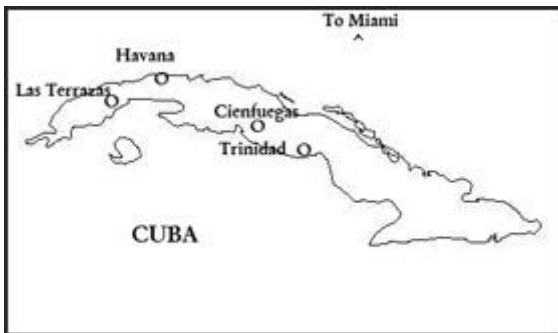


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Places we visited in Cuba

We took a trip to Cuba in October 2011. It was one of the first ever offered by Road Scholar, and it was not even advertised in their catalog. Our tour guide was Tony Ransola, a native Cuban then living in Florida.



Horse cart

During that time of restricted travel only a few groups with a humanitarian focus were allowed in. Our group delivered medical supplies to a retirement community run by the Catholic church.

We flew from Miami to Havana on an American Airlines charter. Our Havana-area activities included dinner in a *parador* (privately owned restaurant), a visit to the home of artist José Fuster, and a tour of

the Las Terrazas community, which is west of Havana.



Hotel Parque Central in Havana



Restored building in Havana



Malecon



Anna running in Havana



Orange car



Lime green car



Downtown Havana



Pig on a roof



Our donations



Palador owner



Sketching tourists



Making cigars



Art by José Fuster



Las Terrazas house and horse

We traveled by bus to Cienfuegos and Trinidad, where we visited a rural village and a former sugar cane factory, and heard instrumental and vocal music programs.



Tower in Cienfuegos



Women in Cienfuegos



Farm pig



Horse cart



Sugar cane plantation



Children's choir in Trinidad



Street in Trinidad



Trinidad

It was eye-opening to listen to stories of families separated for 50 years by Cold War restrictions, and to learn how Cubans' lives were changing during the thawing political climate.

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