

Spanish American War - Tentative Itinerary

SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR EXPEDITION

PHASE TWO—THE INVASION CAMPAIGN AT SANTIAGO DE CUBA

(6 to 10 March 2017)

DAY ONE—6 MARCH 2016 (MON)—TRAVELING TO SANTIAGO DE CUBA!

7:00 AM Meet at Miami International Airport and check-in for flight

10:20 AM Silver Air Flight departs FLL to SDC

12:38 Arrival in SDC

2:00 Lunch at hotel

3:00 PM

-Relax at hotel

Evening:

4:30 General briefing on Expedition's daily agendas/etiquette while visiting Cuba and Pre-dinner discussion of Cuba's José Martí and the 30-year struggle for independence (1868—1898)

6:00 Depart for Dinner

6:30 Dinner at La Aurora (discussion by owner about Paladares)

-Evening on own

DAY TWO—7 MARCH 2016 (TUE)—THE 30-YEAR CUBAN STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE

7:00 AM Breakfast at hotel

8:00 AM Briefing on the senior Cuban military commanders and Cuban strategy

9:00 AM Depart for Visit tomb of José Martí

10:00 AM Depart for visit Fortress El Morro (vistas of the city, bay, and coast)

12:30 PM Lunch: El Morro

2:00 Depart for Tour of Santiago (including souvenir market)

3:00 Visit Museum of Rum

4:00 Return to hotel

5:30 PM Pre-dinner discussion of the USS Maine sinking, the U.S. war debate, and declaration of war

6:45 PM Depart for Dinner: TBD

-Evening on own (optional cultural show?)

DAY THREE—8 MARCH 2016 (WED)—THE YANQUI INVASION

Morning:

7:00 AM Breakfast at hotel

8:00 AM Briefing on U.S. military mobilization, senior commanders, and strategy for the invasion of Cuba

9:00 AM Depart for visit to Siboney invasion site with discussion of U.S. Army's logistical problems

-Visit Museum of the War at Guasimas

-Visit Las Guasimas Hill with discussion of the first U.S.-Spanish land battle

1:00 PM Lunch: El Palenquito

2:30 Return to hotel

Evening:

5:30 PM Pre-dinner discussion of senior Spanish commanders at Santiago and Spanish strategy

6:45 Depart for Dinner TBD

-Evening on own

DAY FOUR—9 MARCH 2016 (THUR)—A TEST OF STRENGTH—THE LAND BATTLE OF SANTIAGO

Morning:

7:00 AM Breakfast at hotel

8:00 Briefing on the Major General Shafter's plan to assault the Spanish defenses at Santiago and the subsequent battle

9:00 Depart for visit of El Caney Hill with discussion of the battle to secure the U.S. right flank

Afternoon:

12:30 Lunch TBD

-Visit Kettle Hill with discussion of initial battle in the center of the first Spanish defense line

-Visit San Juan Heights with discussion of the battle for the Heights and the depth of the Spanish defenses

4:00 Return to hotel

Evening:

5:30 PM Pre-dinner briefing on how the Santiago campaign influenced Theodore Roosevelt's life

6:45 Depart for Dinner at Madrileño Restaurant at Reparto Vista Alegre

-Evening on own

DAY FIVE—10 MARCH 2016 (FRI)—A MATTER OF HONOR—THE NAVAL BATTLE OF SANTIAGO

Morning:

-Breakfast at hotel

-Briefing on the naval battle of Santiago

-Return visit to Fortress El Morro to view the scene of the naval battle

Afternoon:

-lunch TBD

-Return to hotel for discussion on the aftermath of the battles, the Spanish surrender, and U.S. occupation of Cuba

-Relax at hotel

Evening:

-Pre-dinner discussion of the Santiago campaign's impact on U.S., Cuban, and world history

-Sunset cruise on Santiago Bay to watch ceremonial canon firing at Fortress El Morro

-Grand farewell dinner overlooking the bay at Marina Marlin

DAY SIX—11 MARCH 2016 (SAT)—MISSION ACCOMPLISHED—RETURNING TO AMERICA!

Morning:

-Breakfast at hotel

9:00 Briefing on hotel check-out, Cuban departure procedures, U.S. entry procedures

-10:00 Depart Hotel

1:28 PM Silver Air departs SDC to FLL

3:48 PM Arrival in FLL and individual travel homeward