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28 TRAVELERS



Cuba

ART, CULTURE & PEOPLE

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A World Apart

Immerse yourself in the culture, art, history and people of fascinating and enigmatic Cuba. Participate in the historic evolution of the relationship between the U.S. and our closest island nation neighbor. Authorized by a U.S. Department of the Treasury general license, this People-to-People educational exchange program is brimming with opportunities to discover Cuba through its everyday people, ranging from artists and musicians to religious leaders, teachers and students. While marveling at Cuba's opulent colonial architecture, vintage automobiles and vibrant countryside vistas, you will learn first-hand the hopes, dreams and aspirations of Cuban people working to improve their lives and enhance their society.

*Above: Cathedral and plaza, Havana |
Cover photo: Antique cars in Havana*

Inspiring Moments

- Uncover **Cuba's heart and soul** alongside the island's people, ordinary Cubans doing extraordinary things.
- Delight in **Habana Vieja's** musicality, ice-cream colored façades and fascinating revolutionary history.
- **Meet members of Cuba's community** during visits with artists, dancers and musicians.
- Gain insight into Cuba's **cigar and sugar cane industries** during factory visits and interactions with workers.
- Climb aboard a **classic 1950s convertible** to ride through Havana's historic quarter.
- Savor the slow cadence of rural life in the beautiful **Pinar del Río region**.

Dear Alumni, Parents and Friends of Tufts,

Join us on an eight-night journey to discover everyday life in Cuba's colonial cities, rural villages and colorful capital of Havana. Through expert-led excursions and meaningful encounters with locals, we'll introduce you to the unique history, culture and heritage of this fascinating nation. Along with like-minded travelers from our partner schools on this program, the University of Arizona and the University of Oklahoma, uncover Cuba's heart and soul alongside the island's greatest asset: its people. These entrepreneurs, students, community leaders, artists and dancers are ordinary Cubans doing extraordinary things. Through authentic, in-depth cultural exchanges, learn about their personal challenges, journeys and insights into Cuba's rapidly changing persona.

Our long-term relationships with guides and locals combined with carefully planned excursions take you beyond the average tourist experience. Plus, our small groups are limited to 28 travelers, giving you a more intimate and enriching journey, so please be sure to contact AHI to make your reservation today! Please join us again or renew your connection to Tufts. As always, family members and friends are welcome to join as members of the Tufts "family." Share the experience of Travel-Learn!

Cheers,



Mary Ann Hunt

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Faculty Host: We are confident that this offering will resonate well with our travelers. As the registration grows, we will confirm a Tufts faculty host to join you to add to the overall learning experience. Please check our website often for additions and updates.

Operated in accordance with regulations issued by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Treasury Department. This exclusive program, developed by AHI International Corp., opens the door to a neighbor country long closed to American travelers. It is designed to promote People-to-People contact and cultural exchange.

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**UNESCO
World Heritage**

1. **Old Havana and its Fortification System**
2. **Trinidad and the Valley de los Ingenios**
3. **Urban Historic Center of Cienfuegos**
4. **Sierra del Rosario**
(UNESCO Biosphere Reserve)



Sierra del Rosario



Left: School children, Havana | Above: Museo de la Revolución

Day 1

In Transit | Miami, Florida

Check in to the Crowne Plaza Miami International Airport in Miami, Florida. (Accommodations in Miami are included. Transportation to Miami is not included.)

Day 2

D

Miami | Havana, Cuba

Depart for Cuba. Upon arrival, transfer and check in to the Hotel Mercure Sevilla.

Discovery: Welcome to Cuba! Take an orientation walk along Paseo del Prado, stroll the vibrant Malecón and visit Parque Central. Delight in Caribbean flavors during a Welcome Dinner at one of Cuba's oldest paladares.

Day 3

B | L | D

Havana

Discovery: Historic Havana. Spanish colonists founded Havana's historic district in 1519. During a walking tour, take in the sights of Plaza de Armas, the city's oldest square, and see the Palacio de los Capitanes Generales. Admire the Fountain of Lions in Plaza de San Francisco, see Plaza de la Catedral and stroll along Havana's busiest shopping street, Calle Obispo.

Enrichment: Urban Planning & Architectural Challenges. Discuss contemporary city planning with an architect. Dine on Cuban fare during lunch.

Discovery: Revolutionary & Cultural Cuba. Cuba's museums offer insight into the country's unique political and revolutionary history. There are also museums dedicated to

its remarkable artists and dancers. Visit the Museo de la Revolución to browse exhibits and learn about the Bay of Pigs. Then engage with staff and children at a cultural center for youth. Share your favorite experiences from the day during dinner at a local paladar.

Day 4

B | L | D

Havana

Discovery: Classic Convertibles & Dance. The streets of Havana are filled with vintage American convertibles. These 1950s classics, imported before the U.S. trade embargo began in 1960, still run because of the ingenuity of their owners. Climb aboard and enjoy a drive through Havana's historic quarter. Then visit a contemporary dance studio where infectious rhythms are ingrained in everyday life. Join a discussion with some of the studio's talented dance specialists and see a rehearsal.

