Havana for all ages

December 26, 2015 – January 1, 2016
with Princeton Study Leader Adrián López-Denis

Make lasting memories.
Meet new Cuban friends.
Dear Princetonian,

How can a neighbor so close in geography still feel a world away? Help the young travelers in your life understand the complexities of Cuban life and gain a deeper understanding, yourself, of the evolving nature of U.S.-Cuba relations today on this one-week family-focused program in Havana over the winter holidays.

Princeton Journeys is pleased to announce another opportunity to travel to Cuba, a country long off-limits to American travelers, at a time when the island nation is on the edge of historic changes. Although a specific license to travel to Cuba is no longer required, general travel is still prohibited. The Office of Alumni Affairs has certified that each traveler on our programs will have a full-time schedule of educational exchange activities that will result in meaningful interaction between the travelers and individuals in Cuba. So, expect daily opportunities to converse and engage with Cuban people from all walks of life who embody the richness of unique and proud traditions in music, art, culture and history. Meetings with representatives of all walks of Cuban life will be punctuated by kid-friendly activities in the company of Cuban youth—from learning to play dominoes to partaking in a familiar national pastime, baseball. Take the opportunity to practice your Spanish skills (or develop some basic ones!) on this very interactive journey that ends with ringing in the New Year Habaneros style!

Space is limited to 30 participants. Reserve spots for your family by contacting the Princeton Journeys team today at (609) 258-8686 or journeys@princeton.edu.

With kind regards,

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Study Leader Adrián López-Denis, Lecturer at Princeton's Program in Latin American Studies

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Saturday, December 26: Depart Home/ Arrive Miami
Make your way to Miami and check into the group's hotel at your convenience. Depending on when you arrive in Miami, you will have a free day to enjoy the city before an evening welcome orientation for the trip.

Sunday, December 27: Miami/Havana
This morning, meet in the hotel lobby and transfer to Miami International Airport by shuttle and check in for the included charter flight to Havana. (NOTE: There is a strict 44 lbs. limit per person on luggage, this includes carry-on items.) After landing in Havana, get to know the founders of a community art project, which has sparked an artistic revolution and inspired murals and sculptures to pop up all over the city. After lunch, check into your hotel and settle in. The day will end with a welcome dinner for you and your fellow travelers. (L, D)

Monday, December 28: Havana
Your first full day in Havana will begin with a walking tour of Old Havana, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This romantic part of the city has an authentic personality that shines in the Baroque and neoclassical architecture and in the Plaza de la Catedral and Plaza Vieja. After lunch, attend a Cuban baseball game where our youngest travelers will get to play catch with a Cuban youth team. Next, meet the accomplished author, poet, essayist, and play write Rafael Hernandez. Hernandez is the founder of Temas, a quarterly publication in the field of social science and humanities and he is a leading thinker on Cuban social policy and politics. Dinner is at a paladar, a privately owned family run restaurant for an exciting meal that culminates with a night tour around Old Havana. (B, L, D)

Tuesday, December 29: Havana
Today’s start is quite special- attend a private Afro-Cuban dance rehearsal by the Habana Compas Dance troupe. Then, receive a tutorial in dominos from a few of the locals before a visit to John Lennon Park in the Veradado district, where you’ll learn about the history of The Beatles and Cuba. Before leaving the area a visit to the Plaza de la Revolucion is a must where many of the main government buildings are located, along with the famous Che Guevara image on the side of the Ministry of the Interior building. Enjoy a delicious Cuban barbeque for dinner and then head to La Cabana Fortress for the firing of the Ceremonial Cannon. (B, L, D)

Wednesday, December 30: Havana
Take a ride just east of Havana to San Francisco de Paula to visit Finca La Vigía, the house where Ernest Hemingway lived for 20 years and wrote some of his most famous works. Continue to the small fishing village Cojimar for lunch. Local fishermen from this picturesque town that served as inspiration for Hemingway’s The Old Man and the Sea will share their stories of the author’s time in Cuba. Walk down to the pier to watch as other fishermen arrive with their catches of the day! (B, L)
Thursday, December 31: Havana
Meet Kelvin Lopez and Bebo, two emerging Cuban artists, who will travelers of all ages with your art skills! After, tour the impeccable and gorgeous Il Divino gardens before enjoying a delicious, fresh organic lunch! The afternoon includes the opportunity to participate in a community project with local Cuban children. The evening ends with a farewell dinner and a New Year’s celebration in the true spirit of Havana! (B, L, D)

Friday, January 1: Depart Havana/Arrive Home
Your tour manager will assist with your check-out and transfer to the airport for your return charter flight to Miami. (B)

What’s Included
- Engaging activities with new Cuban friends
- Cuban-born, English-speaking, professional guides
- All excursions and entrance fees indicated in the itinerary
- Meals: 5 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 4 dinners, and bottled water in vehicles
- Beer, wine and soda at the welcome and farewell dinners
- Flights to/from Havana and land transportation
- Gratuities for Tour Manager, drivers, porters and wait staff

Booking Conditions

How to Book:
To reserve your space, please contact Princeton Journeys at (609) 258-8686 or journeys@princeton.edu or mail/fax the enclosed reservation form. A non-refundable deposit of $1,000 per person payable by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or check payable to Thomson Family Adventures, our operator for this program, secures your space. We cannot confirm reservations without a deposit.

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