Cuba: Arts & History
Havana, Cienfuegos & Trinidad
October 7–14, 2017
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Dear Duke Alumni and Friends,

Duke Alumni Travels has offered successful People-to-People travel to Cuba since 2012. In October, we are delighted to return to this fascinating island nation, with special entrée to the country’s arts community. Please join us to discover Cuba’s rich culture and history in Havana, Cienfuegos, and Trinidad.

Our journey begins in the colorful capital, where accommodations are at the elegant Hotel Saratoga. Walk through the atmospheric old city before meeting some of Havana’s leading artists on visits to their studios and homes, and take a curatorial tour of the Cuban art collection at the National Museum of Fine Arts. In the hilltop village of San Francisco de Paula, discover Ernest Hemingway’s home, Finca Vigia, where he lived for 20 years.

On an overnight excursion to Cuba’s southern coast, visit Playa Girón, the landing site for seaborne forces of armed Cuban exiles in the Bay of Pigs invasion. In 19th-century Cienfuegos, highlights include a concert by a world-renowned choir. In UNESCO-listed Trinidad de Cuba, discover the main plaza and museums, and meet local artists and craftspeople.

Specially arranged performances of music and dance will enhance our experience, as will lectures on Cuban history and art. At the U.S. Embassy in Havana, attend a briefing on Cuban-American relations. Throughout the week, there will be opportunities to meet with Cubans of diverse backgrounds.

We hope you will join us for this immersion in the many celebrated arts and intriguing history of Cuba. Since space is limited, we encourage you to reserve soon.

Sincerely,

Beth Ray-Schroeder
Director, Duke Alumni Travels

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7: U.S. DEPARTURE / HAVANA
Arrive independently in Havana at the José Martí Airport and transfer to the Hotel Saratoga for check-in. Gather this evening for an introductory lecture on Cuba’s current reality by a former ambassador and deputy minister for foreign affairs, followed by our welcome dinner at a lively restaurant.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8: HAVANA
Attend a morning lecture by an architectural historian, followed by a walking tour of Old Havana, focusing on the four main squares: Plaza de Armas, Plaza de San Francisco de Asís, Plaza Vieja, and Plaza de la Catedral. After lunch near the cathedral, visits are arranged in the homes and studios of some of Havana’s leading artists, where there may be an opportunity to purchase paintings and drawings. Return to the hotel in the late afternoon. This evening you may wish to visit FAC (Fábrica de Arte Cubano), housed in a former peanut oil factory — and an instant hit when it opened in February 2013.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9: HAVANA
Drive to the U.S. Embassy for a morning briefing on Cuban-American relations (pending confirmation). Then visit Cuba’s leading art school, the Instituto Superior de Arte (ISA), where there will be a chance to interact with professors and students and see their artwork. Lunch is at the home and studio of artist José Fuster, in the village of Jaimanitas where he has decorated more than 80 houses with ornate murals and domes to suit the personality of his neighbors. For those interested, evening entertainment can be arranged at one of Havana’s famed music venues.
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10: HAVANA
Attend a morning lecture at the hotel, presented by Duke lecturer, Gary Gereffi. Then drive to the small, hilltop village of San Francisco de Paula to visit Finca La Vigía, the house where Ernest Hemingway lived for 20 years. View the rooms of the house through open windows and see his fishing boat, the Pilar. Lunch is at a famous paladar (a privately owned restaurant, often in the home of the owner). In the afternoon, visit the Museum of the Revolution which documents Cuba’s history and the founding of the present government. This evening drive to the Ludwig Foundation for the Arts for a presentation on Cuban art. The Foundation President will host a cocktail reception and buffet dinner on the penthouse terrace. Invited guests include Cuban artists. B,L,R,D

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11: HAVANA / CIENFUEGOS
Depart for Playa Giron, the landing site for seaborne forces of armed Cuban exiles in the 1961 Bay of Pigs invasion, and visit the museum dedicated to the event. Continue to Cienfuegos, a 19th-century neoclassical city founded by French settlers from Bordeaux. Following lunch, check in at Hotel Jagua. An afternoon walking tour of the main square, includes the 19th-century Tomás Terry Theater with its magnificent wooden décor. Later, we have been invited to meet with the world-renowned choir, Cantores de Cienfuegos, and enjoy a performance. Dinner is at a private restaurant. B,L,D

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12: CIENFUEGOS / TRINIDAD / HAVANA
Drive to Trinidad de Cuba, one of Cuba’s many UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Visit the main plaza and museums, and pass beautifully decorated colonial homes. There will be time to explore this historic city and meet local artists and craftspeople before lunch. Return to Havana and the Hotel Saratoga in the late afternoon. B,L

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13: HAVANA
Following a morning lecture by Gary Gereffi, attend an informal rehearsal of the Contemporary Dance Company of Cuba at the National Theater, located adjacent to the Revolution Square. Then visit the Colón Cemetery, whose many monuments commemorate Cuban heroes, statesmen, and novelists. In the afternoon visit the National Museum of Fine Arts for a curatorial tour focusing on the Cuban art collection. This evening, gather for our farewell dinner. B,D

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14: HAVANA / U.S. RETURN
Transfer to the airport for your flights home. B
PROGRAM RATE per person $6,295
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT $1,995

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- Seven nights hotel accommodations as per itinerary
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, R=Reception, D=Dinner). Bottled water and coffee / tea with all meals, select wines at lunches and dinners
- Jose Martí (Havana) airport / hotel / Jose Martí (Havana) airport group transfers for all participants
- Enrichment program of lectures and special events
- Escort sightseeing by private motor coach and entrance fees for included visits
- Taxes, service, and porterage charges
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HOME ADDRESS

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CITIZENSHIP

GENDER

DATE OF BIRTH

PLACE OF BIRTH

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Hotel Room Preference
Double
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