Enjoy lunch at La Barraca at the landmark Hotel Nacional.

Discovery: Higher Education. Tour the University of Havana, Cuba's oldest university. See the campus and discuss opportunities for higher education with a school representative.

Enrichment: U.S. & Cuban Relations. Join a University of Havana professor for a discussion about the U.S., Cuba and the Cuban economy.

Relax over a delicious dinner at the hotel's top-floor restaurant.



Havana

Day 5

B | L | D

Havana

Discovery: Cigars. The liaison of Cuba and cigars became known to the world after Columbus landed in Cuba in 1492 and introduced cigars to Europe. Learn about this legacy during a visit to a cigar factory. Meet the workers and learn about their experiences.

Discovery: Contemporary Arts. Visit the National Museum of Fine Arts. Tour the museum and witness compelling pieces by Cuban artists. During your visit, learn about the work of modern artists in Cuba.

Discovery: Inside an Artist's Studio. Visit Casa Fuster, the home and studio of Jose Fuster. Meet a local artist, and learn about the obstacles to opening a private studio as well as the new opportunities for artists in Cuba. Enjoy a group lunch while visiting Casa Fuster.

Discovery: Santo Venia & Afro-Cuban Dance. Engage with residents and meet the nuns who work at a private home for senior citizens. Then uncover the thrill of Afro-Cuban dance from gifted local dancers. Each has been a member of Cuba's esteemed dance troupes and studios and now they are teachers embracing their passion. Delight in dinner with your fellow adventurers and share thoughts from the day's events.

Day 6

B | L

Pinar del Río

Discovery: Rural Cuba. Venture to the beautiful countryside and the Sierra del Rosario mountains. Your scenic drive takes you through rural communities and past tobacco



plantations to Las Terrazas, a model socialist community established in the 1980s. Visit an elementary school, savor a cup of Cuban coffee and browse a local art studio.

Lunch is served at El Romero, an eco-restaurant that prepares dishes with locally grown, organic vegetables. Discuss Cuba's agricultural industry, visit the organic vegetable gardens and meet the community's gardeners. Enjoy dinner at leisure in Havana tonight.

Day 7

B | L | D

Cienfuegos

Discovery: Hemingway's Cuba & Sugar Cane. Visit La Finca Vigia, or "lookout farm," the home of author Ernest Hemingway and his wife, Martha. Continue to Australia, a former sugar cane factory. Cuba was the world's largest exporter of sugar in the 19th and 20th centuries. Visit this retired factory and speak with former workers and mechanics.

Discovery: Welcome to Cienfuegos! Take a walking tour of Parque Martí, the city's main square, and see the striking cathedral. Check in to the Hotel Jagua and enjoy dinner at a local establishment.



Havana



Tobacco farm, Pinar del Río

Day 8

B | L | D

Trinidad | Cienfuegos

Discovery: Trinidad & Local Life. In Trinidad's Plaza Mayor, see the Iglesia de la Santísima Trinidad, Cuba's oldest church, the Museo de Arquitectura and the Museo Romántico de Artes Decorativas. Then a local family welcomes you into their home to talk about typical Cuban life.

Savor lunch at a restaurant near Plaza Mayor.

Free time: Enjoy leisure time by the Plaza.

Discovery: An Evening of Music. Visit the Teatro de Cienfuegos and watch a performance by a renowned musical group. Talk with members of the ensemble and learn about their music and training.

Enrichment & Meet the People:

Celebrate your final evening in Cuba during a Farewell Dinner at a Cuban paladar. Engage with the owners and discuss their life in Cuba.

Day 9

B

Cienfuegos | In Transit

Discovery: Health Care. Visit a maternity home and speak with the staff about health care in Cuba.

Depart for the airport for your return flight to Miami.

Consistent with the requirements of the OFAC People-to-People license, this program features a full-time schedule of cultural exchange activities. This exchange does not involve tourist or self-directed activities.

Note: This itinerary is subject to change. If an event must be canceled, it will be replaced with another people-to-people event. During the walking tours, the sidewalks and other surfaces may be narrow, uneven or made of cobblestones.

B|L|D denotes included breakfasts, lunches and dinners.

INCLUDED FEATURES

Accommodations

(with baggage handling)

- **1 night** in Miami, Florida, at the first-class Crowne Plaza Miami International Airport.
- **5 nights** in Havana, Cuba, at the first-class Hotel Mercure Sevilla.
- **2 nights** in Cienfuegos at the first-class Hotel Jagua.

Flights and Transfers

- Round-trip flights between Miami and Cuba and all deluxe motor coach transfers in the Land Program, plus baggage handling.

Extensive Meal Program

- 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 6 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus a local beverage with dinner.
- Sample authentic regional specialties during meals at local restaurants.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
- **Discovery excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Cuban visa.
- Complimentary travel mementos.



Las Terrazas



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AHI Travel Expertise

From your reservation to your return home, we are here to ensure you have the adventure of a lifetime.

