



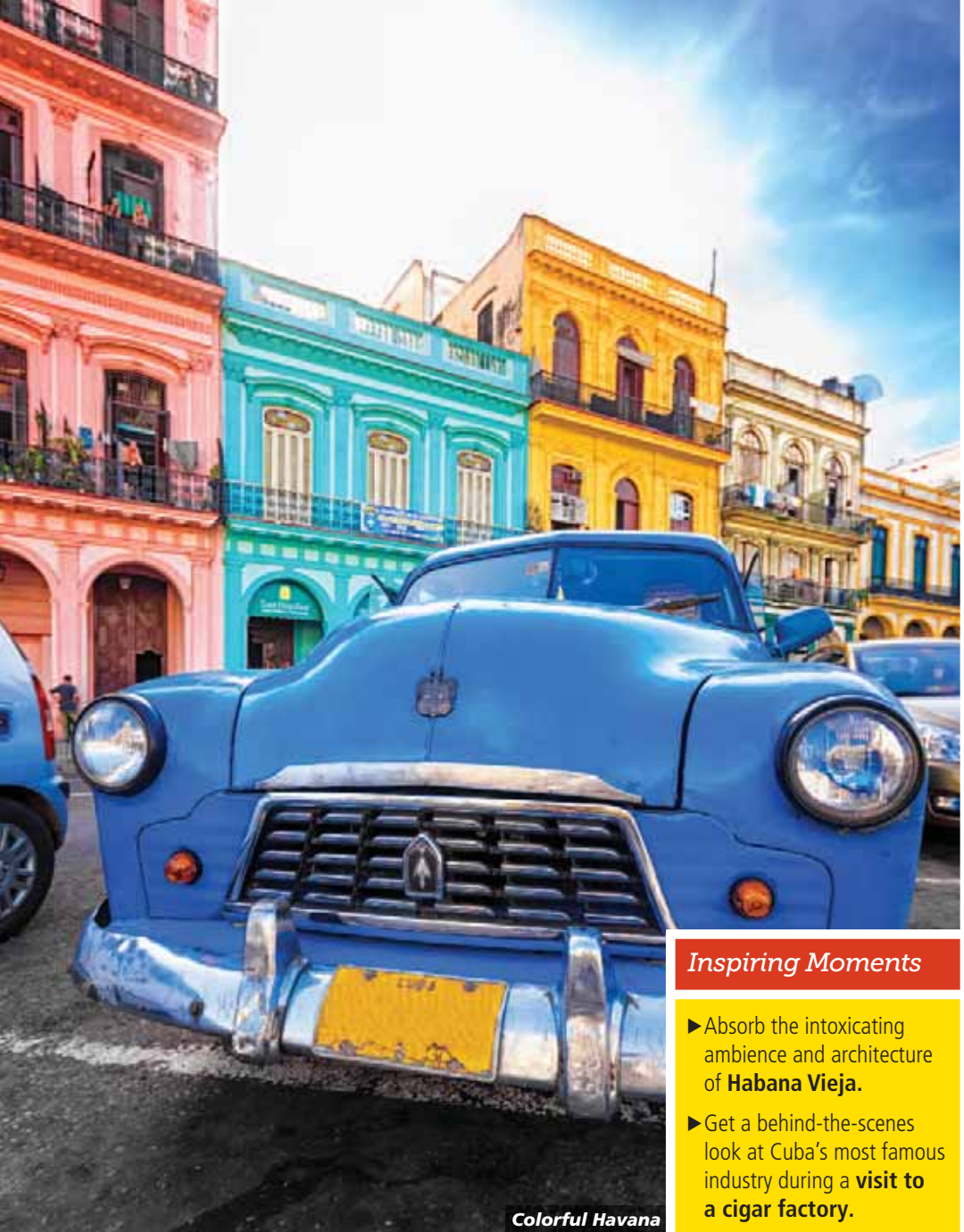
Cuba

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APRIL 23-MAY 1, 2017
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Colorful Havana

Immerse yourself in the culture, art, history and people of fascinating and enigmatic Cuba. Participate in the historic evolution of the relationship between the U.S. and our closest island nation neighbor. Authorized by a U.S. Department of the Treasury general license, this People-to-People educational exchange program is brimming with opportunities to discover Cuba through its everyday people, ranging from artists and musicians to religious leaders, teachers and students. While marveling at Cuba's opulent colonial architecture, vintage automobiles and vibrant countryside vistas, you will learn first-hand the hopes, dreams and aspirations of Cuban people working to improve their lives and enhance their society.

