

CUBA & its People

HAVANA



**SMALL
GROUP**
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12 Travelers

AIR INCLUSIVE
from Miami, FL



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October 23-30, 2026



Dear University of Michigan Alumni Travelers,

Travel is an enriching part of our lives, connecting us to new worlds, new friends, and each other. At the Alumni Association of the University of Michigan, we've spent more than 60 years planning, perfecting, and executing extraordinary, exclusive trips for U-M travelers – trips you'd expect from, and for, the Leaders and Best. These adventures will take you beyond an ordinary visit and dive into the culture, history, cuisine, and lives of the locals at your destination.

Here are a few of the highlights you can expect from us:

Convenience: Our experience pays off. Every detail is planned and taken care of for you; all you have to do is pack your bag. The hardest part is selecting where to go next.

Educational Enrichment: All trips include educational content, with some featuring expert U-M faculty and staff traveling with your group.

Unique Explorations: Our tours are specially designed for U-M travelers, providing opportunities for spontaneous encounters and a great deal of independence wherever your journey takes you.

We invite you to explore our collection at alumni.umich.edu/travel.

Our travel team is also happy to assist you at 855.764.0064 or alumnitravel@umich.edu.

Sincerely,

Rachele Neu

Rachele Neu, '08, MA'12

NOTE: The Alumni Travel program is a member benefit of the Alumni Association. Travelers, regardless of alumni status, must be a member to participate in our trips.

UNESCO World Heritage

Old Havana and its Fortification System



La Cabaña fortress, Havana harbor



Old Havana



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Top: Cathedral, Havana

Cover: Plaza de la Catedral, Havana

Mail panel: Cuban dance company | Colorful Matanzas

Inspiring Moments



- **Uncover Cuba's complex history and culture** alongside its resilient people.
- **Engage in meaningful interactions with local Cubans** – gaining valuable insight from artists, dancers, cultural groups and entrepreneurs.
- Discover **Old Havana's historic plazas** and the artsy El Callejón de Hamel alley.
- Ride in a **1950s American convertible** along Havana's Malecón sea drive.
- Explore the city of **Matanzas' rich historic and cultural heritage**.
- Visit the San Severino Castle and Sugar Mill Museum on **Cuba's Slave Route**.
- Spend a day with the residents of a **self-sustaining rural community**.
- Experience Old Havana and its Fortification System, a **UNESCO World Heritage site**.



Historic Old Havana

Day 1 | Miami, Florida | Havana, Cuba

Depart Miami for Havana. Arrive, transfer and check in to the Claxon Hotel Boutique.

Welcome Dinner. Gather with your fellow travelers for dinner at a privately owned and operated local restaurant. Meet and support local entrepreneurs on your first night in Cuba!

Day 2 | Havana

Enrichment: Havana’s Architecture.

Old Havana Guided Walk. Enjoy your first look at La Habana Vieja, Old Havana, 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 dominoes to artists performing and vendors selling wares. Continue to Dador, an independently owned clothing store founded by Cuban women. Engage with the staff to gain an understanding of their creativity and spirit, the challenges they overcame and the rewards of starting and owning a female-led business. Stop for a casual Cuban lunch in Old Havana.

Enrichment: The Cuban Economy.

Day 3 | Havana

Norma Guillard. Meet distinguished Cuban social psychologist and adjunct lecturer at the University of Havana, Norma Guillard. Watch “Maestra,” a documentary about the female volunteers who taught over 700,000 Cubans to read and write during the 1961 Cuban Literacy Campaign. Guillard will share stories about her involvement at age 15, and her support of the LGBTQ community and women in low-income neighborhoods, followed by a discussion.

National Museum of Fine Arts. Join Wilfredo Benítez of the Ludwig Foundation, who will offer insightful commentary as he guides you on a tour of this important Cuban cultural institution. The museum houses a diverse collection of Cuban and European art, including colonial-era, 19th-century, modern and revolutionary works. Discuss your morning’s insights over lunch.

