



Academic Arrangements Abroad

Yale Alumni Service Corps
POSTLUDE HAVANA
 August 5-8, 2017

Program as of February 28, 2017



During this immersive extension in Cuba's capital, explore the best of Havana's cultural offerings. Dine in the city's various restaurants and paladares, and get swept away in its intoxicating nightlife. Optional evening excursions may include the Tropicana, Buena Vista Social Club, Fabrica de Arte Cubano, and a multitude of other venues throughout the city. Your days' activities begin with a walking tour of Old Havana. Enjoy meeting emerging artists in their studios. Get together with a former ambassador and deputy minister for foreign affairs to discuss Cuba's current political climate and its ever-changing relationship with the United States. Your time in Havana concludes with a special evening at the Ludwig Foundation for the Arts, where the Foundation's president will host a cocktail reception and dinner on the penthouse terrace.

Saturday, August 5 HAVANA L

En route to Havana stop in Matanzas for a private concert at the Ermita de Monserrate hilltop chapel, followed by an opportunity to talk with the performers. Continue to Havana and immerse yourself in the vibrant culture of Havana, a city more than 500 years old. After lunch, explore Old Havana on a walking tour and the four main squares: Plaza de la Catedral, Plaza de San Francisco de Asis, Plaza Vieja and, Plaza de Armast. Check-in to your hotel Memories Miramar. Tonight, linger over a cocktail on the terrace of the historic Hotel Nacional (1930). Dinner on own; you might want to try one of Havana's *paladares*, a privately owned restaurant that oftentimes serves as the owner's home as well.

Optional evening excursions

Sunday, August 6 HAVANA B, L

Group 1: Learn about Cuba's current social climate during a lecture by a former ambassador and deputy minister for foreign affairs. Visit some of Cuba's emerging artists' studios. Enjoy lunch at José Fuster's home and studio in the fishing village of Jaimanitas. En route back to Havana visit the home of Ernest Hemingway in the nearby town of Cojimar. The house is much as Papa left it, with original furnishings, personal memorabilia, and works of art on display. Discover Havana after hours, on an optional excursion to some of Hemingway's favorite haunts.

Group 2: Attend a lively dance performance of one of Havana's renowned dance studios. Stroll through Colón Cemetery, whose many monuments commemorate Cuban heroes, statesmen, and novelists. After lunch visit the Museum of Fine Arts. In the afternoon travelers may wish to speak with vendors at the Feria de Artesania (the crafts market), or stroll past the Colonial-style buildings on Calle Obispo, Havana's main shopping street.

Optional evening excursions

Monday, August 7 HAVANA B, L, D

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Optional evening excursions

Tuesday, August 8 HAVANA / USA B

Transfer to the airport for your return flights to the United States

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ACCOMMODATIONS

HOTEL MEMORIES MIRAMAR (or comparable)



Experience the heart of Cuba in Havana; the leading commercial and cultural center of the country. Memories Miramar Habana is in the luxurious residential district of Miramar with an ocean view and within easy access to not-to-be-missed attractions. This centrally located hotel is ideal for business travelers and vacationers alike with facilities including international dining and premium drinks in our 2 restaurants and 2 bars, spacious accommodations and a large multi-level swimming complex.



<http://www.memoriesresorts.com/en/resort/havana.aspx>

PROGRAM DETAILS

PROGRAM PRICE

\$1,695 per person double occupancy
\$245 single supplement (added on to the price above)

PROGRAM INCLUSIONS

- Accommodations and meals as noted in itinerary
- Bottled water and coffee/tea with all meals; wine with welcome and farewell dinners
- Escorted sightseeing by private motorcoach
- Services of a bilingual national guide throughout the trip
- Entrance fees for all included visits
- Group or private transfers for all participants to the airport in Cuba (Havana)
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers
- Executive Tour Director from Academic Arrangements Abroad
- Taxes, service charges, portorage
- Pre-departure materials

NOT INCLUDED

International airfare; Cuban visa; Cuban Departure tax; limited Cuban health insurance policy (required for all foreign travelers to Cuba under age 80); Passport fees; Alcoholic beverages other than noted; Personal expenses such as laundry, phone calls, etc.; Travel insurance; Any other items not specifically mentioned as included.

AIRFARE

Academic Arrangements Abroad (AAA) will be pleased to assist with travel arrangements for a processing fee of \$40 per person.