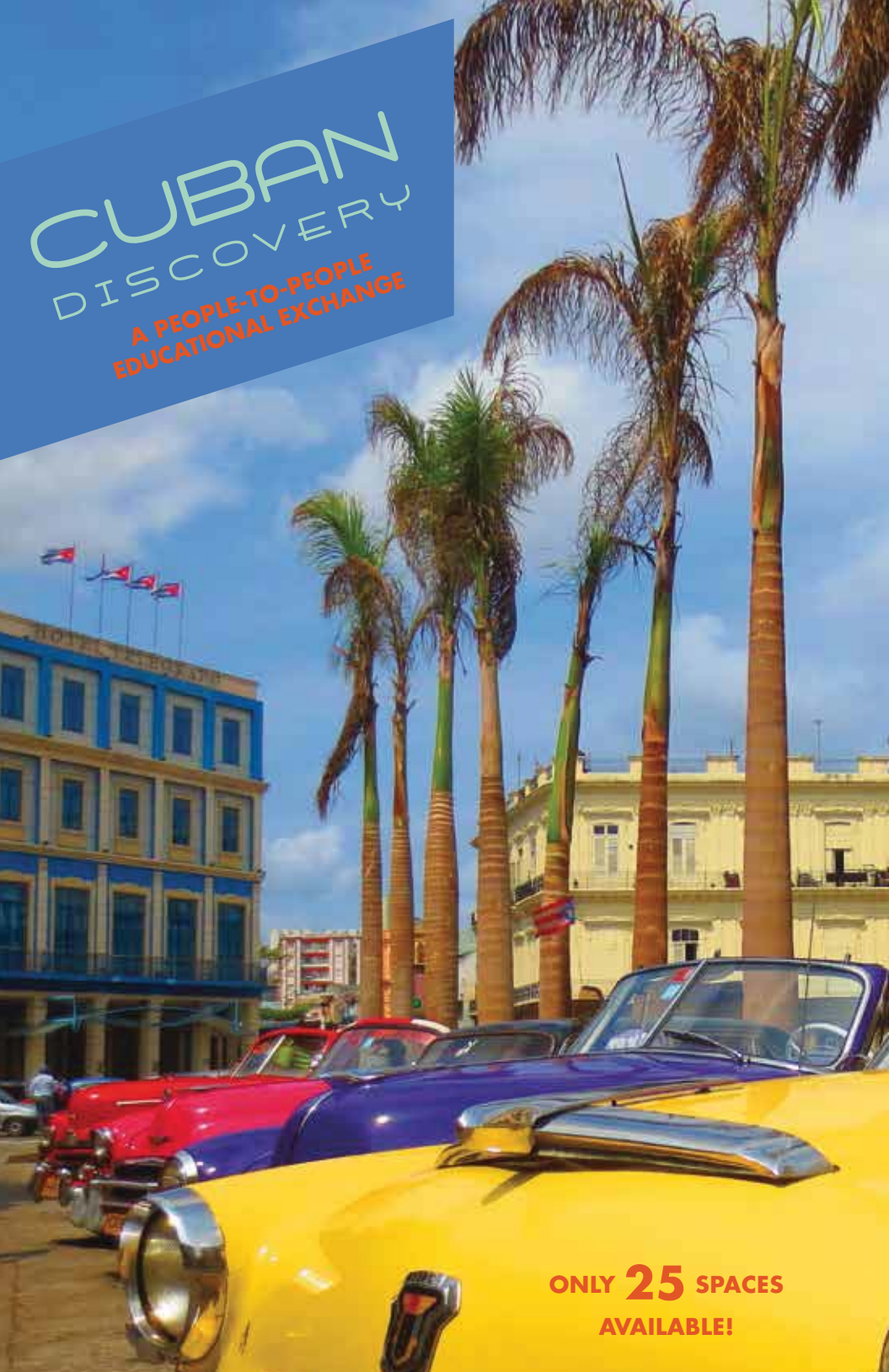


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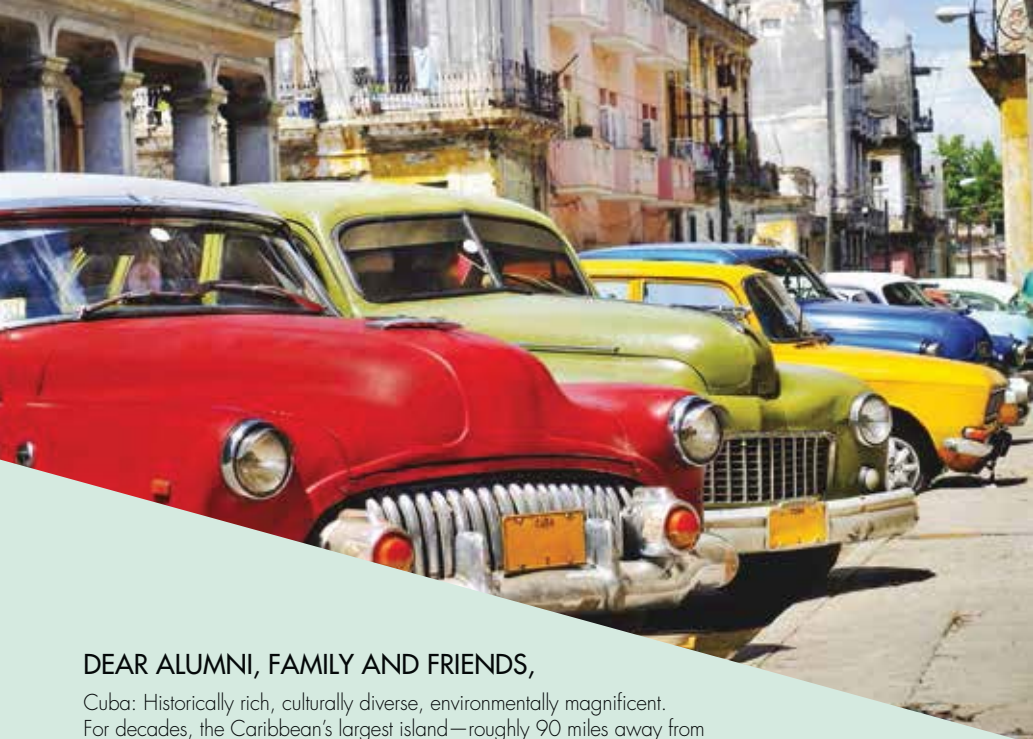


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## DEAR ALUMNI, FAMILY AND FRIENDS,

Cuba: Historically rich, culturally diverse, environmentally magnificent. For decades, the Caribbean's largest island—roughly 90 miles away from U.S. soil—has been but a mystery, perceived through secondhand sources and beyond the grasp of most American travelers.

Now that People-to-People exchanges are possible, we invite you to embark on a captivating journey that reveals Cuba's complex history and culture. This trip is specially designed to broaden your understanding of this nation of stark contradictions molded by a turbulent past. Time seems to stand still as you watch vintage 1950s-era automobiles roll along cobble streets past beautifully preserved Spanish colonial buildings. As the hub for economic and political heritage, Havana presents an ideal setting to interact with local citizens and uncover new perspectives. You will gain insight into the country's thriving arts community through discussions with independent artists and visits to performing arts schools and studios. You'll also journey beyond the spirited capital to fertile tobacco and sugar cane fields that permeate the countryside revealing a glimpse into rural Cuban life. Along the southern coastline, you'll visit the beautifully preserved colonial cities of Trinidad and Cienfuegos—both UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

This exclusive opportunity to explore Cuba is organized and operated by Go Next, Inc., which holds a People-to-People license from the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC), authorizing registered travelers on this educational exchange program to visit Cuba. Go Next invites you to personally experience the people, culture, landscape and architecture of this distinct Caribbean nation on a week-long journey developed for the University of Chicago Alumni Association.

With an intimate group of just 25 travelers, you will share enriching activities that illuminate the realities of Cuban citizens, providing an ideal gateway into their daily lives. Through informative and educational People-to-People exchanges, you will uncover Cuba's lush beauty, paradoxes and remarkable intrigue on this unforgettable adventure. Don't miss this unique opportunity to unravel the mysteries of a fascinating country through its most candid, inspiring source—its people.

