



Cuba Photography Workshop & Tour

Holguin, Cuba, January 17-24, 2015

by Neil Kinnear and Lesley Chung Photography

- 8 days/7 nights
- Small group of 3 couples (or a combination to make 6 people) plus Neil and Lesley
- Drivers and guides as needed
- Bring an inquisitive nature and a patient attitude!

Day 1 - Saturday, January 17, 2015

- Saturday - arrive Holguin airport (arranging flight/airfare is your responsibility)
- We will meet you at the Holguin airport and deliver you to your casa particular
- Neil and Lesley to main casa particular with extra space for group gatherings
- After check-in, we will guide you to walk to the main casa with Neil and Lesley
- Pre-arranged early evening drinks, dinner, welcome presentation at main casa
- Guests chat/relax - return to their own casas when ready
- D

Day 2 - Sunday - Walkabout in Holguin - get to know the city - street photography - people and places

- Breakfast - guests breakfast at their own casa particular
- Meet in main casa - Brief talk/overview of Holguin and surrounding area
- Workshop - Street photography – some how to's of street photography
- Taking candid photos of people on the street and/or engaging them too!
- Walk/bus to Plaza Calixto Garcia - walk and photograph people in the square and nearby streets
- Late lunch at a restaurant near the Plaza Calixto Garcia
- Opportunity for visit to nearby museums
- Bus to Loma de la Cruz 4:30 p.m. from Plaza Calixto Garcia to prepare for sunset at 5:45 p.m.
- Bus back to main casa after sunset
- Group dinner at main casa or nearby restaurant
- Walk back to individual casas
- B, L, D

Day 3 - Monday - Full day trip to Gibara

- Breakfast - guests breakfast at their own casa particular
- Guests meet at main casa
- 8:00 a.m. bus to Gibara to get some morning light

- Fishing village, old fort, seaside town with lots of history
- Group lunch in Gibara at nice restaurant
- More exploring Gibara after lunch
- Bus back to Holguin
- Group dinner at nearby restaurant (family style, very informal)
- B, L, D

Day 4 - Tuesday - bus trip to rural Cuba - ranches/farms

- Breakfast - guests breakfast at their own casa particular
- Bus pickup all clients at main casa - visit to farm/ranch #1
- Lunch at Mirador Mayabe
- Visit farm/ranch #2
- Bus back to main casa
- Guests free for dinner and evening activities
- B, L

Day 5 - Wednesday - Free day

- Breakfast - guests breakfast at their own casa particular
- Free day for you to wander around Holguin, exploring side streets on your own
- Optional trip to beach resort (Extra cost – day pass approx ~ CUC50-60 + shared taxi)
- Evening - baseball game, boxing event or dance performance
- B

Day 6 - Thursday - El Salto del Guayabo bus trip

- Breakfast - guests breakfast at their own casa particular
- All day trip to Villa Pinares de Mayari, and El Salto del Guayabo
- Rugged mountain scenery, Cuba's highest waterfall, bird watching and more
- Depart 7:30 from Holguin
- Lunch at restaurant near/at Villa Pinares
- Evening - group dinner
- B, L, D

Day 7 - Friday - morning market, musical evening

- 6:00 a.m. - Coffee then out the door for early morning market photos
- Breakfast - guests breakfast at their own casa particular
- Free day to wander Holguin
- Evening - group dinner, then music and dancing at a Holguin club
- B, D

Day 8 - Saturday, January 24, 2015

- Breakfast - guests breakfast at their own casa particular
- Guests check-out from casa particular

- Bus transport from casa to Holguin airport
- Depart Holguin airport (each guest needs CUC25 in cash for exit visa)
- B

Note that the itinerary is subject to change.

Financials

The fee for the Cuba Photography Workshop and Tour by Neil Kinnear & Lesley Chung Photography is \$1475. (Canadian dollars) plus HST of 13%. Single supplement (\$115.00)

You are responsible to organize your own travel arrangements to Holguin, Cuba on January 17, 2015. We will meet you at the airport and deliver you to your accommodations.

The total amount of the workshop and tour fee is due in full 30 days before departure (Dec. 17, 2014). Payment is accepted via PayPal (Canada and international) or bank e-transfer (Canada only). Credit cards are processed via PayPal.

Included in your fee are:

Photography workshop and tour

Bus transfers to and from the airport

Most transportation for the duration (excludes personal taxi journeys and similar)

Accommodations for 7 nights in casas particulares in Holguin

Food, except for 3 dinners, 2 lunches, snacks

Occasional but not most drinks

Not included in your fee are:

Transportation to and from Holguin, Cuba

Most drinks

Accommodations in Casas Particulares

We have arranged comfortable and clean accommodations for you. Since most casas have only one or two rooms, we have arranged for multiple casas in the same area of Holguin.

The casa where Neil and Lesley stay will be our central location. We will meet there for workshop sessions, coffee, drinks and some meals.

Food and drink

Most casas will offer you breakfast, some included, others at extra cost. We will arrange most meals in a variety of restaurants. As shown in the itinerary, you should be prepared to purchase two dinners and two lunches plus most of your snacks and drinks. Depending when your flights arrive or depart, you may need to buy something extra.