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CUBAN DISCOVERY

January 28 – February 5, 2017
AUTHENTIC CUBA AWAITS!
NOW IS THE TIME TO DISCOVER THIS ISLAND’S RICH HISTORY & CULTURE

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HOWDY, AGS!

We invite you to join us on an eye-opening adventure, specially designed to cast a spotlight on the fascinating past, present, and future of a Caribbean nation—off-limits to most Americans for over half a century. Just as our president stepped into history with a landmark visit to Cuba, you, too, will be a part of this unique chapter in U.S.-Cuba relations.

At a pivotal moment in time, connect with the authentic Cuba—an island of captivating heritage and lush natural beauty, of rich artistic tradition and architectural magnificence—through its heart and soul: the people. Accompanied by expert guides, go beyond the tourist surface and engage in meaningful interactions with local musicians, entrepreneurs, students, historians, artists, and more. One extraordinary experience after another awaits you, from strolling through Cuban artist José Fuster’s neighborhood, a wonderland of colorful tiles and turrets, to watching the country’s flourishing art scene come alive during studio tours and student performances.

This intimate, small-group journey features interludes in lively Havana, charming Santa Clara, and the wonderfully preserved towns of Cienfuegos, Trinidad, and Sancti Spiritus. Space is limited, so reserve your spot now. Don’t miss the chance to explore Cuba’s ever-changing cultural landscape with fellow Aggies.

Gig ‘em!

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SPACE IS LIMITED! UP TO 25 PARTICIPANTS
CALL THE TRAVELING AGGIES: 800-633-7514
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RESERVE YOUR CUBAN DISCOVERY TRIP TODAY!

CUBAN DISCOVERY $5,999 per person, double occupancy; ☑ Single occupancy, add $900

Hotel bed request:
Check one: ✓ Twin (2 beds) ☐ Double (1 bed) Accommodation requests are subject to hotel availability.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR ARRANGEMENTS TO ARRIVE IN MIAMI ON JANUARY 28.
You may contact Go Next to arrange domestic Miami flights (a $35 administrative fee per reservation will apply).
All passengers must travel with a passport that is valid at least six months beyond their return date.

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SIGNATURES REQUIRED BY EACH PERSON TRAVELING INCLUDING PARENT/GUARDIAN FOR MINOR CHILDREN: I/We have read, received a copy of, understand, and accept the terms and conditions stated in the Operator/Participant Agreement. By signing this, I/we also agree to participate in all scheduled educational exchange activities approved by OFAC and I/we understand that there is no deviating from the daily schedule.

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DEPOSIT AND FINAL PAYMENT: A deposit of $950 per person is due with your reservation application. Make checks payable to Go Next. Full payment is required by October 10, 2016. Reservations received after this date must be accompanied with full payment.

Please reserve _____________ space(s). Enclosed is my/our deposit for $ _____________. Deposits may be made by credit card; however, all FINAL payments are required to be made by check or cash.

I/We authorize Go Next, Inc. to charge my/our deposit for $ _____________ to: □ Visa □ MasterCard
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From Havana’s colonial core, a jewel box of grand churches and mansions, to Trinidad’s terracotta rooftops set against a backdrop of rolling green hills, it’s easy to fall under Cuba’s spell. And now, as U.S.-Cuba relations continue to evolve, there’s never been a more exciting time to experience this breathtaking island firsthand. With insider access to premier guides, intimate connections, and off-the-beaten-path sites, our signature journey brings you closer to the authentic Cuba—more complex and inspiring than you ever imagined—with memories to treasure for a lifetime.
HAVANA: Dynamic and captivating, Cuba’s capital city is an impressive cultural and architectural feast pulsating with Spanish, African, and Caribbean flavors.

Highlights: Old Havana, a UNESCO World Heritage Site • Museum of the Revolution • National Museum of Fine Arts • Nostalgicar Garage • Fusterlandia • Finca Vigía, Ernest Hemingway’s mansion • University of Havana • Cojimar, fishing village and setting for Hemingway’s The Old Man and the Sea • Cemetery of Christopher Columbus • District of Alamar • Angeles del Futuro Community Program For Children • Artist studios • Community projects • Cigar experience • Dinners in private homes (paladares)

CIENFUEGOS: The only Cuban city founded by French settlers, Cienfuegos spreads around a lovely natural bay and offers a superb model of 19th-century urban planning in Latin America.