Sincerely,

Kate Heilman  
Associate Director, Travel and Education  
Alumni Association



**Tianna Paschel** is the Neubauer Family assistant professor of political science at the University of Chicago. Her research explores the intersection of racial ideology, politics, and globalization in the African diaspora in Latin America. She has published in the *American Journal of Sociology*, the *Du Bois Review*, *SOULS: A Critical Journal of Black Politics, Culture and Society*, and *Ethnic and Racial Studies* and is currently working on two book projects. The first—*Becoming Black Political Subjects in Colombia and Brazil*—is based on her dissertation, completed in sociology at the University of California, Berkeley. The second is a coedited interdisciplinary volume exploring transnationalism and the African diaspora in the Americas. Paschel also has spent more than a decade training in, teaching, and performing African diasporic dances from Cuba, Haiti, Brazil, and Colombia. A student of Teresita Dome Pérez of Afrocuba de Matanzas, Paschel has performed with Omo Ashé in Los Angeles, Ashé Moyuba Folkloric Company in DC, EMESE: Messengers of the African Diaspora in the San Francisco Bay Area, and Tambores de Elegua Afro-Colombian Dance Company in Bogotá, Colombia.

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SPACE IS LIMITED TO 25 PARTICIPANTS

For information and to register, call GO NEXT at 800.842.9023

# TRAVEL INSURANCE

We strongly suggest purchasing travel insurance. Travel insurance information will be sent to you by the University of Chicago Alumni Association with your confirmation letter.

## OPERATOR/PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT

**Go Next, Inc.** (hereinafter GN), located at 8000 West 78th Street, Suite 345, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55439-2538, in return for full payment by you of the amounts specified, is responsible to arrange for the transportation, accommodations and other services specified as included in this brochure as and to the extent you have selected them, and subject to the following terms and conditions. Unless expressly specified as included by this brochure, services, taxes and fees are not included.

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**TRAVELER RESPONSIBILITY:** GN has been issued a specific license by the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (hereinafter OFAC) to organize and conduct a program consisting of a full-time schedule of educational exchange activities that will result in meaningful interaction between the travelers and individuals in Cuba. U.S. law requires that all participants adhere to this full-time schedule of activities, and imposes on GN the obligation to ensure such adherence. By registering, I/we confirm and agree to adhere (without deviation) to the itinerary submitted by GN and approved by OFAC. In the event any traveler does not adhere to this full-time schedule, GN will require the traveler to leave the travel program and may result in legal penalties for the traveler. OFAC may require the submission of a report from each participant concerning the activities undertaken pursuant to GN's license. Each participant is required to keep a record of all transactions undertaken pursuant to GN's license for a period of at least five years from the date of travel.

**PAYMENT:** A deposit in the amount shown on the reservation form and a signed agreement for each person is required to secure reservations. Final payment is due as shown on the reservation form. If space is fully booked, your payment will be returned or, with your authorization, your name placed on a waiting list. ALL CHECKS AND MONEY ORDERS ARE TO BE MADE PAYABLE AS INDICATED ON THE RESERVATION FORM. CONFIRMATION IS SUBJECT TO RECEIPT BY GN OF DEPOSIT AND A SIGNED AGREEMENT.

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The price is based on tariffs in effect for estimated 2015 prices as of January 01, 2014. Prices increase every year, and it is therefore possible that increases could occur after the printing of this brochure and in advance of your departure.

**AIR TRANSPORTATION:** Airfares are capacity controlled and may have restrictive terms and conditions. Participants who make their domestic airline reservations with Go Next will be responsible for any airline fees or penalties incurred as a result of program cancellation and/or change in travel dates, or airline schedule(s). After tickets are issued, penalties up to 100% of the ticket may be assessed by the airlines if reservations are changed or canceled after ticketing. Travel participants who choose to make their own domestic airline reservations independent of Go Next, will be wholly responsible for any airline fees or penalties incurred as a result of program cancellation and/or change in travel dates, or airline schedule(s). GN reserves the right to specify the international charter air carrier and routing. Some airline-imposed fees may be additional, including but not limited to baggage, priority boarding, and special seating.

