**PROGRAM FEATURES**

**Miami Inclusions:**
- 1 night at the Crowne Plaza Miami International Airport hotel or similar accommodations
- Orientation meeting at group hotel
- Exclusive local representative

**Cuba Inclusions:**
- Round-trip chartered jet service between Miami and Havana
- 7 nights’ accommodations
- 20 meals: 7 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 6 dinners, including a welcome and farewell dinner in Havana (one local beverage is included with each meal)
- Transportation via private, A/C vehicles with 2 bottles of water per person, per day
- Full schedule of educational activities that result in meaningful interaction with the locals
- Informative program of cultural and educational exchanges
- All entrance fees to included tour sites
- Private English-speaking national guide
- Exclusive Go Next program manager
- Gratuities for restaurant staff, local guides and drivers, and luggage handling
- Cuban travel insurance covering medical repatriation expenses only, as required by the Cuban Government, valid only during your stay in Cuba

**Not Included:**
Airfare between home and Miami, passport fees, Cuban visa fee of approximately $75 per person, Cuban departure tax of approximately $30 per person, beverages other than those included with meals as indicated, personal expenses, optional travel insurance, baggage fees, and other items not specifically mentioned as included.

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**CUBA’S** turbulent economic and political past and vibrant, culturally rich present unfold on this inspiring people-to-people exchange. With an intimate group of up to 25 travelers, uncover the beauty, paradoxes and complex history of this captivating Caribbean nation, where 1950s-era automobiles still roll past beautifully preserved Spanish colonial buildings. Throughout this 9-day journey, visits to Havana, Cienfuegos, Sancti Spiritus, Trinidad and Santa Clara will offer unique opportunities to connect with a variety of local citizens—such as artists, students, educators and entrepreneurs—to gain insight into one of the world’s most mesmerizing countries.

**Go Next EXCLUSIVE BENEFITS**
- Smaller group size (up to 25 travelers), allowing for more intimate cultural interactions
- Handle all administration of the program—take bookings, collect payments, issue refunds and manage all customer service duties
- Manage all logistics
- Provide marketing initiatives
- Attentive service from an experienced Go Next program manager throughout the entire trip
- Comprehensive pre-departure information including an orientation guide, book and film list, and more
- Obtain Cuban visa for all U.S. citizens, provide the Letter of Authorization for all guests to travel and provide all documentation
- After-hours on-call support for unexpected travel interruptions

Go Next, Inc. is a qualified people-to-people sponsoring organization allowed to conduct educational exchanges in Cuba.
HAVANA
- Take a walking tour of Old Havana, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, filled with timeless Spanish colonial buildings, churches and palm-fringed plazas.
- Connect with faculty at the University of Havana, Cuba’s oldest university and one of the first established in the Americas, and discuss the Cuban higher-education system.
- Tour the former residence of the Governors of Havana (Palacio de los Capitanes Generales), a Cuban Baroque mansion and museum which showcases colonial-era art and artifacts.
- Gain insight into Cuba’s film industry and culture at the Cuban Institute of Cinematographic Art and Industry, created in 1959 to improve the quality of Cuban films—focusing on education and artistic expression.
- Visit the District of Alamar, and chat with locals about organic farming at Organopónico Vivero Alamar, one of Havana’s largest and most successful cooperative urban gardens.
- See how art can transform a neighborhood at Muraleando, a vibrant community outreach project founded by local residents.
- Travel south of Havana to Las Terrazas, a self-sustaining community and UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, surrounded by lush, forested hills.
- Visit the home of renowned ceramicist and painter, José Rodríguez Fuster, known as the “Picasso of the Caribbean.” See how his creative vision has transformed the local neighborhood into a colorful, artistic landscape.
- Interact with children at a primary school** and engage with administrators and teachers to discuss the challenges and opportunities of Cuba’s educational system.
- See the fishing village of Cojimar, the setting for Ernest Hemingway’s book The Old Man and the Sea, and visit Finca Vigía, the mansion where he lived from 1939-1960.
- Meet with independent Cuban booksellers at a used book market and learn about the culture and impact of literature on society.
- Stop at the artist studio project La Lavanderia and meet with a local artist to learn about traditional art in Cuba.
- At dinners held in privately owned restaurants or private homes known as paladares, hear first-hand from the owners about the entrepreneurial climate in Cuba.

TRINIDAD
- Take in the centuries-old charms of Trinidad, a Spanish colonial gem and UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- Learn about traditional ceramic techniques at the Casa del Alfarero, a pottery house founded and operated by the Santander family for generations.
- Visit the beautifully restored 18th-century Hacienda de Manaca Iznaga, located in the Valley de los Ingenios, once a center for sugar production, and see its exhibition of plantation life in the days of slavery.
- Tour a bed and breakfast where you will learn about this new entrepreneurial opportunity for Cubans, a business typically operated by the state.
- Join a Santeria practitioner at the Templo de Yemaya, and delve into the history and basic principles of this Afro-Cuban religion.
- Enjoy dinner in a private home (paladar), where you can meet with a multigenerational family and experience a bit of local daily life.

SANCTI SPIRITUS
- See the picturesque town of Sancti Spiritus, home to Cuba’s oldest church and one of the original seven Cuban cities founded by the Spanish.
- Visit a ration store where the store manager will explain rationing, the dual-currency system and the difference between Ration Stores, Cuban Peso Stores and CUC stores.
- Witness how a variety of produce, meat and local products are displayed and sold with visits to an outdoor food market and industrial goods market.

SANTA CLARA
- Enjoy dance, theater and music performances by the students at the Santa Clara Music and Performing Arts School, and hear how the performing arts have influenced Cuban life.
- Stop at the Museum and Mausoleum of Che Guevara (time permitting).

The highlights listed above are samples of the activities travelers may participating in. Travelers will receive a detailed daily itinerary approximately 14 days prior to departure. While unlikely, slight changes to the itinerary and accommodations may occur due to Cuban Government directives. **In the event a school or other venue is closed, an alternate People-to-People exchange will be scheduled.

PARTICIPANTS SHOULD BE IN GOOD PHYSICAL CONDITION. This program involves motor coach and walking tours with more than a moderate amount of walking on cobblestone streets, stairs and uneven ground. The daily tours can include up to approximately 2 hours at a time of moderate to strenuous walking, primarily over natural and uneven surfaces. There are numerous steps and inclines to negotiate.

CIENFUEGOS
- Admire the colonial architecture of Cienfuegos, a UNESCO World Heritage Site known as the “Pearl of the South,” and see the Punta Gorda Peninsula.
- Meet with a local choir or visit an art school and discuss the role of art and music in Cuban society.