

Havana

THE AFRO-CUBAN EXPERIENCE

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Dear UW Alumni and Friends,

From its signature vintage cars and colonial buildings to genuine personal encounters, Cuba leaves visitors with an indelible sense of nostalgia. Stay for seven nights in a privately owned boutique hotel in Havana's Vedado neighborhood. With your intimately sized group, limited to 12 travelers, make authentic connections with the Cuban community and unravel the far-reaching influences of the African diaspora on the island's culture and people.

Our thoughtfully designed People-to-People program delivers a full schedule of activities that provide meaningful interactions between our travelers and Cuban residents. Special excursions through Havana, Matanzas, Guanabacoa and Regla reveal the country's profound Afro-Cuban roots and showcase Cuba's unparalleled art scene. Along the way, we'll introduce you to independent business owners, community leaders, dancers and other residents who share their passions and way of life with you while local experts offer professional insights into their country.

Our extensive network of guides and locals are eager to share personal knowledge of their country with you. Make your reservation today, call AHI Travel at **877-223-9274**.

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Sincerely,



Kate Rickard
Director, UW Alumni Tours
UW Alumni Association

P.S. Your friends and family are welcome to join you on our tours, even if they're not UW alumni!

UWAA Membership: While you do not have to be a UW grad to join this tour, we ask that one person, per reservation, join the UW Alumni Association. Member dues help support our travel program, making these tours possible. For UWAA membership details, please go to www.UWalum.com.

UNESCO World Heritage

1. Old Havana and its Fortification System



Cannons at fortification, Havana



La Cabaña Fortress,
Havana



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Top: Vintage automobiles, Havana
 Cover: Cuban jazz musician
 Mail panel: Old Havana | Afro-Cuban musician

Inspiring Moments



- **Broaden your understanding** of the profound influence of the African diaspora on Cuban life and culture.
- Connect with local experts, community leaders, musicians and artists during **People-to-People visits**.
- Visit independently owned businesses to have meaningful discussions with **entrepreneurial Afro-Cubans**.
- Discover the deep Afro-Cuban roots of **Matanzas, Guanabacoa and Regla**.
- Venture beyond Havana to visit a **model socialist community** and learn about its conservation efforts.
- Encounter Havana's expressive, vibrant **street art movement**.
- Ride in an independently owned **1950s convertible** along Havana's Malecón.
- Experience historic Old Havana, and its Fortification System, a **UNESCO World Heritage site**.



Plaza of the Cathedral, Old Havana

Day 1 | Miami, Florida | Havana, Cuba

Depart Miami for Havana. ☘ Arrive, transfer ☞ and check in to the La Reserva Vedado.

Tonight, gather for a Welcome Dinner at a local *paladar*, a privately owned and operated restaurant. Meet, mingle and support local entrepreneurs on your first night in Cuba.

Day 2 | Havana | Regla | Guanabacoa

Afro-Cuban Havana. Join Cuban writer and activist Roberto Zurbano for a walking tour of Cuba's historic heart, La Habana Vieja, or Old Havana. Learn about the engrossing history and culture of the Afro-Cuban people. Then, visit Beyond Roots, an independent shop dedicated to promoting Afro-Cuban culture through educational experiences and workshops, to meet and talk with the founder.

Regla & Guanabacoa. Then, venture across the bay to visit Regla, known for its long traditions of Santería, Palo Monte and other religions. See the Iglesia de Nuestra Señora de Regla, a historical church that houses the black Madonna and other shrines. Continue to Guanabacoa, Havana's Afro-Cuban cultural center. Step inside the house of a Babalawo, a priest of the Yoruba religion known as Ifá, for an intimate glimpse into and understanding of the practice. Savor a lunch of authentic Afro-Cuban dishes.

Afro-Cuban Dance. Enjoy a special gathering with local dancers born and raised in Havana. Since childhood, dancing has been a part of their lives as they've trained with dance troupes and studios over the years. Engage and listen as they share their passions for teaching tango and salsa. And, try a few steps yourself!

Day 3 | Havana

Havana Walking Tour. Explore Callejón de Hamel, a colorful alleyway that is central to the expression of Afro-Cuban identity and spirit. On this iconic, eclectic street, see rumba dancers and drummers, vibrant murals and sculptures, and art made from recycled items. Next, join an expert for a guided visit to Havana's National Museum of Fine Arts. Admire mixed media art, paintings and sculptures by Afro-Cuban artists. Recharge over a group lunch at a *paladar*.

Vintage Car Ride. Thrill to a drive in a classic convertible along Havana's 4.3-mile Malecón sea drive and chat with your friendly driver. Then, visit the famous, historic Hotel Nacional.

Enrichment: The Cuban Economy.

Day 4 | Havana

Enrichment: Empowering Cuban Women.

Havana In-Depth. Visit the Sephardic Hebrew Center to learn about Cuba's Jewish culture from a member of Havana's Jewish community.

Beyond Roots, Havana





Las Terrazas

Then, visit local dance company Malpaso to watch dancers rehearse and hear about their profession and dreams. Stop for lunch at a female-owned cafe, followed by visits to local shops founded by Cuban women. Engage in discussions with the female entrepreneurs to hear about the challenges they overcame and the new opportunities open to Cuban women.

Ludwig Foundation. After dinner, gather on the terrace of this philanthropic foundation to hear from Wilfredo Benítez Munõz, Executive Director, on how the foundation promotes contemporary Cuban artists and culture.

Day 5 | Matanzas | Havana

Afro-Cuban Matanzas. Venture to this hidden cultural gem and epicenter of the Afro-Cuban legacy. Matanzas was a principle city where slaves were brought to Cuba from Africa from 1511 to 1886. Meet with influential African cultural groups throughout the province to understand their deep Afro-Cuban roots.