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Aircraft boarding privileges are limited to persons whose full payment and signed agreement have been received by GN and whose names are on the manifest given to the carrier before departure. All persons must also present a passport with at least six months validity beyond their return date and a Cuba visa when boarding. Improper documentation, inadequate proof of identity, inadequate proof of age for children under 2, or any other reason may result in denial of boarding privileges. The air carrier reserves the right to decline, accept or retain any person on the flight at any time within their sole discretion. If you are denied boarding privileges, you forfeit all monies paid and will be assessed any non-recoverable costs.

**VISAS:** A visa is required for U.S. citizens traveling to Cuba. GN's OFAC authorized travel service provider will endeavor to assist travelers in applying for the necessary visa subject to the following. A signed, valid passport is required for each person and it is suggested that if you do not already have your passport that you apply for it immediately. If you currently have a valid passport, it must be valid a minimum of 6 months after your scheduled date of return to meet the requirements for your visa. Visa assistance will only be provided for those travelers paid in full 45 days prior to departure.

**NOTICES:** Any complaints or claims against GN must be made in writing and received by GN within 90 days after scheduled termination of the trip. Any action or suit against GN must be commenced within 1 (one) year after scheduled termination of the trip or be forever barred.

The rights and remedies relating to cancellations made available under this agreement are in addition to any other rights or remedies available under applicable law. However, we offer any refunds under this agreement with the express understanding that the receipt of that refund by you waives all other remedies.

While Go Next makes every effort to adhere to the specifics shown in this brochure, all information contained herein is subject to change. Go Next is not responsible or liable for typographical errors, omissions or misprints.

**INSURANCE:** Travel insurance is available and can provide coverage for unforeseen circumstances that could disrupt your trip. See panel above.

**INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS ONLY:** International travel involves stringent identification and documentation requirements. Be sure you are familiar with them sufficiently in advance and early in your planning.

**ADVISORY:** When you are traveling outside of the United States, please be aware that significantly different health, safety and legal standards may prevail. You should plan and act accordingly and exercise good personal judgment for your own health and safety at all times when abroad. If you have special medical or physical requirements, you should investigate your destination(s) beforehand and ensure the care and conditions you need will be available.

**IF YOU CHANGE PLANS OR CANCEL, YOUR RIGHTS TO A REFUND ARE LIMITED:** The following charges will be assessed for cancellations.

If you cancel or change plans more than 100 days in advance of initial flight, a full refund less a \$250 per person administrative fee is provided. Any refunds are provided only in accordance with the following schedule. Any requests for cancellation must be communicated to GN in writing. Applicable refunds, if any, will be made within 14 days after the cancellation.

**CANCELLATIONS:** Upon receipt of written cancellation from you, the following service fees will apply in addition to any applicable airline cancellation fees: Cancellations received 101 days or more before initial flight departure, \$250 per person; 100-46 days before departure, \$1,000 per person; 45 days or less, no refund.

**HEALTH:** Any physical or mental condition requiring special medical attention or equipment must be disclosed in writing to GN at the time the participant makes a reservation. GN may reject the reservation of any person who, in the opinion of GN, is unfit for travel or might be a danger to themselves or incompatible with others on the trip. Participants requiring special assistance, including without limitation those who permanently or periodically use a wheelchair, must be accompanied by someone who agrees to provide the required assistance and participate in the program. GN reserves the right in its sole discretion to terminate the authority of any participant to remain in Cuba under GN's license.

THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS OF ANY KIND (INCLUDING MEDICAL EXCEPTIONS) TO THESE POLICIES. No refunds will be made for any portion of the arrangements we have made for you that are not actually utilized by you. There is no variance from these policies for the services we arrange as described in this brochure.

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**CUBAN DISCOVERY** \$5,399 per person, double occupancy; ☐ Single occupancy, add \$900

**Hotel bed request:**

Check one: ☐ Twin (2 beds) ☐ Double Accommodation requests are subject to hotel availability.

**You may contact Go Next to arrange domestic Miami flights (a \$35 administrative fee per reservation will apply). All passengers must travel with a passport valid at least 6 months beyond their return date.**

**GUEST 1: Full Name** (as it appears on your passport)

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**SIGNATURES REQUIRED BY EACH PERSON TRAVELING** INCLUDING PARENT/GUARDIAN FOR MINOR CHILDREN: I/We have read, received a copy of, understand, and accept the terms and conditions stated in the Operator/Participant Agreement. By signing this, I/we also agree to participate in all scheduled educational exchange activities approved by OFAC and I/we understand that there is no deviating from the daily schedule.

