WHY TRAVEL TO CUBA WITH Go Next?

SINCE 2013, Go Next travelers have embarked on outstanding people-to-people trips, each helping the dream of experiencing Cuba transform into reality. Now it’s your turn. Journey with Go Next, the leader in alumni travel to this island nation, and watch your vision of Cuba vividly come to life. Let us show you the best of this long-forbidden country—its authentic glory, fascinating culture, and architectural majesty—while enhancing your adventure with these benefits of traveling with Go Next:

- Privileged access to the premier hotels, motor coaches, and seasoned local guides
- Enriching and informative program, thoughtfully crafted to include an ideal mix of renowned attractions and off-the-beaten-path sites
- Smaller group size, allowing for a more rewarding, intimate experience
- On-location Go Next Program Manager to provide exceptional concierge support throughout your journey
- Special activities including private studio visits and expert-led tours
- Pre-trip assistance and information including an orientation guide, book and film list, and more
- All the details are covered; we obtain the Cuban visa and provide all documentation
- Discover Cuba with a like-minded group of fellow Go Next travelers

Designed to promote cross-cultural connections, this program includes a full-time schedule of educational exchanges and does not involve tourist-oriented or self-directed activities.

PROGRAM INCLUSIONS

Miami Inclusions:
- 1 night at the Crowne Plaza Miami International Airport hotel or similar accommodations
- Orientation meeting in the evening
- Exclusive local representative

Cuba Inclusions:
- Round-trip charter flight between Miami and Cuba (Havana or Santiago de Cuba)
- One-way air transportation between Havana and Santiago de Cuba
- 7 nights' accommodations
- 19 meals: 7 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 5 dinners, including a welcome and farewell dinner (1 local beverage is included with each meal)
- Transportation via private, A/C motor coach
- 2 bottles of water per person on touring days
- Full schedule of educational activities that result in meaningful interaction with the locals
- Certification of travel to Cuba under the U.S. Department of the Treasury general license
- All entrance fees to scheduled tour sites
- Private English-speaking Cuban national guide
- Private Cuban driver
- Go Next Program Manager
- Gratuities for restaurant staff, guides on-site at local people-to-people venues, and hotel porters
- Presentation led by an expert of Cuba, providing unique commentary on the nation’s economy and culture
- Cuban travel insurance covering medical repatriation expenses only, as required by the Cuban government, valid only during your stay in Cuba

Not Included:
- $85 Cuban visa, $25 Cuban departure tax, gratuities for Cuban national guide and coach driver, airfare between home and Miami, passport fees, beverages other than those included with meals as indicated, personal expenses, optional travel insurance, baggage fees, and other items not specifically mentioned as included. The fees above are approximate and subject to change.

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

HAVANA

- Enjoy a panoramic sightseeing tour and walking tour of Old Havana, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, filled with timeless Spanish colonial buildings, churches, and palm-fringed plazas.
- Embark on a guided campus tour of 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 Museum of the Revolution, housed in the sumptuous former Presidential Palace.
- 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.
- Experience a panoramic tour of the District of Alamar, a 1970s social housing project of Soviet-style concrete apartments—that today is home to thousands of Cubans.
- Visit the Christopher Columbus Cemetery, considered the most historically and architecturally important cemetery in Latin America.
- See how art can transform a neighborhood at Muraleando, a vibrant community outreach project founded by local residents.
- Learn about the Angeles del Futuro, a community project that teaches children the acrobatic skills needed for circus performance.
- Regard great works of art at the National Museum of Fine Arts and discover your favorite Cuban artist in its Palace of Fine Arts building—where each floor represents a different theme (i.e. colonial or modern art).
- Travel back in time at the NostalgiCar Garage, a shop and rental service devoted to the luxury cars of the 1950s.
- 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.
- Head to 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 to 1960.
- Explore the artist studio project La Lavanderia and meet with a local artist to learn about traditional art in Cuba.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA

- Visit the former Bacardi distillery where the rum that was used to make the Original Cuba Libre was created and where the famous liquor company started its business.
- Take a break from the bustle of the city and travel by ferry to Cayo Granma Island for a lunch overlooking the harbor.
- Tour El Morro Castle otherwise known as San Pedro de la Roca Castle, a fortress that overlooks the beautiful bay that was originally built as a defense against pirates.
- Explore the San Juan Hill memorial where Teddy Roosevelt and the Rough Riders famously battled against Spain.
- Visit a school of metalcasting and ceramics at the Caguayo artistic foundry workshop, and witness the complex process of artistic casting and the care that goes into monument creation, applied arts, and artist training.
- Unveil Cuba’s rich musical culture at the Conservatorio Esteban Salas, one of the nation’s first music education centers.
- Visit the Casa de Diego Velázuez, claimed to be the oldest home in Cuba that now houses the Museo de Ambiente Histórico Cubano, museum of Cuban furniture.
- Head to the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Assumption and its museum, Museo Eclesiástico, and take in the mixture of architectural styles and statues.

The highlights listed are sample activities and sights. You will receive a final day-by-day itinerary approximately 14 days prior to departure.

*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 moderate to strenuous walking, primarily over natural and uneven surfaces. There are numerous steps and inclines to negotiate and many sites do not have elevators.