Vintage Convertible. Hop into a classic 1950s American convertible for a ride along Havana’s Malecón sea drive. Peek beneath the hood and chat with your friendly driver to appreciate their resourcefulness in maintaining the vintage cars.

Enrichment: The Cuban Health Care System

Day 4 | Havana

Enrichment: Empowering Cuban Women.

Jewish Culture & Cuban Dance. Visit the Ashkenazi Community Center to learn about Cuba’s Jewish culture. Then, stop at Malpaso, a contemporary dance studio, to spend time with the dancers and gain insight into their

Founders and owners of Dador





La Finca Vigía, Ernest Hemingway's home & museum

passion, training and dedication to dance.

La Finca Vigía. Visit Ernest Hemingway's modest home, where he lived from 1939 to 1960 and wrote "The Old Man and the Sea."

Ludwig Foundation. Later, gather on the terrace of this nonprofit institution, dedicated to protecting and promoting Cuban artists and culture. Engage in intellectual exchanges with local artists to understand their unwavering commitment to pursuing artistic ventures.

Enjoy dinner and discussion together tonight.

Day 5 | Havana | Matanzas

Matanzas. Drive to the province of Matanzas today while gazing at scenic views of the lush Yumurí Valley. In Matanzas, pass through the historic French Quarter and see once-elegant Spanish colonial mansions. Stop to visit the San Severino Castle, built in 1735. Then, stroll through La Libertad Park to witness Cuban freedom monuments. Next, visit the preserved French-style Museo Farmacéutico, founded in 1882. Admire its collection of North American stained-glass medicine bottles and antique

Cuban musician



French porcelain jars during your guided visit.

Choir Performance. Delight in a local choir performance, followed by a brief Q&A session with the talented, dedicated choir members.

Relax over lunch at a nearby restaurant.

Sugar Mill Triunvirato. On a visit to this 19th-century sugar plantation and site of the 1843 Slave Rebellion, view the Monument to the Slave Rebellion and explore the Sugar Mill Museum, housed in the former overseer's quarters, to learn about daily life in the 1800s.

Day 6 | Havana

Enrichment: Race & the Cuban Revolution.

Agromercado. Experience daily Cuban life at an authentic, bustling street food market.

El Callejón de Hamel. Stroll along this artsy, colorful alley, Cuba's oldest community art project and the hub of Afro-Cuban arts and culture. Immerse yourself in the vibrant street art and rumba drumming, while gaining insight into Cuba's diverse Afro-Cuban religions.

Inside an Art Studio. Then, visit Casa Fuster, the home and studio of Picasso-inspired Cuban painter and sculptor José Fuster. View the artist's vibrant mosaics and hear about his work, followed by an engaging lunch here.

Sauto Theater, Matanzas





Included Features



Accommodations (with baggage handling)

- 7 nights in Havana, Cuba, at the first-class Claxon Hotel Boutique.

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 wine, beer or a cocktail with dinner.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- **Small group:** Sized just right at 12 guests.
- **Enrichment by expert speakers** enhances your insight into Cuba's history, culture and heritage.
- **Engaging excursions** provide meaningful connections with small business owners and individual Cuban residents who share their personal stories and unique perspectives.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Cuban visa.
- **AHI Sustainability Promise:** We strive to make a positive impact wherever we travel.

Casa de la Cultura. Visit this cultural center, dedicated to promoting Cuban art, literature and culture through workshops in music, dance and theater. Engage with the staff and children to provide hands-on assistance.

Cuban Dance. Back at the hotel, gather with local dancers who will share their passion and tips on how to dance the salsa. If you wish, take a turn around the dance floor yourself! Gather for dinner together at the Claxon Hotel.

Day 7 | Havana | Rural Cuba

Las Terrazas. Drive to the island's countryside while admiring Cuba's lush, untamed beauty en route to visit Las Terrazas, a model socialist community dedicated to sustainability and cultural initiatives. Connect with residents to learn about their conservation efforts and daily life as you visit a local daycare, doctor's office, artist's studio and café, followed by a lunch made with locally grown, organic vegetables.