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**DEPOSIT AND FINAL PAYMENT:** A deposit of \$850 per person is due with your reservation application. Make checks payable to **Go Next**. Full payment is required by December 11, 2014. Reservations received after this date must be accompanied with full payment.

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ space(s). Enclosed is my/our deposit for \$ \_\_\_\_\_. Deposits may be made by credit card; however, **all FINAL payments are required to be made by check or cash.**

I/We authorize Go Next, Inc. to charge my/our deposit for \$ _____ to: <input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard		
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Making a deposit or acceptance or use of any vouchers, tickets, goods, or services shall be deemed consent to and acceptance of the terms and conditions stated in the applicable Operator/Participant Agreement, including limitations on responsibility and liability.

# WHAT IS A PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE?

A People-to-People educational exchange allows U.S. citizens the opportunity to visit Cuba in order to engage with its citizens and share diverse, cultural experiences. Through a special license issued to Go Next, Inc. by the U.S. Department of the Treasury, you can experience this enthralling island first-hand and immerse yourself in a powerful cultural exchange. This unique travel initiative redefines the scope of a typical vacation by bringing meaningful interactions with local people to the forefront. Open the door to this multifaceted, isolated nation and strengthen your global awareness on this extraordinary journey.

The People-to-People license dictates that all participants follow a full-time comprehensive schedule focusing on educational opportunities and genuine cross-cultural connections, so no time is available for independent excursions.







# PROGRAM FEATURES

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## HAVANA

- Take a walking tour of Old Havana, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, filled with timeless Spanish colonial buildings, churches and palm-fringed plazas.
- Connect with faculty at the University of Havana\*, Cuba's oldest university and one of the first established in the Americas, and discuss the Cuban higher-education system.
- Tour the former residence of the Governors of Havana (Palacio de los Capitanes Generales), a Cuban Baroque mansion and museum which showcases colonial-era art and artifacts.
- Gain insight into Cuba's film industry and culture at the Cuban Institute of Cinematographic Art and Industry, created in 1959 to improve the quality of Cuban films—focusing on education and artistic expression.
- Visit the District of Alamar, a 1970s social housing project of Soviet-style concrete apartments—that today is home to thousands of Cubans.
  - Chat with locals about organic farming at Organopónico Vivero Alamar, one of Havana's largest and most successful cooperative urban gardens.
- See how art can transform a neighborhood at Muraleando, a vibrant community outreach project founded by local residents.
- Travel south of Havana to Las Terrazas, a self-sustaining community and UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, surrounded by lush, forested hills.
  - Get a rare glimpse into rural Cuba's medical services at a local clinic.
  - Sample coffee at Café Maria, where the owner and her family welcome visitors and explain the role of coffee in Cuba's culture.
  - Learn about independent artist Lester Campa's unique paper recycling process at his private studio.
- Visit the home of renowned ceramicist and painter, José Rodríguez Fuster, known as the "Picasso of the Caribbean." See how his creative vision has transformed the local neighborhood into a colorful, artistic landscape.
- Interact with children at a primary school\* and engage with administrators and teachers to discuss the challenges and opportunities of Cuba's educational system.
- See the fishing village of Cojimar, the setting for Ernest Hemingway's book *The Old Man and the Sea*, and visit Finca Vigía, the mansion where he lived from 1939-1960.
- Meet with independent Cuban booksellers at a used book market and learn about the culture and impact of literature on society.
- At dinners held in privately-owned restaurants or private homes known as *paladares*, hear first-hand from the owners about the entrepreneurial climate in Cuba.



## CIENFUEGOS

- Admire the colonial architecture of Cienfuegos, a UNESCO World Heritage Site known as the “Pearl of the South,” and see the Punta Gorda Peninsula.
- Meet with a local choir or visit an art school and discuss the role of art and music in Cuban society.

