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## h ighlights

- Engage in a meaningful exchange of ideas with Cubans from all walks of life—including architecture, preservation, planning, music, art, cuisine, and farmers.
- Visit with architecture and preservation experts including Miguel Coyula, a representative from *UNEAC Commission on the City, Culture and Architecture* to learn about the city's preservation efforts, particularly focused on the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Old Havana.
- Visit Finca Vigía, Ernest Hemingway's restored 12-acre property and meet the curator to learn about the ongoing preservation efforts of the site.
- Meet with farmers at an urban organic garden to discuss the economics of agriculture and the importance of Cuba's own food source.





# Itinerary



**Saturday, February 28:** Arrive in Miami and check into the Sofitel Hotel for an overnight stay. Attend a welcome reception with a program overview provided by an expert on the history and culture of Cuba. Then engage in a panel discussion focusing on current events in Cuba.

**Sunday, March 1:** Depart from Miami International Airport on a charter flight to Havana. Take an orientation drive through the city, visiting the sites of Morro Castle and Revolution Square. Check in to the Hotel Saratoga, a well-appointed hotel located in Old Havana. Gather for a welcome reception and informational briefing with introductory remarks by your ULI representative, followed by a welcome dinner in Old Havana. (Lunch, Dinner provided)

**Monday, March 2:** Begin the day with a visit to La Casa de Las Tejas Verdes, a restored early 20th-century mansion, and meet with a representative from the City Historian's Office to learn about Havana's restoration efforts. After the presentation, depart for the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Old Havana, founded in 1519 and now a world class preservation site. Join a walk through the city's Colonial architecture and historic squares. Continue the conversation with a stop at La Escuela Taller de la Habana to meet with restoration students and their teachers. Later, meet Miguel Coyula, a representative from UNEAC Commission on the City, Culture and Architecture, who will discuss the city's past and its planning for the future. Tonight, enjoy dinner on your own at a local paladar, a privately owned restaurant that Cubans have been able to set up in their homes as one of the first opportunities for private enterprise allowed. (Breakfast, Lunch provided)



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**Tuesday, March 3:** This morning, continue your exploration of Havana with a tour through the neighborhoods of Vedado and Miramar, and see examples of restoration projects and learn about their challenges and limitations. Afterwards, visit the Instituto Superior de Arte, which is considered to be Cuba's premier art institute and one of the country's most outstanding examples of post-revolution architecture. Tour the grounds with an instructor and visit with students of the school. Then visit an organiponico, an urban garden, and meet with farmers to discuss the importance of Cuba's growing agricultural sector. After dinner tonight, enjoy a distinctly Cuban musical performance at Café Taberna. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner provided)

**Wednesday, March 4:** Depart this morning to Finca Vigía, Ernest Hemingway's home and the 12-acre property that contains original furniture, artwork, personal memorabilia and other objects collected by the author. After lunch, take a guided walk with an expert down the famed Prado and learn about the many important buildings that line the boulevard. Then visit the National Museum of Fine Arts, housing Cuba's most important art collection in the recently restored Palacio de Bellas Artes. Learn about the extensive work and process involved in its reopening before seeing the collection. This evening, gather for a farewell reception at the hotel before setting out for your final dinner in Havana. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner provided)

**Thursday, March 5:** Check out of the hotel and transfer to the airport for your return charter flight to Miami. (Breakfast provided)



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# accommodations



## **The Sofitel Miami**

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The Sofitel Miami is conveniently located near Miami International Airport. The tasteful French Art Deco decor and luxury amenities make our short stay very comfortable.

## **The Hotel Saratoga**

*Sunday, March 1–Thursday, March 5*

The Hotel Saratoga is a boutique hotel in the heart of Old Havana. Its historic façade was originally built in 1879. In addition to well-appointed guest rooms, the hotel features a rooftop pool and bar with a breathtaking view of the city skyline, including the Capitol, the Prado, and Central Park.  
[www.hotel-saratoga.com](http://www.hotel-saratoga.com)

**Special Note:** This itinerary has been designed and will be conducted in Cuba by the National Trust for Historic Preservation for exclusive use for ULI members. The National Trust holds a People-to-People license issued by the US Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) that authorizes People-to-People travel to Cuba. All travelers on this program must agree to comply with all of the requirements of the license.



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## PROGRAM COST

\$4,000/person based on double occupancy

\$655 for single supplement

Roundtrip airfare Miami-Havana: \$525 (estimated)  
Program Price is based on a minimum of 20 participants

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## HOW TO BOOK THIS TRIP

We are working with Academic Travel Abroad, Inc., (ATA), a Washington, D.C. based tour operator, to assist us with the arrangements. ATA is a licensed Travel Services Provider (TSP) authorized by OFAC to handle tour planning and logistics.

A deposit of \$500 per person is required to hold your space. Final payment will be due approximately 90 days before departure. For Full Terms & Conditions call Academic Travel Abroad at 202.785.9000 or 800.556.7896. You may also email [travel@academic-travel.com](mailto:travel@academic-travel.com). ATA will be handling all of the payments, and providing pre-trip information.





## WHAT IS INCLUDED

- Comprehensive educational program by representatives, local experts and professional on-site guides
- All accommodations and meals as outlined in the itinerary
- All ground transportation in Cuba
- All visits as specified in the itinerary
- Entrance fees
- Cuban visa and health insurance costs
- Gratuities to porters, drivers and guides
- Baggage handling for one checked piece and one carry-on piece per person
- The assistance of a facilitator for comprehensive logistical and customer service management on the trip
- The assistance of an ATA professional travel team to assist with pre-trip questions and travel arrangements, including flights, extra hotel nights, or other services
- Comprehensive pre-departure information about the destination and what to expect on the trip, including a suggested reading list

## WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED

- Charter airfare to Cuba (currently estimated at \$525)
- Travel and trip cancellation insurance
- Passport and excess baggage fees
- Meals not specified in the itinerary
- Personal items such as telephone, fax and internet charges, laundry, room service, alcoholic or other beverages not specified as included
- Gratuities for non-group services
- Expenses resulting from delays due to bad weather, road conditions, sickness, government action and flight delays
- Expenses incurred in making individual travel arrangements in conjunction with the trip

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