UC Retirees Travel presents
Cuba Discovery
Highlights of Havana, Vinales & the Pinar del Rio

Booking Discount*: $3549 pp double
Regular Rate: $3749 pp double
Single Supplement: +$750

*See Reservation Info for Booking Discount details

**Booking Discount for Land Only is $100 per person

6 Days
February 22, 2021

HIGHLIGHTS
- Museum of the Revolution
- Old Havana Walking Tour
- Artist Jose Fuster
- Cigar Factory Tour
- Colon Cemetery
- Havana Club Rum Museum
- Hemingway’s Farm
- Habana Compas Dance Group Performance
- Old Style Classic Car Club
- Nacional Hotel Tour
- Pinar Del Rio & Vinales Valley
- Tobacco Farm & Farmhouse Visit

**Trip will be escorted by Sue Barnes, former director of the UCLA and UC Davis retirement centers (with a minimum of 12 UC participants).

Booking Discount - Save $400 per couple!*

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Under the new regulations, pre-existing reserved People to People programs for Cuba are protected.
CUBA DISCOVERY - Highlights of Havana, Vinales & the Pinar del Rio

DAY 1: DEPART USA - ARRIVE HAVANA CUBA
Upon arrival in Havana at the Jose Marti International Airport and clearing customs, meet your local English speaking Cuban Guide outside the baggage terminal. Your drive from the airport orients you with Cuba’s enigmatic capital city, whose nearly 500-year Old Havana is home to the largest collections of Spanish-Colonial architecture in the Americas. Make a photo stop and learn more about the Plaza de la Revolucion, the center of Cuban political life where millions of Cubans listened to speeches of Fidel Castro. Religion has always played an important role in Cuban society. Enjoy a fascinating walking tour of the Colon Cemetery founded in 1876, and noted for its elaborate sculpted memorials containing more than 500 major mausoleums and chapels. The cemetery is the final resting place for famous Cubans including artists, writers, musicians and ballplayers. Check into your hotel and unpack for your five night stay. Dinner is included at a local restaurant in Havana this evening. (D)

Overnight: Havana

DAY 2: OLD HAVANA (UNESCO) - MUSEUM OF THE REVOLUTION
This morning enjoy a guided walking tour of pedestrian only Old Havana, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. See the beautiful Cathedral de la Havana, built in baroque style in 1748 and learn about its preservation and continuous restoration. Next, enjoy a fascinating tour of the Havana Club Rum Museum with a local Cuban rum expert to learn about the history and process making Cuban Rum and an opportunity to sample the differences. Following lunch at a local Paladar in Old Havana this afternoon we visit the famous Museum of the Revolution that displays documents and artifacts, weapons and planes from the revolution. Learn about the Bay of Pigs, the 1961 historic clash between the CIA trained Cuban exiles & rebel forces. Next head to the charming fishing village of Jaimanitas to visit the incredible Home and Work Shop of world famous artist, painter and ceramicist Jose Fuster, often called the “Picasso of Cuba”. He has adorned an entire neighborhood with colorful ornate murals. Here we spend time with to discuss the influence of the artist’s work and their lives and community. Dinner is on your own this evening allowing you to explore the fine restaurants, cuisine and Jazz clubs of Havana. Perhaps even take in the world famous Tropicana Cabaret Show on your own that offers an evening of music and history at this famous nightclub show that presents song-and-dance performances of 1950’s Cuba. (B,L,D)

Overnight: Havana

DAY 3: HAVANA - CIGAR FACTORY - HABANA COMPAS
This morning following breakfast we begin the day with a fascinating visit and guided tour with a local cigar expert to the La Corona Cigar Factory. See firsthand and learn about the history and the process of Cuban cigars being hand rolled. The factory rolls such brands as Hoya de Monterrey and Cuaba & Punch. Next enjoy a performance by the amazing Habana Compas Dance Group. Interact with the students and teachers to learn more about the Cuban dance culture. Next, tour the famous Nacional Hotel, once Havana’s flagship hotel that has hosted celebrities and world leaders during its heyday, such as Winston Churchill and Frank Sinatra to name a few. Free time to explore this historic property housing pictures and nostalgia from a by gone era or even sip a Mojito on the patio. Meet a former famous professional Cuban baseball player and join in a discussion regarding the history and love of this game in Cuba and the U.S. Dinner is included this evening at a local Paladar. (B,L,D)