## TRINIDAD

- Take in the charms of Trinidad, a Spanish colonial town and UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- Learn about traditional ceramic techniques at the Casa del Alfarero, a pottery house founded and operated by the Santander family for generations.
- Visit the beautifully restored 18th-century Hacienda de Manaca Iznaga, located in the Valley de los Ingenios, once a center for sugar production, and see its exhibition of plantation life in the days of slavery.
- Tour a bed and breakfast where you will learn about this new entrepreneurial opportunity for Cubans, a business typically operated by the state.
- Join a Santería practitioner at the Templo de Yemaya, and delve into the history and basic principles of this Afro-Cuban religion.
- Enjoy dinner in a private home (paladar), where you can meet with a multigenerational family and experience a bit of local daily life.

## SANCTI SPIRITUS

- See the picturesque town of Sancti Spiritus, home to Cuba’s oldest church and one of the original seven Cuban cities founded by the Spanish.
- Visit a ration store where the store manager will explain rationing, the two currency system and the difference between Ration Stores, Cuban Peso Stores and CUC stores.
- Witness how a variety of produce, meat and local products are displayed and sold with visits to an outdoor food market and industrial goods market.

## SANTA CLARA

- Enjoy dance, theater and music performances by the students at the Santa Clara Music and Performing Arts School, and hear how the performing arts have influenced Cuban life.
- Stop at the Museum and Mausoleum of Che Guevara (time permitting).

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*The features listed above are samples of the activities you may participate in. You will receive a detailed daily itinerary approximately 14 days prior to departure. While unlikely, slight changes to the itinerary and accommodations may occur due to Cuban Government directives. \*In the event a school or other venue is closed, an alternate People-to-People exchange will be scheduled.*

**PARTICIPANTS SHOULD BE IN GOOD PHYSICAL CONDITION. This program involves motor coach and walking tours with more than a moderate amount of walking on cobblestone streets, stairs and uneven ground. The daily tours can include up to approximately 2 hours at a time of moderate to strenuous walking, primarily over natural and uneven surfaces. There are numerous steps and inclines to negotiate.**





This map represents approximate locations.

## PROGRAM INCLUSIONS

**\$5,399** PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

### MIAMI INCLUDED FEATURES:

- 1 night at the Crowne Plaza Miami International Airport hotel or similar accommodations
- Pre-travel meeting at group hotel
- Exclusive local representative

### CUBA INCLUDED FEATURES:

- Round-trip chartered jet service between Miami and Havana
- **7 nights'** accommodations:  
**5 nights** in **Havana**, **2 nights** in **Sancti Spiritus**
- 20 meals: 7 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 6 dinners, including a welcome and farewell dinner in Havana (one local beverage is included with each meal)
- Transportation via private, A/C vehicles with 2 bottles of water per person, per day

- Full schedule of educational activities that result in meaningful interaction with the locals
- Informative program of cultural and educational exchanges
- All entrance fees to included tour sites
- Private English speaking national guide
- Exclusive Go Next program manager
- Gratuities for restaurant staff, local guides and drivers, and luggage handling
- Cuban travel insurance covering medical repatriation expenses only, as required by the Cuban Government, valid only during your stay in Cuba

### NOT INCLUDED:

Airfare between home and Miami, passport fees, Cuban visa fee of approximately \$75, Cuban departure tax, beverages other than those included with meals as indicated, personal expenses, optional travel insurance, baggage fees, and other items not specifically mentioned as included.



## CUBA HOTELS

### PARQUE CENTRAL HOTEL—Havana

Positioned in the cultural center of Old Havana is the Parque Central Hotel, ideally located in the lovely Central Park area, near the historic Plaza de la Catedral, the Capitol and the Havana Harbor. This Spanish colonial-style hotel offers an array of modern amenities, including restaurants, snack bars, lounges, a fitness room, massage room and a rooftop pool. Each classic guest room radiates a warm ambience with rich wood furniture and features satellite TV and interactive television service, a safe, air conditioning and hair dryer.

### HOTEL PLAZA—Sancti Spiritus

Standing in the old quarter of Sancti Spiritus, near the 16th-century Parroquial Mayor—one of Cuba's oldest churches—is Hotel Plaza, offering a memorable and authentic Cuban hotel experience. Originally built in the 19th century as a family mansion, this quaint hotel has been completely renovated to reflect its former colonial style. Take in views of the main square from its rooftop terrace, or enjoy its amenities, including a bar and restaurant. Each uniquely decorated guest room comes equipped with satellite TV, air conditioning and an in-room safe.

