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NEW YEAR'S EVE IN CUBA



DECEMBER 30, 2020—JANUARY 3, 2021
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CONNECTING WITH CUBA

Frozen-in-time yet swirling with change, Cuba is entering a period of dramatic economic, social, and cultural transformation in the post-Castro era. At this pivotal moment, we will gain an invaluable first-hand understanding of the island through the eyes of the people who live there. On this licensed Support of the Cuban People program, you will have the opportunity to engage with locals and participate in activities that will strengthen the local community and economy.

Imagine yourself on a rooftop terrace in Old Havana, meeting with Cuban artists and educators, listening to rumba and salsa, and reflecting on Havana's remarkable history, burgeoning present, and fascinating future. This trip, designed exclusively for Reed College alumni, will allow us to discuss the history, political economy, culture, and increasing entrepreneurship of the Cuban people during this exceptional and energizing moment in the country's history. Become immersed in the vibrant photography and contemporary art scene, a fount of sociopolitical thought, and support Cubans who are thriving with creative expression. Come away from this adventure with a knowledge and insight of the deep vibrancy of Cuban life, while learning and participating in traditions they celebrate at the end of the year.

HIGHLIGHTS

Immersive Community and Culture

Learn about development work in Cuba, meeting with organizations that are making an impact in and around Havana.

Artist Interactions

Join artists in their studios and homes, discovering Cuba's impressive and evolving art scene.

Music and Dancing

Listen to uniquely Cuban musical styles, from son to rumba and jazz. Brush up your skills in our private classes and dance the night away!

Religion

Learn how the deep currents of various belief systems on the island have persisted throughout different eras as political attitudes towards religion have changed over time.



TRAVELING WITH PANCHO SAVERY



Professor Savery is delighted to serve as your faculty host in Cuba. He is a professor of English, Humanities, and American Studies, and teaches Humanities 110 every year in addition to courses in African American literature and culture, modern and contemporary drama, and American Indian literature. Outside of Reed, he serves on the boards of directors of thirteen Portland theatre companies (four of which he chairs and one of which he is vice chair) and works as a dramaturg.



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DAY ONE—¡BIENVENIDOS A LA HABANA!

- Arrive at Havana's José Martí International Airport in the early afternoon. Our welcoming team will meet you at the airport and assist with your private transfer to the hotel.
- Check in to your 4-star hotel, the Hotel Sevilla, in the heart of Old Havana with fabulous rooftop views of the city.
- Take an interactive walking tour around Old Havana, interacting with local shopkeepers, artists, and musicians.
- Adventure to Fábrica de Arte Cubano, a power plant converted into a warehouse of art and live music. It is now the most popular and eclectic curated art space and nightlife spot in Havana.
- After our private exploration of the modern exhibits, receive a special welcome reception in the private restaurant hidden in the art house.

Meals: Dinner



DAY TWO—A VIEW OF THE PAST & A LOOK TO THE FUTURE

- Tour the Museo de la Revolución, which tells the Cuban story from the official government perspective.
- Tour La Corona Cigar Factory and learn the art of making their world-famous exports.
- Travel to Callejon de Hamel for a discussion on religion on the island, meeting with Santeria practitioners who will share their spiritual beliefs, music, and art.
- Enjoy lunch in a local home and learn about the ways religion impacts life in Cuba.
- Return to the hotel to prepare for our New Year's Eve celebration.
- Take a sunset drive down the Malecón in a classic convertible on the last night of the year. Start the night with a private salsa dance class, getting ready for the festivities ahead.
- Celebrate New Year's Eve with a feast at La Guarida, a restaurant, set in a private home, that is largely regarded as the best on the island.
- Ring in the New Year with your new friends and dance away your final night of 2020.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



