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CUBA

& its People

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Inspiring Moments

- ▶ **Uncover Cuba's heart and soul** alongside its charismatic people.
- ▶ Learn about the lives and experiences of Cubans during meaningful **encounters and conversations.**
- ▶ **Interact with Cuba's varied arts community** during visits with artists, dancers, craftsmen and musicians.
- ▶ Talk with **small business owners and local artists,** learning about the path toward entrepreneurship in Cuba.
- ▶ Ride in an independently owned **1950s convertible** through Habana Vieja.
- ▶ Visit a farm in **Caimito,** and learn about the owner's vision to help Cuban farmers make a living from their land.
- ▶ Enjoy a journey to **Matanzas** for insight into the island's remarkable Afro-Cuban culture.
- ▶ Experience Old Havana and its Fortification System, a **UNESCO World Heritage site.**

UCLA**Alumni****Dear UCLA Alumni and Friends,**

From vintage cars to culture-soaked streets, infectious music to welcoming smiles, Cuba is a scintillating feast for the senses! Stay for seven nights in a privately owned boutique hotel located in Havana's vibrant Vedado neighborhood. With your intimately sized group, limited to 12 travelers, experience authentic connections to Cuba's community and witness firsthand the rapid changes occurring across the island.

Our thoughtfully designed Support for the Cuban People travel program delivers a full schedule of activities that provide meaningful interactions between our travelers and Cuban residents while benefiting civil society. Meet and support independent, small business owners, community leaders, artists, dancers and other residents who share their personal stories and perspectives into the island's ever-changing landscape. Local experts share professional insights to their country and expert-led excursions offer genuine exposure to Cuba's fascinating history, heritage and culture. From historic Havana to Caimito and Matanzas, get ready to engage with the real Cuba!

This exclusive program, developed by AHI Travel, is operated in accordance with a Support for the Cuban People general license established by the Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control.

Our extensive network of guides and locals are ready to share their passion for their country with you. I have personally traveled to Cuba twice if you have any questions. Space is limited so we encourage you to make your reservations today!

Regards from Westwood,



Christel Aragon
Director, Alumni Travel

310-206-0613**travel.alumni.ucla.edu****UNESCO
World Heritage****1. Old Havana
and its Fortification
System**



Vintage car ride, Havana

Day 1 | Miami, Florida | Havana, Cuba

Depart Miami for Havana. Upon arrival, check in to the ARTe Hotel Calle 2.

Tonight, gather for a Welcome Dinner at a local *paladar*, a privately owned and operated restaurant. Meet and mingle with locals on your first night in Cuba while supporting Cuban entrepreneurialism.

Day 2 | Havana

Enrichment: Havana's Urban Planning and Architectural Challenges. Gather with a local architect who examines contemporary city planning in Havana.

Discovery: Enigmatic Old Havana.

Enjoy your first look at this UNESCO World Heritage destination and its four main squares: Plaza de Armas, Plaza de San Francisco, Plaza de la Catedral and Plaza Vieja. These vibrant plazas teem with local life, from men playing dominos to colorful flea markets and children playing soccer. Chat with *habaneros*, local vendors, before continuing to Dador, an independently owned clothing store founded by Cuban women. Talk with the entrepreneurs, learning about their experiences with starting and owning a female-led business in Cuba.

Discovery: La Casa de la Cultura. This community center promotes art, culture and literature within Cuba and offers workshops on music, dancer, theater and other artistic areas. Enjoy engaging with the staff and children.

Dine at a *paladar*, an example of Cuba's gradual shift to a more free-market economy.

Day 3 | Havana

Discovery: In-Depth Havana. Climb aboard a classic convertible for a ride through Havana's historic quarter. Peek beneath the hood and learn how these well-preserved cars are maintained, including the challenges

of getting access to necessities. Continue to the Sephardic Hebrew Center where a member of Havana's Jewish Community invites us for a tour. Next, explore the charismatic Callejón de Hamel. This paint-splashed, music-filled alley is a central part of Afro-Cuban culture, a fusion of African and European religious practices. After lunch, see the towering Christ of Havana monument made from white marble.

Discovery: La Finca Vigia. See Ernest Hemingway's home. The famous author wrote *For Whom the Bell Tolls* and *The Old Man and the Sea* in this modest house.