Inspiring Moments

- ▶ Absorb the intoxicating ambience and architecture of **Habana Vieja**.
- ▶ Get a behind-the-scenes look at Cuba's most famous industry during a **visit to a cigar factory**.
- ▶ **Meet members of Cuba's arts community** during visits with artists, dancers and musicians.
- ▶ Travel back in time and **ride in a 1950s classic car** through Havana's neighborhoods.
- ▶ Savor the rolling landscape and peaceful **splendor of Pinar del Río**.
- ▶ Uncover facts about Cuba's economy, arts and architecture during **insightful discussions with local experts**.

Faculty Lecturer

A distinguished member of Brown's faculty will accompany us on this journey, adding a unique and memorable perspective to this extraordinary trip. The faculty member will design and present an informative educational program, including lectures, discussions and suggested advance readings. As this brochure goes to press, the faculty member who will accompany the program has not yet been confirmed, but we wanted to mail this brochure in time for you to make plans to participate. All Brown Travelers faculty lecturers share a love for both teaching and travel, and their presence ensures that Brown-sponsored journeys are intellectually rewarding. Passengers on previous Brown Travelers trips have often cited the faculty member's participation as the best aspect of the trip and the reason they continue to travel with Brown!



Dear Graduates, Parents and Friends of Brown,

We are pleased to invite you on a Cuban journey of discovery. For five decades, travel to this vibrant Caribbean nation has been strictly regulated, but recent events have made it easier for U.S. citizens to experience life on this beautiful island.

Meticulously planned by travel experts to comply with U.S. regulations, this journey puts you in contact with ordinary Cubans who are doing extraordinary things. Learn directly from them about their culture, their history and their heritage. During your trip, you'll savor the flavors of authentic Cuban cuisine, admire the art of Cuban artists, listen to the infectious beat of Cuban music and much more!

Join us on this spectacular People-to-People educational exchange program, authorized by the U.S. Treasury Department's Cuban Assets Control Regulations. Space on this amazing, Brown-exclusive journey is limited to 28 travelers. Be sure to make your reservations today.

Sincerely,

Beth Goldman Galer '88
Director of the Alumni Travel Program

Operated in accordance with regulations issued by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Treasury Department. This exclusive program, developed by AHI International Corp., opens the door to a neighbor country long closed to American travelers. It is designed to promote People-to-People contact and cultural exchange.

| UNESCO |

Three of Cuba's UNESCO World Heritage sites and one UNESCO Biosphere Reserve are featured in this comprehensive program:

1. **Old Havana and its Fortification System**
2. **Trinidad and the Valley de los Ingenios**
3. **Urban Historic Center of Cienfuegos**
4. **Sierra del Rosario (UNESCO Biosphere Reserve)**





Museo de la Revolución



Havana

Cuba conjures up images of cigar-puffing men leaning against classic cars, colonial buildings shedding ice-cream colored paint and bodies oscillating to rhythmic salsa beats. From vintage hints of its past splendor to its medley of charismatic citizens, Cuba's vivacity is simply palpable and digging beneath its surface will uncover a truly exotic and compelling destination. Begin in Havana, a city bursting with musicality and revolutionary history. Then travel to Cuba's verdant countryside and experience the slow cadence of rural life. From inspiring cities to engaging People-to-People experiences, discover Cuba's enticing and exciting pulse for life.

DAY ONE

IN TRANSIT/MIAMI, FLORIDA

Depart your gateway city for Miami, Florida. Check in to the Crowne Plaza Miami International Airport.

(Transportation to Miami is not included.)

DAY TWO

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MIAMI/HAVANA, CUBA

Depart for Havana, Cuba.

Local Flavor: Enjoy lunch in Havana's center.

Excursion: Historic Havana. In Habana Vieja, a UNESCO World Heritage site, marvel at the Plaza de Armas, the city's oldest square, and see the Palacio de los Capitanes Generales, residence of the colonial Spanish governors. Stroll along Havana's pedestrian-only thoroughfare, Calle Obispo, and see state-run shops, restaurants and cuentapropistas. Meet these entrepreneurs, who have turned open spaces into showrooms for their wares. Check in to the Hotel Telégrafo.

Local Flavor: Enjoy your Welcome Dinner at La Moraleja, a paladar. During a period of reform in

the 1990s, Cubans were allowed to open their own restaurants. Each paladar offers a unique setting and menu.

