Cuba & its People

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.
► Talk with small business owners and local artists, learning about the path toward entrepreneurship in Cuba.
► Interact with Cuba's varied arts community during visits with artists, dancers, craftsmen and musicians.
► Ride in an independently owned 1950s convertible along Havana's Malecón.
► Visit a farm in Caimito, and learn about the owner’s vision to help Cuban farmers make a living from their land.
► Experience the thrill of Old Havana and its Fortification System, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Included Features

Accommodations (with baggage handling)
- 7 nights in Havana, Cuba, at the first-class ARTe Hotel Calle 2, a privately owned boutique hotel.

Flights and 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
- Discovery excursions provide meaningful interactions with small business owners and individual Cuban residents.
- Expert-led Enrichment programs enhance your insight into the region.
- AH Sustainability Promise: We strive to make a positive, purposeful impact in the communities we visit.
  - Cuban visa.
  - Tipping of guides and drivers.

Itinerary

Day 1: Depart Miami, FL | Arrive in Havana and transfer to hotel
Day 2: Havana
Day 3: Havana
Day 4: Havana
Day 5: Havana | Matanzas
Day 6: Havana
Day 7: Havana | Caimito
Day 8: Havana | Transfer to airport and depart for Miami, FL

Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

Activity Level: We have rated all of our excursions with activity levels to help you assess this program’s physical expectations. Please call or visit our website for full details.

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 Support for the Cuban People general license established by the Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control pursuant to 31 CFR section 515.574.
**Discovery**

**Historic Havana.** In Old Havana, see the Plaza de Armas, Plaza de San Francisco, Plaza la Catedral and Plaza Vieja. At a local flea market, chat with vendors and bargain for a special souvenir, in turn, supporting their families. Stop in at Dador, an independently owned clothing store founded by three Cuban women, and learn about their experiences of owning a Cuban business. This afternoon, engage with the friendly staff and youth at a community center that promotes art and culture.

**In-Depth Havana.** Cruise in one of Havana’s iconic, vintage convertibles and talk with your friendly driver. Be welcomed to the Sephardic Hebrew Center; then see the towering Christ of Havana monument and stroll through the Callejón de Hamel, a colorful alleyway that is a central part of Afro-Cuban culture. Finally, cap off the day at La Finca Vigía, or “lookout farm,” and see the storied home of author Ernest Hemingway.

**Cuban Art & the Ludwig Foundation.** Take a tour of the National Museum of Fine Arts before traveling to the mosaic wonderland of Casa Fuster. Talk with an artist about his work and the opportunities for Cuban artists. Attend a reception and dinner at the Ludwig Foundation of Cuba, dedicated to promoting Cuban artists. Chat with local artists and learn about their artistic pursuits.

**Matanzas.** Delve into the cultural riches of Matanzas. Visit the San Severino Museum, a castle built in 1735 by slave labor. See objects and pictures illustrating slavery times and learn about the history of the slave trade and how Afro-Cuban culture is celebrated throughout the island in various forms of visual arts, religion, music and language. The castle is part of “The Slave Route: Resistance, Freedom, and Patrimony,” a UNESCO and Cuba co-founded project.

**Cuban Dance & Norma Guillard.** Visit a contemporary dance studio for a look into Cuba’s infectious dance scene. Later, meet Norma Guillard, Cuban social psychologist and adjunct lecturer at the University of Havana. Listen to her stories about working with the Cuban Literacy Campaign as well as her work with women in low-income areas.

**Caimito & Afro-Cuban Dance** Browse an agromercado, a street market selling fruits, vegetables and varieties of meats. Continue to Finca Marta, a farm started by agronomist Fernando Funes. Learn about Funes’ vision to transform the Cuban farming model by using resource-efficient artisanal farming methods and his goals for helping Cuban farmers make a living from their land. Later today, meet with a group of Afro-Cuban dancers. You may even try a few steps yourself and return home with a new skill!

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**Enrichment**

- Urban Planning and Architectural Challenges
- U.S. and Cuban Relations
- Empowering Cuban Women
- Race and the Cuban Revolution
- Cuban Justice System
- The Rhythms of Cuban music

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**UNESCO World Heritage**

1. Old Havana and its Fortification System

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**AHI Sustainability Promise**

We strive to make a positive, purposeful impact in the communities we visit, whenever possible.

**Environmental Impact |** Thoughtful choices to minimize our environmental footprint: eco-friendly transportation, guided walks in lieu of bus tours and less plastic waste.

**Social Impact |** Ongoing initiatives to support local businesses that employ and benefit people in the community. Curating meaningful experiences by staying in intimately sized locales instead of cities affected by overtourism.

**Economic Impact |** Community-based tourism using expert local guides and lecturers, plus program scheduling during quieter, “shoulder seasons.”

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**AHI Travel Expertise**

**Passenger Service Representative |** Helps with everything from arranging flights to fulfilling special requests.

**Travel Director |** Manages all details to ensure a memorable trip.

**Travel Information |** Prepares you fully for your journey.

**Expert local guides and lecturers |** Provide friendly, knowledgeable service and share their passion for their country.

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**Let us arrange your flights!**

**AHI FlexAir |** Our personalized air program features transfers, assistance and flexibility.

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**DATES & PRICES**

**November 2-9, 2022**

**Full Standard Room Price** $5,045

**Special Savings** $250

**Special Standard Room Price** $4,795

The Junior Suite category is an additional $100 per person, the Deluxe Suite category is an additional $200 per person.

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 not available on this program.

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**Accommodations**

**ARTe Hotel Calle 2**