move freely and naturally through Havana and Trinidad, traveling on foot or by taxi.

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Day 1: Thursday January 11 Havana (Hotel Presidente) Travel day for participants to arrive in Cuba, and depending on the arrival time, gather in the late afternoon for an orientation and dinner.

Note: The following days will include optional early morning outings, each day before breakfast. An opportunity to explore the streets at an easy unhurried pace and make images in the beautiful morning light.

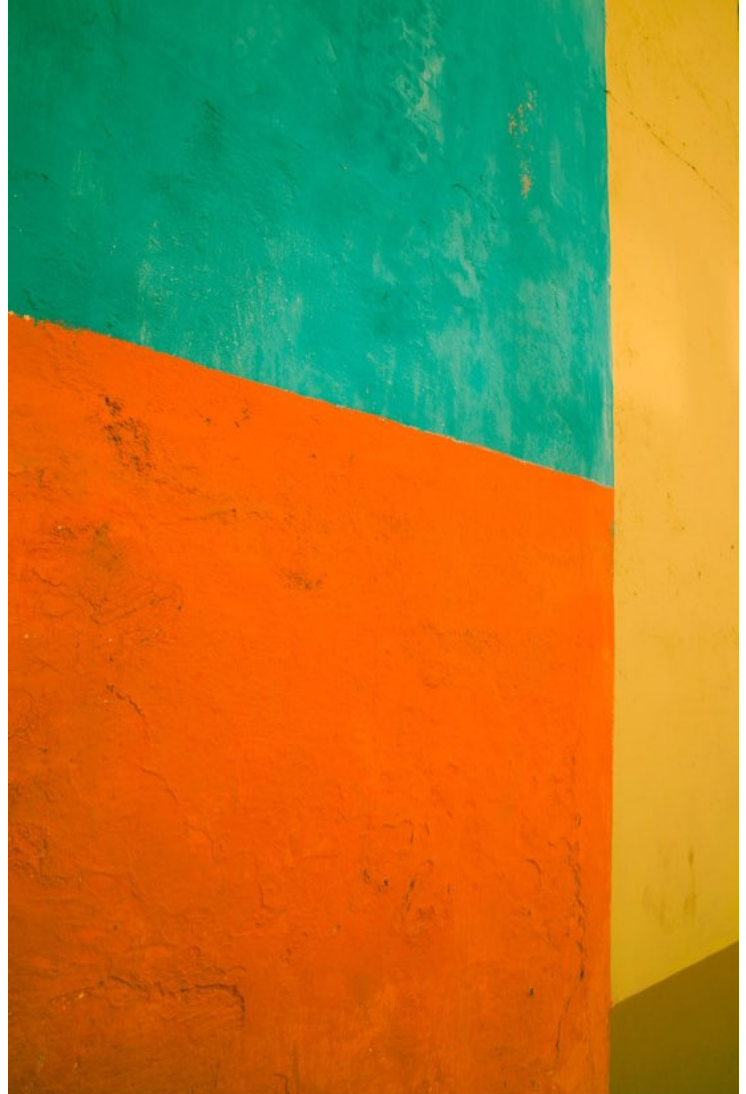
Day 2: Friday January 12: Havana (Hotel Presidente)

The following days include a combination of walking the streets of Old Havana and Trinidad (or taking cabs were necessary), making images of boxing, Ballet dancers, a body building gym, the Afro-American Cuban Dance Troupe, a music school, a photo shoot at one of Havana's oldest mansions and the possibility of going backstage at the Cuban Ballet Theatre (if a performance is taking place during our time in Havana), as well as ample discussion time with the instructors.

Day 3: Saturday January 13: Havana (Hotel Presidente)

Day 4: Sunday January 14: Depart for Trinidad, the UNESCO world heritage site. Your homes will be in the heart of the colonial city, everything within walking distance.





Abstract studies of painted walls, Trinidad

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Day 5: Monday January 15 Trinidad

Day 6: Tuesday January 16: Trinidad

Day 7: Wednesday January 17: Trinidad

Day 8: Thursday January 18: Return to Havana (Hotel Presidente)

Day 9: Friday January 19: (Hotel Presidente) Our last full day in Havana. Tonight will be our final night which will include a farewell dinner before departing on your journey home the following morning.

Day 10: Saturday January 20 Departure day to catch flights home.

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Throughout the week, we will take advantage of the remarkable natural light and colourful surroundings Havana and Trinidad has to offer. Participants will benefit from group discussions, critiques, and one-on-one time with the instructors—all of which will help to take their work in new directions.

**Please Note:** Extensive walking, sometimes on uneven ground. Participants must be in reasonable physical condition and be able to climb stairs.



Streets of Havana

**Enrolment will be limited to 10 participants.**

**Included in the cost:**

- Personal Meet and Greet at the airport with transfers to your Hotel
- All lodging in Hotel (Havana) and private homes (Trinidad) with breakfast included
- Transportation within the city and to Trinidad
- The expertise and guidance of both Richard Martin and Ramses Batista
- 6 Lunches or dinners

**• Not Included:**

- Travel Insurance
- Cuban Medical Insurance (Compulsory for all unless medical insurance is bought in country of origin)

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- Cuba Tourist Card (Included in flights from Canada)
- Personal Expenses
- Gratuities



**Cost is \$4,999 USD**

per person Double occupancy.

**Cost is \$5,399 USD**

Single occupancy.

Credit cards are accepted, but please add 5% merchant fee

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

A NON REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT OF \$500.00 PER PERSON REQUIRED AT THE TIME OF BOOKING

Final Payment due 45 days before departure

ONCE FILE IS PAID IN FULL CANCELLATION PENALTIES APPLY

**CANCELLATION**

45 DAYS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL DATE - DEPOSIT \$500.00

44 TO 31 DAYS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL DATE - 50% of total cost.

30 DAYS TO ARRIVAL DATE - 100% of total cost.

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