DAY THREE

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HAVANA

Excursion: Revolutionary History. This morning visit the Museo de la Revolución. The museum houses Cuba's most complete exhibition of its revolutionary history including exhibits of the Bay of Pigs and Che Guevara's pipe. Bullet holes from the 1957 assassination attempt against Batista still pepper the interior.

Educational Focus: Urban Planning & the Architectural Challenges.

Local Flavor: Visit El Templete for lunch.

Excursion: Old Havana, Hemingway & Afro-Cuban Dance. Admire the 19th-century Fountain of Lions in Havana's pretty Plaza de San Francisco, and see the Plaza Vieja. Tour Finca Vigía, home of Ernest Hemingway, to learn about his life and literary works in Cuba. Then meet an Afro-Cuban salsa dance troupe and talk about their experiences. Perhaps try a few steps and hip-swirling moves yourself!

DAY FOUR

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HAVANA

Excursion: Cuba's Convertibles & Dance. Havana's streets are filled with classic American convertibles. These 1950s beauties, imported before the U.S. trade embargo began in 1960, still run due to their owner's ingenuity. Enjoy a drive through Havana's historic quarter before visiting a contemporary dance studio to engage with dancers, talk about their professions and see an inspiring rehearsal.

Local Flavor: Enjoy lunch at La Barraca at the landmark Hotel Nacional.

Excursion: Cuba's Higher Education. Tour the University of Havana campus and discuss



higher education with a school representative.

Educational Focus: U.S. & Cuban Relations.

Local Flavor: Delight in dinner at La Terraza, and meet the paladar’s owner, Pepe.

DAY FIVE

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HAVANA

Excursion: *Cigars and the Arts.* Visit a cigar factory for a glimpse of Cuba’s most famous industry. Meet employees and learn about their work. See a collection of Cuban Art at the National Museum of Fine Arts.

Educational Focus: Contemporary Art.

Excursion: *Artist’s Studio.* Visit Casa Fuster, the home and studio of Jose Fuster. Join a discussion with Fuster about his work and the new opportunities existing for Cuban artists.

Local Flavor: Enjoy lunch at Casa Fuster.

Excursion: *Cultural Cuba.* Visit La Quinta Santa Venia, a private home for senior citizens. Share experiences with the staff and children at Casa de la Cultura, a children’s cultural center.

Local Flavor: Enjoy dinner at a paladar.

DAY SIX

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PINAR DEL RÍO

Excursion: *Rural Cuba.* Drive to the scenic countryside and the Sierra del Rosario mountain

range. Travel through rural villages and tobacco plantations to Las Terrazas, a model socialist community established in the 1980s. Visit an elementary school, walk through the village and seek treasures at an art studio.

Local Flavor: Enjoy cuisine prepared with local, organic vegetables at El Romero, and discuss Cuba’s agricultural industry with the restaurant’s chef. Visit the organic vegetable garden and meet the community gardeners.

Local Flavor: Dine at Café del Oriente, one of Cuba’s best state-run restaurants.

DAY SEVEN

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CIENFUEGOS

Following breakfast, depart for Cienfuegos.

Excursion: *Cuba’s Sugar Cane Industry.*

As you leave Havana, wave goodbye to Fortaleza de San Carlos de la Cabaña. Visit Australia, a former sugar cane factory, and speak with former workers.

Local Flavor: Enjoy lunch by the sea.

Excursion: *Cienfuegos.* Upon arrival in Cienfuegos, take a walking tour of Parque Martí, the city’s main square. See the cathedral and admire its red bell towers.

Check in to the Hotel Jagua.

Local Flavor: Enjoy dinner at Jardin de los Laureles.



DAY EIGHT

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TRINIDAD | CIENFUEGOS**Excursion: *Trinidad and Local Life.***

Discover Old Trinidad. See the city's Plaza Mayor and Iglesia de la Santísima Trinidad, Cuba's oldest church. Walk past the colonial facade of the Museo Romántico de Artes Decorativas. Be graciously welcomed into a local home, meet the family and learn about typical Cuban life.

Local Flavor: Savor lunch at the Plaza Mayor.

Excursion: *Musical Cienfuegos.* Visit the Teatro de Cienfuegos and delight in a foot-tapping musical performance. Afterward, meet members of the musical group and learn about their professions and love for music.

Local Flavor: Gather with fellow travelers for a Farewell Dinner at El Lagarto.