Before you go:

- **Travel Consultants** | These experts stand ready to answer your questions about activities, meals, accommodations and more as they guide you through the reservation process.
- **Passenger Service Representative** | Once you have reserved your spot, enjoy personalized assistance from this specialist, your one point of contact who will help you with everything from arranging flights to booking elective activities to fulfilling special requests.
- **Travel Information** | Receive extensive destination information and travel tips compiled by our travel-savvy team to prepare you fully for your journey.

Once you arrive:

On the ground, three layers of top-quality professionals offer their insiders' perspective. From suggesting the best café or pub to sharing a laugh over the stories of the day, our dedicated team takes your adventure to the next level.

- **Travel Director** | Throughout your journey, you will be in the care of a seasoned AHI travel professional who will manage all the logistics, allowing you to relax and simply soak up the ambience. Resourceful, knowledgeable and attentive, your Travel Director helps to ensure you enjoy an unforgettable travel experience.
- **Expert Guides** | Who better to show you around than the people who live there? We've specially selected informed and enthusiastic local professional guides who understand the needs of our educated and curious travelers. Warm and genuine, they're ready to share their passion for their country with you.
- **Lecturers** | Coming from all walks of life, our entertaining local lecturers open your eyes to history and current events. The breadth of their knowledge deepens your appreciation for the region and its heritage.



HOTEL JAGUA | CIENFUEGOS



HOTEL MERCURE SEVILLA |
HAVANA

Our travel experts have selected these first-class properties, each in a prime location, for your comfort. Details in the design and décor celebrate the local culture and enhance the ambience of each hotel. Their restaurants feature menus of elegantly prepared local and international cuisine. Of utmost importance is the quality of the services, amenities and accommodations, allowing you to maximize the enjoyment of your stay.

Reserve your Cuba trip today!

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Full Legal Name (exactly as it appears on passport)

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Title First Middle Last Date of Birth

Email: _____
School & Class Year

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School & Class Year

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This is an air-inclusive program between Miami, FL, and Cuba.

☐ I/we reserve the Land & Air Program and request round-trip flight(s) to and from Miami, FL, to depart from:

Departure City

☐ Please contact me regarding air options.

Single Accommodations

- ☐ I prefer single accommodations at an additional \$995 (limited availability).
☐ I request assistance in securing a roommate but will accept a single, if one is available at this time, and pay the single supplement. Should a roommate be found, I understand the supplement will no longer apply.

Reservations are subject to availability and processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations to be paid in full by **December 18, 2018** (75 days prior to departure). Reservations received after this date must be accompanied by payment in full. Final payment may be made by personal check, MasterCard, Visa, Discover or Amex. Make checks payable to AHI Travel.

Enclosed is a deposit of _____ (\$600 pp required) to reserve _____ place(s).

☐ Accept my check made payable to **AHI Travel**.

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LAND & AIR PROGRAM

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Full Price	Special Savings	Special Price*
\$5,245	\$250	\$4,995

*Special Price valid if booked by the date found on the address panel.
All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and include round-trip air service from Miami to Cuba.

Single accommodations are an additional \$995 (limited availability).

NOT INCLUDED-Fees for passports; personal gratuities; laundry and dry cleaning; excursions, wines, liquors, mineral waters and meals not mentioned in this brochure under included features; travel insurance; all items of a strictly personal nature.

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BAGGAGE-In Miami, two checked-in bags are allowed. Outbound from U.S. to Cuba, the baggage fee is \$25 for the first bag, \$40 for the second. Return to U.S.: No baggage fees. Each checked bag is limited to 50 lbs and 62 inches dimension (length + width + height). \$100 fee for a bag 51 to 70 lbs. No bag may weigh more than 70 lbs. These terms are subject to change.

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Insurance: Insurance: As a Tufts traveler, \$500,000 coverage for emergency evacuation and worldwide emergency assistance service is included in your Travel-Learn journey. In addition, Tufts Travel-Learn Program has made arrangements with an insurance provider to offer an optional comprehensive Traveler's Protection Plan. We strongly recommend purchase of this plan, which provides coverage for trip cancellation, interruption and/ or delay, baggage loss, theft, damage or delay, and other travel-related contingencies. Information on travel insurance is sent by the Tufts Travel-Learn Program with your trip confirmation letter.

Please Note: From time to time issues arise in various regions of the world that leads some groups and individuals to call for travel boycotts or other forms of political action. We leave it to our travelers to stay informed and to make their own judgment about travel.

CANCELLATION-All cancellations for any reason will be subject to a \$300 per person administrative fee. You may choose, at the time of cancellation, to apply the withheld administrative fee to a future AHI Travel program that will operate in the current calendar year or year following. Cancellation from 120 days to 76 days prior to departure will result in forfeiture of 15% of the entire cost of the trip per person; 75-30 days, 50% of the trip cost per person; cancellation from 29 days up to the time of departure will result in 100% forfeiture of the entire cost of the trip. **TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE IS AVAILABLE. AN APPLICATION WILL BE SENT AFTER YOU RESERVE.** All cancellations must be submitted in writing to AHI Travel. **CANCELLATION OF TRIP OPTIONS**-Purchases of optional excursions, trip extensions and additional hotel nights become fully non-refundable 45 days prior to departure. Air transportation and private transfer purchases are subject only to penalties assessed by the airlines and transfer suppliers.





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