Enrichment: *The Rhythms of Cuban Music.*

Farewell Dinner. Celebrate your enriching week during dinner at a local restaurant .

Day 8 | Havana | Miami, Florida

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for the return flight to Miami, Florida, and connection to your home city.

Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions. If an event must be canceled, it will be replaced with another People-to-People event.

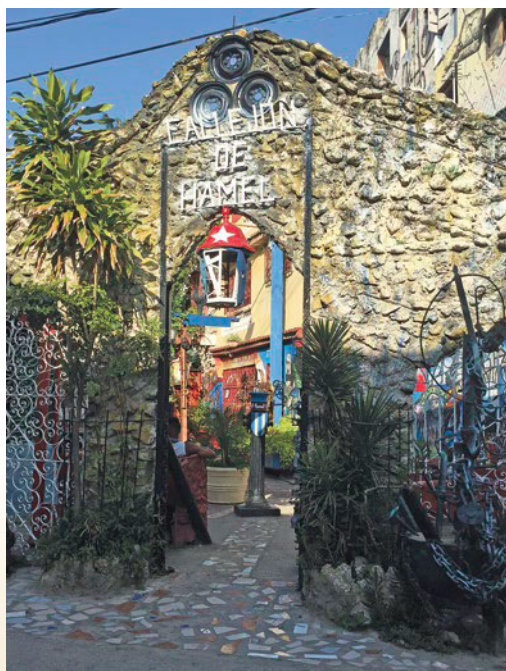
Activity Level

We have designated activity levels for all excursions on this program. For more details, please call or visit our website.

Excursions on this itinerary require:

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

El Callejón de Hamel





Above: Casa Fuster, the studio of Cuban artist and sculptor José Fuster
Below: Agromercado, a sustainable local market



2026 | Departure Details

Program Dates

Travel dates † **October 23-30, 2026**

† Travel dates include any overnights required for international travel. These dates may vary depending on air schedules.

Tour dates* **October 23-30, 2026**

* Tour dates begin on the scheduled arrival date at your destination and end on the scheduled departure date from your destination.

Land Program

Category	Full Price	Special Savings Price*
Classic	\$5,945	\$5,195
Junior Suite	\$6,245	\$5,495
Superior Paseo	\$6,545	\$5,795

***This Special Savings Price includes our \$250 Early Booking and \$500 Pay-in-Full discounts and is valid if you book by the date on the address panel and pay in full at booking.**

Deposit amount is \$750 per person.

Final Payment is due at least 120 days prior to departure.

Price includes applicable program taxes (such as VAT and port charges).

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and include round-trip air service between Miami and Cuba.

Single accommodations are not available on this program.

Please note: Program-specific terms and conditions are available at <https://umich.ahitravel.com/destinations/1973A?schoold=95>.

Explore Cuban culture through interaction with local Cuban residents, artists and artisans, musicians, writers and entrepreneurs, which will directly benefit and support the Cuban people.

This exclusive program, developed by AHI Travel, is operated in accordance with a People-to-People general license established by the Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control pursuant to 31 CFR section 515.565.



Cuban musicians

Accommodations



The Claxon Hotel Boutique | Havana



Conveniently located Havana's El Vedado neighborhood, the privately owned Claxon Hotel Boutique exudes character, charm and sophistication. The romantic hotel's interior is designed in a seamless blend of historical elegance and classic car-inspired decor, featuring modern comforts and attentive service. After a day of enriching adventures, unwind on the scenic rooftop bar overlooking Havana or in the serene tropical garden and patio gathering spaces.



AHI Travel Expertise



Travel Consultants assist with the reservation process.

Travel & Air Coordinators offer their personalized assistance with flights, electives and special requests.

Travel Information provides pre-departure details and enrichment about your destination.

Your Travel Director, a seasoned, multilingual professional, manages daily logistics so you enjoy a seamless experience.

Handpicked Expert Guides and **Knowledgeable Lecturers** deepen your appreciation for the region and its history, culture and current events.

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