Highlights: French-inspired architecture • Punta Gorda peninsula • UNESCO-protected historic center • Parque Martí • Cathedral of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception • Ferrer Palace • Teatro de Cienfuegos • Musical performance by the Choir or Orchestra of Cienfuegos

Letter Panel: Trinidad
Left: Mandolin player
Center: Architectural detail, Plaza Vieja
Next: Cuban woman, Morro Castle Lighthouse
Right: Cuban flag on door
**SANCTI SPIRITUS:** A serene provincial capital with understated charm, Sancti Spiritus lies in the heart of Cuba and boasts one of the best-preserved colonial churches in the country.

**Highlights:** Plaza de Jesús (Honorato Park) • Iglesia Mayor (Main Church) • Ration store

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**TRINIDAD:** Spanish colonial beauty reaches a pinnacle in wonderfully preserved Trinidad, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and timeless town where 500 years of rich history and architectural majesty take center stage.

**Highlights:** Plaza Mayor • Convento de San Francisco de Asís • Architecture Museum • Iglesia Parroquial de la Santísima • Casa particular (bed-and-breakfast)

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**SANTA CLARA:** The capital of Villa Clara province, Santa Clara holds an eventful past as the site of the last battle in the Cuban Revolution, and an exciting present with its thriving cultural scene.

**Highlights:** Dance, theater, and music performances by students of the Santa Clara Music and Performing Arts School • Che Guevara Monument (photo stop)

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The highlights listed are sample activities and sights. You will receive a final day-by-day itinerary approximately 14 days prior to departure.
$5,999 per person, double occupancy

**INCLUSIONS**

**MIAMI INCLUDED FEATURES:**
- 1 night at the Crowne Plaza Miami International Airport hotel or similar accommodations
- Orientation meeting in the evening
- Exclusive local representative

**CUBA INCLUDED FEATURES:**
- Round-trip charter flight between Miami and Havana
- 7 nights’ accommodations: 5 nights in Havana, 2 nights in Sancti Spiritus
- 19 meals: 7 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 5 dinners, including a welcome and farewell dinner in Havana (1 local beverage is included with each meal)
- Transportation via private, A/C motor coach
- 2 bottles of water per person on touring days
- Full schedule of educational activities that result in meaningful interaction with the locals
- Smaller group size, allowing for a more rewarding, intimate tour experience
- Certification of travel to Cuba under the U.S. Department of the Treasury general license
- All entrance fees to scheduled tour sites
- Pre-trip assistance and information including an orientation guide, a book and film list, and more
- Private English-speaking Cuban national guide
- Private Cuban driver
- Go Next Program Manager
- Gratuities for restaurant staff, guides onsite at local people-to-people venues, and hotel porters
- Presentation led by a Cuban expert, providing unique commentary on the nation’s economy and culture
- Cuban travel insurance covering medical repatriation expenses only, as required by the Cuban government, valid only during your stay in Cuba

**NOT INCLUDED:**
$85 Cuban visa, $25 Cuban departure tax, gratuities for Cuban national guide and coach driver, airfare between home and Miami, passport fees, beverages other than those included with meals as indicated, personal expenses, optional travel insurance, baggage fees, and other items not specifically mentioned as included. The fees above are approximate and subject to change.
HOTEL PLAZA
Standing in the old quarter of Sancti Spiritus is the charming Hotel Plaza, offering a memorable and authentic Cuban hotel experience. Originally built in the 19th century as a family mansion, this quaint hotel has been completely renovated to reflect its former colonial style. Take in views of the main square from the rooftop terrace, or visit the on-site bar and restaurant.

MELIÁ COHIBA
Located in Havana’s colorful Vedado neighborhood, the modern Meliá Cohiba hotel is just a short drive from Old Havana. Stroll along the Malecón, the city’s famous promenade, explore the Plaza de la Revolución, or enjoy the hotel’s outdoor pool, whirlpool, solarium, gym, restaurants, and bars.