DAY NINE

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CIENFUEGOS | SANTA CLARA | IN TRANSIT

Excursion: *Education & Health Care.* Visit the Escuela de los Oficios, a vocational school, and talk with the school's director and students. Continue on to Policlínico, a Cuban health clinic. Meet the staff to learn about and discuss Cuba's health care system.

Local Flavor: Enjoy lunch in Santa Clara.

Afterward, pass by the Che Guevara Monument dedicated to the iconic political activist Ernesto Guevara de la Serna.

Transfer to the Santa Clara airport for the return flight to Miami.

Consistent with the requirements of the OFAC People-to-People license, this program features a full-time schedule of cultural exchange activities. This exchange does not involve tourist or self-directed activities.

Note: *Itinerary may change due to local conditions. Walking is required on many excursions, and surfaces may be uneven or unpaved.*

BLLD denotes included breakfasts, lunches and dinners.

ACCOMMODATIONS

- One night in Miami, Florida, at the first-class Crowne Plaza Miami International Airport.
- Five nights in Havana, Cuba, at the first-class Hotel Telégrafo.
- Two nights in Cienfuegos at the first-class Hotel Jagua.

TRANSPORTATION

- Chartered round-trip flights from Miami to Cuba.
- All deluxe motor coach transfers in Cuba.

MEALS

- Enjoy all meals in Cuba; tea or coffee with all meals, plus a local beverage with dinner.
- Gather for Welcome and Farewell dinners.
- Sample authentic regional specialties while dining at specially selected state-run and privately owned restaurants.

ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES

- Interact with locals during daily People-to-People exchanges. All excursions in the itinerary are included.
- Learn about Cuban culture, history and more during informative educational discussions with local experts.
- Tipping of excursion guides and drivers.



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Before you go:

► **TRAVEL CONSULTANTS** |

These experts stand ready to answer your questions about activities, meals, accommodations and more as they guide you through the reservation process.

► **PASSENGER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE** |

Once you have reserved your spot, enjoy personalized assistance from this specialist, your one point of contact who will help you with everything from arranging flights to booking elective activities to fulfilling special requests.

► **TRAVEL INFORMATION** | Receive extensive destination information and travel tips compiled by our travel-savvy team to prepare you fully for your journey.

Once you arrive:

On the ground, three layers of top-quality professionals offer their insiders' perspective and take your adventure to the next level.

► **TRAVEL DIRECTOR** | Throughout your journey, you will be in the care of a seasoned AHI travel professional who will manage all the logistics, allowing you to relax and simply soak up the ambience. Resourceful, knowledgeable and attentive, your Travel Director helps to ensure you enjoy an unforgettable travel experience.

► **EXPERT GUIDES** | Who better to show you around than the people who live there? We've specially selected informed and enthusiastic local professional guides who understand the needs of our educated and curious travelers. Warm and genuine, they're ready to share their passion for their country with you.

► **LECTURERS** | Coming from all walks of life, our entertaining local lecturers open your eyes to history and current events. The breadth of their knowledge deepens your appreciation for the region and its heritage.



Accommodations

Our travel experts have selected these first-class properties, each in a prime location, for your comfort. Details in the design and décor celebrate the local culture and enhance the ambience of each hotel. Of utmost importance is the superior quality of the services, amenities and accommodations, allowing you to maximize the enjoyment of your stay.



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Please contact AHI Travel at **800-323-7373** with questions regarding this trip or to make a reservation.

Program date desired:

- April 23-May 1 Trip #:8-23483** **October 29-November 6 Trip #:9-22975**

Full Legal Name (exactly as it appears on passport)

(1) _____
Title First Middle Last Date of Birth

Email: _____
Class/Parent Year(s)

(2) _____
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Street Address: _____

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Sharing with _____ . (Form sent separately.)

This is an air-inclusive program from Miami, FL, to Cuba, on specially arranged charter flights.

I/we authorize you to make my/our reservations as follows:

I/we reserve the Land & Air Program and request round-trip flight(s) to and from Miami, FL, to depart from:

Departure City

Please contact me/us to discuss connecting domestic air flight options.

Single Accommodations

I prefer single accommodations at an additional \$775 for the April departure or \$875 for the October departure (limited availability).

I request assistance in securing a roommate but will accept a single, if one is available at this time, and pay the single supplement. Should a roommate be found, I understand the supplement will no longer apply.