DAY THREE—ALL ABOUT ART

- Take a curated tour of the Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes for an overview of the history and importance of art on the island.
- Meet some of Cuba's up-and-coming artists who are preserving traditional printmaking techniques at Taller Grafica, a local graphic arts center.
- Enjoy lunch in the heart of Havana before driving to the hilltop village of San Francisco de Paula to visit Finca la Vigía, the house where Ernest Hemingway lived for 20 years.
- Visit an organic farm and learn about the public-private partnership that has kept a family business thriving.
- Explore the farm at sunset and discuss entrepreneurship in Cuba. Enjoy an evening BBQ with live cultural music and dancing, as you kick off the first night of 2021.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



DAY FOUR—ADIOS NUEVOS AMIGOS

- Visit Almacenes, an expansive local art market and the perfect place to bargain for your final handmade souvenirs, or explore Havana on your own.
- Enjoy an exclusive lunch at Fusterlandia, the private home and studio of Cuban muralist and ceramist José Fúster, described as the “Picasso of the Caribbean.”
- Transfer to Havana’s José Martí International Airport for your return flight.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

OPTIONAL EXTENSION

DAY FOUR—THE CUBAN COUNTRYSIDE

- Drive out of Havana and through Cuba’s scenic countryside to Las Terrazas, the pioneering eco-village that is nestled within a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve.
- Enjoy a private welcome and discussion with Fidel Hernandez, bird expert and curator of the reserve, and host to foreign presidents, poets, and all those who wish to enjoy Cuba’s flora and fauna.
- Have lunch en El Campo with farm-fresh ingredients. Dine at the oldest dedicated vegetarian restaurant in Cuba, and discuss how restaurants function in a rationed food economy.
- Visit the home and studio of a local artist who takes recycled paper from the community and generates stationary, cards, and art.
- Wander through one of the country’s oldest coffee plantations, with stunning views of the lush green valley and the Caribbean Sea in the distance.
- Dine at a beautiful colonial mansion along the sea this evening and reflect on the week-long adventure with your fellow travelers. Enjoy the live music and seaside dancing during our final evening together.

Extension Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY FIVE—DEPARTURE

- Visit Almacenes, an expansive local art market, or explore Havana on your own.
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- Transfer to Havana’s José Martí International Airport for your return flight.

Extension Meals: Breakfast, Lunch



PROGRAM DETAILS

THIS PROGRAM INCLUDES

- All activities, sightseeing, and entry fees listed in the itinerary.
- All meals listed in the itinerary, including three breakfasts, three lunches, and three dinners. Includes the choice of water, soda, coffee or tea at all meals, and 1 local beer or mojito at lunches and dinners. Extension program additionally includes one breakfast, one lunch, and one dinner.
- Transportation by private, air-conditioned vans, as well as transfers for the group as appropriate.
- Bottled water during all excursions.
- The services of an exceptional bilingual tour guide as described in the itinerary.
- The services of a full-time Insider Expeditions tour manager.
- Comprehensive cultural information and reading materials.
- All gratuities for participants and staff to cover portage, drivers, wait staff at group meals, and guides.

THIS PROGRAM DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Flights to and from Havana's José Martí International Airport (HAV).
- Cuban visa.
- Local health insurance.
- Expenses of a purely personal nature (including cab fares, laundry and other personal items, room service charges, passport application fees, etc.).
- Transportation of luggage in excess of weight allowance.
- Travel insurance.
- Food and beverage other than that specified in the itinerary.
- Costs associated with trip interruption or modification due to weather, travel conditions, political/civil disputes, medical emergencies or other causes beyond our control.

Rates

4-Day Cuba Program Rate

\$2,099

Single Supplement

\$499

1-Day Extension Program Rate

\$499

Single Supplement Extension

\$169

FLIGHT INFORMATION

- Group flight options, which include a Cuban visa, will be offered to you after registration for the program.

SAVE YOUR SPOT:

Visit www.insiderexpeditions.com/reed_cuba_2020 to submit your deposit.

Call Insider Expeditions at (929) 399-4975 or email at travel@insiderexpeditions.com for questions.

Happy New Year!

¡Feliz año nuevo!