Enrichment: U.S. and Cuban Relations.

Join a university professor to explore the U.S., Cuba and the Cuban economy.

Day 4 | Havana

Enrichment: Empowering Cuban Women.

A local sociologist gives an insightful talk about gender relations and the role of women in Cuba. Also discuss the challenges that women still need to overcome in order to achieve gender equality on the island.

Discovery: Contemporary Art in Cuba.

Wilfredo Benítez of the Ludwig Foundation explores local artists and their work. Continue to the National Museum of Fine Arts in central



Designers/owners of Dador clothing store, Havana



Finca Marta

Havana to see a collection featuring Cuban artists from the 17th century until today.

Discovery: Inside an Art Studio. Cuba's art scene reflects a menagerie of African, North and South American, and European cultures and influences. Tour Casa Fuster, the studio of Cuban painter and sculptor Jose Fuster, and talk with an artist about his work and the opportunities for local artists.

Tonight, gather for a reception and dinner at the Ludwig Foundation, a non-profit cultural institution that is dedicated to protecting and promoting Cuban artists. Meet independent local artists and learn about their desires to pursue artistic ventures.

Day 5 | Matanzas | Havana

Discovery: Matanzas - The Slaves' Route. Delve into the cultural riches of Matanzas. Cuba underwent a long period of slavery from 1511 until 1886. Today, Afro-Cuban roots remain profound across the island, especially in Matanzas. Tour the San Severino Museum, a castle built by slave labor to protect the city against attacks. This symbolic museum has many objects and photos illustrating slavery times. Learn about the history of the slave trade and how Afro-Cuban culture is celebrated through art, religion, music, language and other forms of expression.

Enrichment: Race and the Cuban Revolution. Discuss the effect of the Cuban



Contemporary dance studio, Havana

Revolution on racism across the island.

Day 6 | Havana

Enrichment: Cuba's Justice System.

A professor from the University of Havana shares his perspective and experiences with working alongside Cuba's justice system.

Discovery: Cuban Dance. Visit a contemporary dance studio for a look into Cuba's infectious dance scene, and meet some dancers. During a discussion with these specialists, learn about their experiences and commitments to their art and training.

Discovery: Norma Guillard. This Cuban social psychologist and adjunct lecturer at the University of Havana shares stories about her work. Watch "Maestra," a documentary about female volunteers who taught more than 700,000 Cubans to read and write during the Cuban Literacy Campaign.

Day 7 | Caimito | Havana

Discovery: Caimito. Visit an *agromercado*, a street market selling vegetables, fruits and varieties of meats and beans. Continue through the country to Finca Marta, a farm started by agronomist Fernando Funes. He shares his vision for transforming the Cuban



Casa Fuster, Havana

INCLUDED FEATURES



farming model by using resource-efficient artisanal farming methods and his goals for helping farmers make a living from their land. Relax with your fellow travelers over a lunch of locally sourced produce.

Enrichment: Rhythms of Cuban Music.

Join a Cuban ethnomusicologist to talk about Cuba's enthralling music scene, which has its roots in rhythms from Spain and West Africa.

Discovery: Afro-Cuban Dance. Enjoy gathering with local dancers. If you wish, try out a few dance steps yourself!

Raise a toast to your Cuban adventure during a Farewell Dinner at a family-owned *paladar*.

Day 8 | Havana | Miami, Florida

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for the return flight to Miami, Florida.

Note: *This itinerary is subject to change. If an event must be canceled, it will be replaced with another Support for the Cuban People event.*

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Agromercado

Accommodations (with baggage handling)

– **7 nights** in Havana, Cuba, at the first-class ARTe Hotel Calle 2, a privately owned boutique hotel.

Flights & Transfers (with baggage handling)

– Round-trip flights between Miami and Cuba and all deluxe motor coach transfers during the Land Program.

Extensive Meal Program

– 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 4 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus a local beverage with dinner.

– Opportunities to sample authentic cuisine and local flavors.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

– **AHI Travel Assurance** plan that covers Accident and Sickness Medical Expense, Trip Delay and Emergency Evacuation for U.S. residents.

– Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into Cuba's history, heritage and culture.