Overnight: Havana

DAY 4: HAVANA - VINALES VALLEY (UNESCO) - PINAR DEL RIO
Today we travel out of Havana and into the rural Cuban countryside to the Vinales Valley located in the western most mountainous range in Cuba and declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This region, the western province of Pinar del Rio is known for its stunning scenery, a landscape of prehistoric looking flat-top mountains or “mogotes”, tobacco plantations, caves and rivers. Next, visit a traditional Tobacco Farm and Farmhouse to meet with the farmer to learn about tobacco cultivation, the drying process and experience a cigar rolling demonstration inside the drying hut. Enjoy a visit inside his farmhouse, meeting and interacting with his family while enjoying some Cuban coffee. A great opportunity to witness up close, how Cuban families live in a rural setting. Next enjoy lunch at the beautiful Finca Paraiso Paladar (organic farm) offering incredible, panoramic views of the Vinales Valley and an opportunity to meet the Cuban family that owns this organic farm. Later stop at the Los Jamines viewpoint offering incredible views of the Vinales Valley and an opportunity to enjoy the spectacular scenery and take photos of this beautiful and unique region of Cuba. Return to Havana later this afternoon with the evening on your own to explore Havana’s many outstanding Paladars, Jazz clubs or simply relax. (B,L)

Overnight: Havana

DAY 5: HAVANA - HEMINGWAY FARM - CLASSIC CAR CLUB
Next enter the world of Ernest Hemingway with a visit to Hemingway’s Farm, Finca La Vigia (meaning ‘lookout house’). This beautiful property hosts the house where the Nobel Prize winner lived with his wife Martha for 21 years. View the perfectly preserved home where many of the Hemingway personal furniture and belongings remain intact. View his famous boat on display, the Pilar in which he used to patrol for Nazis in the Caribbean waters and featured in his novel “Islands in the Stream”. A photo stop is made at the Morro Castle, built in 1589, to protect the mouth of the Havana Harbor. “Morro” in Spanish means rock, which is very visible from the sea and therefore serves as a navigational landmark. Perched on the headland on the opposite side of the harbor from Old Havana it can be viewed from miles around as it dominates the port entrance. Next visit the San Jose Craft Market and Art Center to meet and interact with the local artists to discuss and learn of the importance of their art in Cuban culture. Learn from the artists who share their experiences of pursuing the arts with limited access to materials and funding. Before dinner, meet the local Old Style Car Club owners. A chance to interact and talk with the owners and learn why Havana’s streets are filled with vintage American automobiles and understand what it takes to keep them on the road. Enjoy a drive through the streets of Havana in a vintage car to your farewell dinner at one of Havana’s top local Paladars. After dinner you have an opportunity to meet and discuss with the owners how this private Paladar enterprise works in Cuba. (B,L,D)

Overnight: Havana

DAY 6: HAVANA - FLIGHT BACK TO USA
Following breakfast, this morning, we’ll transfer to the airport for our return flight home with incredible memories of the amazing people and culture of your Cuba. (B)

ACCOMMODATIONS:

5 Nights - Four Points by Sheraton Hotel or Melia Havana, Havana

Tour Activity Level

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INCLUSIONS:

- Round Trip Airfare - SFO/LAX/SAN
- Air Departure Taxes & Fees
- Cuban Health Insurance
- 5 Nights Hotel Accommodations
- Bilingual Cuban Tour Guide
- 12 Meals (5B, 4L, 3D)
- People to People Interactions
- Admissions per Itinerary
- Baggage Handling
- Air Conditioned Motorcoach
- Hotel & Airport Transfers In Cuba
- Gratuities for Hotel Porters, Wait Staff at included Meals, Local Step on Guides and All People to People Visits & Interactions

TOUR RATES

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CUBAN TRAVEL VISA is required for travel to Cuba and applies to US citizens only. The Cuban Visa cost is $100 per person including processing fees and is Not Included in the tour rates. Cuban Visa cost will be invoiced with your final payment and is subject to change. Cuban born passengers require a different Visa process.

CUBAN TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

On June 4, 2019, the Department of Treasury Announced changes that impact people to people travel to Cuba under a “People to People” license defined under 31 CFR § 515.656(b) of the regulations. Below is a copy of the actual language as well as our interpretation of the changes.

The Department of the Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) is amending § 515.656 to remove the authorization for group people-to-people educational travel in § 515.656. OFAC has added a “grandfathering” provision in § 515.656 to authorize certain group people-to-people educational travel that previously was authorized where the traveler has already completed at least one travel-related transaction (such as purchasing a flight or reserving accommodation) prior to June 5, 2019. Premier World Discovery confirmed reservations for the group of travelers prior to June 5, 2019 and it’s our understanding that their group travel qualifies as being “grandfathered” under § 515.656.

Important Note: Many of the activities included in your itinerary may also qualify under 31 CFR § 515.574, Support of the Cuban People, which has not changed. Furthermore, scheduled airline service (American Airlines, JetBlue, Delta, Southwest or United Airlines) to Cuba has not changed nor was it impacted by the new regulations.
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