Reservations are subject to availability and processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations to be paid in full by **75 days prior to departure**. Reservations received after this date must be accompanied by payment in full. Final payment may be made by personal check, MasterCard, Visa, Discover or Amex. Make checks payable to AHI Travel.

Enclosed is a deposit of _____ (\$600 per person required) to reserve _____ place(s).

Accept my check made payable to **AHI Travel**.

Charge my: MasterCard Visa Discover Amex Expires _____ / _____

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(Signature as it appears on credit card)

Please note: Any payment to AHI International constitutes your acceptance of the terms and conditions set out herein, including but not limited to the cancellation terms.

LAND & AIR PROGRAM

April 23-May 1, 2017

Special Price \$5,495

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Special Price \$5,695

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and include round-trip charter air service from Miami to Cuba. Single accommodations are an additional \$775 for the April departure and \$875 for the October departure (limited availability).

NOT INCLUDED-Fees for passports and, if applicable, visas, entry/departure fees; personal gratuities; laundry and dry cleaning; excursions, wines, liquors, mineral waters and meals not mentioned in this brochure under included features; travel insurance; all items of a strictly personal nature.

MOBILITY AND FITNESS TO TRAVEL-The right is retained to decline to accept or to retain any person as a member of this trip who, in the opinion of AHI Travel, is unfit for travel or whose physical or mental condition may constitute a danger to themselves or to others on the trip, subject only to the requirement that the portion of the total amount paid which corresponds to the unused services and accommodations be refunded. Passengers requiring special assistance, including without limitation those who permanently or periodically use a wheelchair, must be accompanied by someone who is fit and able to assist them, and who will be totally responsible for providing all required assistance.

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CHARTER FLIGHTS-A Charter Operator with an OFAC Carrier Service Provider license will arrange the charter flights to and from Cuba. Exchange program participants should refer to the Charter Operator's Operator-Participant Contract for further information on the charter program conditions. AHI International Corp. will provide this information as soon as the U.S. government approved flight schedules are available.

BAGGAGE-In Miami, two checked-in bags are allowed. The baggage fee per bag is \$20. If the combined weight of checked-in bags exceeds 44 lbs., a fee of \$2 per overweight pound will be assessed. No bag may weigh more than 70 lbs. Excess cost for boxes is \$3 per pound. Baggage fees are payable in cash only. No baggage fees on return from Havana. These terms are subject to change.

AUTHORITY TO USE IMAGES AND AUDIO RECORDINGS-On occasion, AHI Travel obtains, from its staff, or from trip participants, photographic or video images of passengers and trip activities. By participating in this travel program, you authorize AHI Travel, Brown University and the Brown Alumni Association, without providing compensation to you, or obtaining additional approvals from you, to include photographic and video recordings of you, as well as voice recordings included with any videos, in AHI Travel's and/or Brown's sales, marketing, advertising, publicity and/or training activities.

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ITINERARY PARTICIPATION - The general license for this program, administered by the U.S. Department of the Treasury Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC), requires that people-to-people educational exchange travelers participate in a full-time schedule of activities that will result in meaningful interaction with the Cuban people, and imposes on AHI the obligation to ensure that participation. By registering for this program, you certify that you will adhere without deviation to the program itinerary. OFAC may require you to provide a report about the educational exchange activities, and requires that you maintain copies of your records relating to this Exchange for a period of five years.

CANCELLATION-All cancellations for any reason will be subject to a \$250 per person administrative fee. You may choose, at the time of cancellation, to apply the withheld administrative fee to a future AHI Travel program that will operate in the current calendar year or year following. Cancellation from 120 days to 76 days prior to departure will result in forfeiture of 10% of the entire cost of the trip per person; 75-30 days, 50% of the trip cost per person; cancellation from 29 days up to the time of departure will result in 100% forfeiture of the entire cost of the trip. TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE IS AVAILABLE. AN APPLICATION WILL BE SENT BY THE BROWN TRAVELERS PROGRAM AFTER YOU RESERVE. All cancellations must be submitted in writing to AHI Travel. CANCELLATION OF TRIP OPTIONS-Purchases of optional excursions, trip extensions and additional hotel nights become fully non-refundable 45 days prior to departure. Air transportation and private transfer purchases are subject only to penalties assessed by the airlines and transfer suppliers.



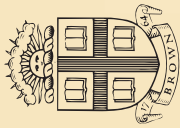
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Health clinic visit



Sierra del Rosario



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