– **Discovery excursions** provide meaningful connections with small business owners and individual Cuban residents who share their personal stories and unique perspectives.

– **AHI Sustainability Promise:** Striving for a positive, purposeful impact on the destinations we visit: preserving the environment, supporting local communities and giving back to the places we travel.

– A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.

– Tipping of local guides and drivers.

– Cuban visa.

– Complimentary travel mementos.

A Note About Activity Levels

We want you to have a comfortable and enjoyable experience. That's why we have rated all of our excursions with activity levels to help you assess this program's physical expectations. Depending on the excursion, more leisurely alternatives may be available. Please call or visit our website to review the itinerary for full details about our activity levels.

Excursions on this program require:

- ▶ walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths or uneven surfaces
- ▶ getting on and off motor coaches

AHI Travel Expertise

From your reservation to your return home, we're 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** | After reserving your spot, enjoy personalized assistance from this specialist, your one point of contact who helps with everything from arranging flights to booking elective activities to fulfilling special requests.
- ▶ **Travel Information** | Before your journey, our team closely monitors travel conditions, shares pre-departure details and provides information and enrichment about your destination.

Once you arrive:

Our top-notch, dedicated team takes your adventure to the next level! Share a laugh, learn where to find the best café and enjoy their unique perspectives on the local scene.

- ▶ **Travel Director** | Our multilingual Travel Director manages all the details so that you can simply relax and soak up the ambience. In the care of this seasoned travel professional who is attuned to your personal safety, you'll enjoy a seamless, unforgettable travel experience.
- ▶ **Expert Guides** | Who better to show you around than the people who live there? We've specially selected informed, enthusiastic local 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, culture and current events. The breadth of their knowledge deepens your appreciation for the region and its heritage.



ARTE Hotel Calle 2 | Havana



Nestled in the cultural heart of Havana, this renovated mansion welcomes guests with a relaxing terrace beneath shade trees and an exhibition space to showcase local artists. Unique, individually designed rooms are dedicated to different art mediums: painting, music, poetry, cinema and dance. Discerning guests will enjoy the property's modern touches and classic Cuban style.

Cuba and its People

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Once UCLA Alumni Travel receives this request, AHI Travel will contact you within one business day to discuss your deposit payment. Your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit is paid and processed.

If paying by check, please make check payable to AHI Travel and include with the form.

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I/we would like to request _____ place(s).

(Deposit amount is \$600 per person.)

Please select date requested:

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Name (Reservation Request sent separately).

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

Yes, I/we are requesting the round-trip flight(s) to and from Miami, FL,
to depart from: _____
Departure City

Please contact me regarding air options.

Reservations are subject to availability and processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations to be paid in full 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.

Please note: Program-specific terms and conditions are available on our website on the trip page. You can also request a copy from our travel experts. Any payment to AHI Travel constitutes your acceptance of the terms and conditions set out therein, including but not limited to the cancellation terms.

LAND & AIR PROGRAM

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Full Price

Special Savings

Special Price*

\$5,045

\$250

\$4,795

*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 between Miami to Cuba.

Suite upgrades are available at an additional cost (limited availability).

Single accommodations are not available on this program.



Callejón de Hamel



Artist's studio

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For more than half a century, our dedicated team has helped travelers explore the world safely and securely.

To offer you added peace-of-mind, we've fine-tuned all facets of your travel experience:

- ✓ **Included AHI Travel Assurance** covers travel- and health-related contingencies. Available for U.S. residents only.
- ✓ Increased booking flexibility and relaxed cancellation penalties.
- ✓ **Home support staff and ground team** communicating 24/7 to ensure a seamless and safe journey.
- ✓ Travel Directors specially trained to the highest standard in accordance with AHI's health and safety protocols.
- ✓ A global network of partners rigorously following new procedures and protocols.
- ✓ **Enhanced sanitization practices** for river ships, hotels, trains and motor coaches.
- ✓ Tour operations modified for smaller groups and greater physical distancing.
- ✓ Hand sanitizer available for guest use.



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With AHI you can rely on:

- Experienced Travel Directors who attend to every detail of your journey.
- An exceptional travel value.
- Unique access to local sites.
- Flexibility and customization.
- Safety and security.



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