Black Madonna, Iglesia de Nuestra Señora de Regla



Take a break while enjoying a small chamber orchestra performance and lunch. Then, visit the Sugar Mill Triunvirato museum and see the moving Monument to the Slaves' Rebellion.

Enrichment: Race & the Cuban Revolution.

Day 6 | Havana

Insights of 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 over 700,000 Cubans to read and write during the Cuban Literacy Campaign, followed by a discussion.

Cuban art





Shops of Old Havana. Visit shops created, owned and operated by Cuban women, including Ciclo EcoPapel, which recycles old paper goods to make stationary; and Zulu, which crafts and sells leather goods from recycled scraps. Engage in enriching discussions with these female entrepreneurs. Savor lunch at a female-owned café, and later, Cuban cuisine for dinner at a local restaurant.

Enrichment: Cuban Health Care System.

Day 7 | Rural Cuba | Havana

Rural Cuba. Travel to the rural countryside as you take in the untamed views of tobacco and sugarcane fields. Visit Las Terrazas, a model socialist community, to engage with residents and learn about their conservation efforts. Also, visit and talk with the principal at a local school, stop at an artist's studio and savor lunch of locally grown vegetables.

Enrichment: Rhythms of Cuban Music.

Raise a toast to your trip at a Farewell Dinner.

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 People-to-People event.

Note About Activity Levels

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

Included Features



Accommodations (with baggage handling)

- **7 nights** in Havana, Cuba, at the first-class La Reserva Vedado, 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.

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, heritage and culture.
- **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.
- Complimentary travel mementos.
- **AHI Sustainability Promise:** We strive to make a positive impact wherever we travel.

Contemporary Cuban dancers



Accommodations



La Reserva Vedado | Havana



Located in the ideally situated neighborhood of El Vedado, this privately owned boutique hotel offers a peaceful tropical garden, welcoming service and works of contemporary Cuban art in the in-house Art Gallery. The inviting decor evokes the colonial past of this historic mansion and your individually decorated room offers the ideal blend of elegant furnishing and modern comforts.



Matanzas



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Air-Inclusive Program

Travel dates †

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

Tour dates*

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

Pricing

Category	Full Price	Early Booking Special Price*
Standard	\$5,745	\$4,995
Junior Suite	\$5,945	\$5,195
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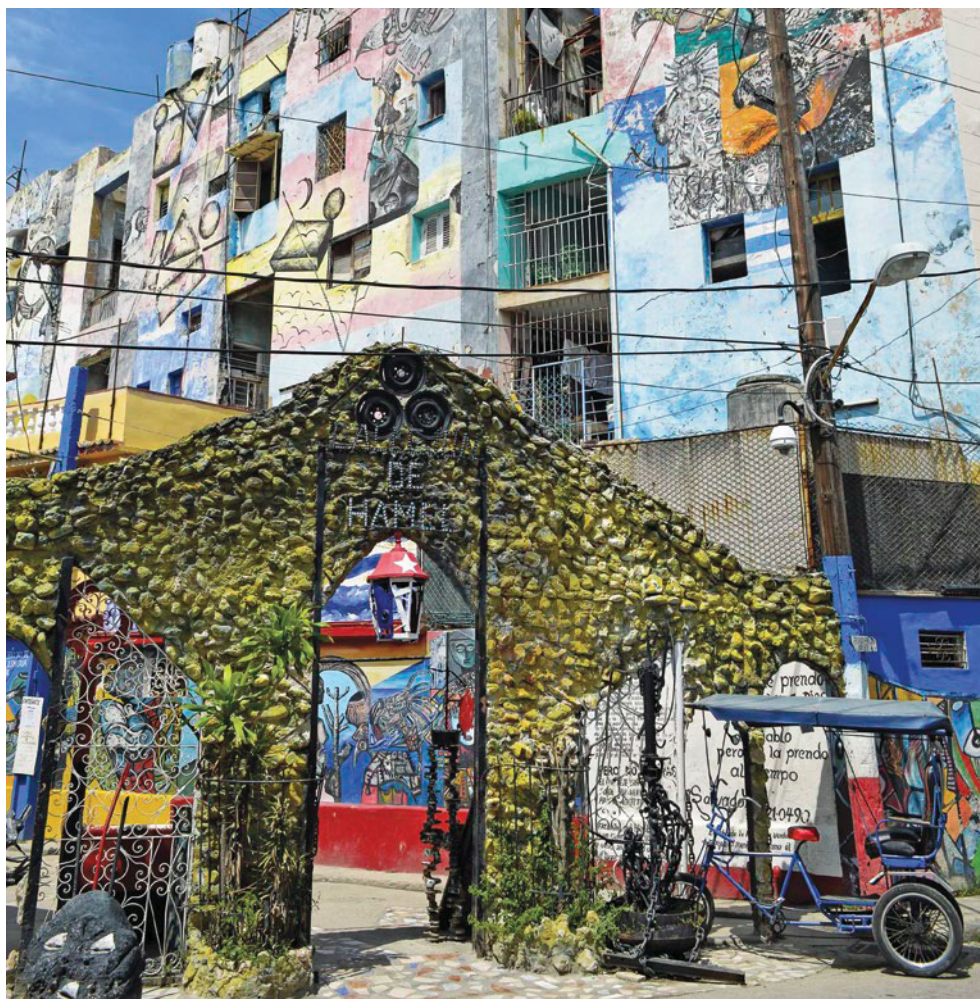
All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and include round-trip air service between Miami and Cuba.

Single accommodations are not available on this program.

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Callejon de Hamel, Havana

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Before you go:

Travel Consultants stand ready to answer your questions as they guide you through the reservation process.

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

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

Once you arrive:

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

Handpicked Expert Guides offer fascinating insights and share their passion for their country with you.

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



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