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Dear Princetonian,

Princeton Journeys is pleased to announce that, by special permission of the U.S. Department of the Treasury, the Office of the Alumni Association has been awarded a license to offer to our alumni and friends educational exchanges in Cuba, a country long off-limits to American travelers.

The Office of the Alumni Association has certified that each traveler on our program 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. Meet with leading intellectuals, youthful university students, talented musicians from the National School of Music, and up-and-coming artists from acclaimed galleries. Share ideas with representatives from various sectors of Cuban society to gain a deeper understanding of the transitions the Cuban people are experiencing today.

We have received many queries about our Cuba plans over the past year. Now that we are able to offer this October 20 program, as a reprise of our sold-out March departure, we suggest that you contact the Princeton Journeys team by submitting your signed application and payment starting on April 25 to reserve space.

With kind regards,

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Casa de la Obra Pía, Havana.

Cover photos are of interactions that Princeton Journeys travelers had in March 2012 in Cuba. Images courtesy of Leslie Rowley S95 and David Bloomfield ’84.
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Plaza de San Francisco de Asis (left), garden wall tiles (center) and El Capitolio (right), Havana.

Exact dates and times for the following meetings, meals, and other interactions, will be determined closer to the date of departure.

October 20
Saturday
MIAMI / HAVANA
Meet at Miami International Airport in the early morning for a regularly scheduled chartered flight to Havana. Upon arrival at the José Martí Airport, drive across the harbor for a tour of El Morro fortress, begun in 1598. Admire the panoramic views of the city and port before lunch. In the early afternoon, check into the Saratoga Hotel. This evening, a cocktail reception with welcome remarks precedes dinner at a lively local restaurant.

October 21
Sunday
HAVANA
Begin the day with a lecture before continuing to the Museo de la Revolución, which vividly describes Cuba’s history from colonial times through the winning of independence to the Triumph of the Revolution. Following lunch, drive to the small, hilltop village of San Francisco de Paula to visit the house, Finca La Vigía, where Ernest Hemingway lived for 20 years. We will view the rooms through open windows and also see his fishing boat Pilar. Conclude with a brief visit to the village of Cojimar, the setting for The Old Man and the Sea. The evening is at leisure, and you may wish to have dinner at a paladar, a restaurant in a private home that operates with the special permission of the Cuban government.

October 22
Monday
HAVANA
The arts have long presented Cubans with an opportunity to cautiously express their views on society; today hear from many Cubans involved in the arts. Join an architectural historian for lecture and a morning walking tour of Old Havana focusing on the four main squares: the Plaza de Armas, Plaza de San Francisco de Asís, Plaza Vieja and Plaza de la Catedral. Conclude with lunch near the cathedral. Afternoon visits are arranged in the homes and studios of some of Havana’s leading artists, where there may be an opportunity to purchase paintings and drawings. Then drive to the Ludwig Foundation for the Arts where we will have a presentation on Cuban Art and a chance to discuss the arts with invited local guests. The Foundation President will host a cocktail reception and buffet dinner on the penthouse terrace.
October 23  
Tuesday  
HAVANA  
Attend an informal morning rehearsal of the Contemporary Dance Company of Cuba at the Teatro Nacional. Then visit Colón Cemetery. With its many monuments commemorating Cuban heroes, statesmen and Following an independent lunch, attend a late afternoon lecture at the hotel. This evening attend private concert at the Church of San Francisco de Paula, with an opportunity to chat with the performers. Dinner is at leisure.

October 24  
Wednesday  
HAVANA  
Following a morning lecture, drive to the National Museum of Fine Arts for a curatorial tour focusing on their Cuban art collection. This afternoon you may wish to explore Feria de Artesanía, the crafts market; stroll past the Colonial-style buildings on Calle Obispo, the main shopping street; or have lunch at the storied Hotel Nacional. In the early evening, participate in a private director’s tour and reception at the Ceramics Museum. Dinner is at a nearby restaurant.

October 25  
Thursday  
HAVANA / PLAYA GIRO / CIENFUEGOS  
Depart by private motorcoach for Cienfuegos and stop en route at Playa Girón, the landing site for seaborne forces of armed Cuban exiles in the Bay of Pigs Invasion. Following lunch in Cienfuegos, the Princeton Group has been invited to meet with the world renowned choir, Cantores de Cienfuegos, at a performance. Time permitting, visit a local artist’s studio. In the late afternoon, check into the Jagua Hotel. Dinner is arranged at a local restaurant.

October 26  
Friday  
CIENFUEGOS / TRINIDAD / HAVANA  
Drive to Trinidad, home to beautifully decorated colonial buildings and one of Cuba’s UNESCO World Heritage Sites. There will be time to explore this historic city and meet with local artists and craftspeople before lunch. Then return to Havana, and the Saratoga Hotel. Our farewell dinner is at a local restaurant.

October 27  
Saturday  
HAVANA / MIAMI  
Transfer to the airport for the morning flight back to Miami.

Please note that this itinerary is subject to change. Additionally, throughout the program we have invited special guests to join the group. Architects, museum directors, students and others will be joining us for meals and group discussions. You are encouraged to actively engage these individuals in conversation. Translators are always available upon request.

Coco taxis in Havana (left), main square in Trinidad (center) and vintage Cuban car (right).
PROGRAM RATE $4,995 per person, double occupancy
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT $575

Rate Includes

- Round-trip airfare via regularly scheduled chartered flights: Miami / Havana / Miami
- Seven nights hotel accommodation, double occupancy, as per itinerary
- Buffet breakfast daily, five lunches and five dinners. Bottled water and coffee/tea with meals; local beer at welcome and farewell dinners
- Transportation via private motorcoach as per itinerary, including services of bilingual national guide
- Airport / hotel group transfers
- Taxes, service and porterage; gratuities to local guides and drivers
- Cuban visa fee (excluding Cuban-born travelers, who will need to apply individually at their own expense); Cuban departure tax; and Cuban health insurance policy (for travelers under age 80)

- Pre-departure material, including reading list

Not Included in Rate

Airfare between home city and Miami; passport fees; beverages other than as indicated above; personal items and expenses; trip cancellation insurance; excess baggage; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.

AIRFARE Roundtrip air travel between Miami and Havana is via regularly scheduled chartered flight. Business Class is not available. Passengers should make their own travel arrangements to/from their home city and Miami. Alternatively, Academic Arrangements Abroad (AAA) will assist on an individual basis and payment can be made by credit card only. Airfare between your home city and Miami International Airport will be quoted on an individual basis. Frequent flyer mileage cannot be accepted in conjunction with this program.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE $1,500 per person, payable to Academic Arrangements Abroad, of which $500 is non-refundable for administrative fees, is required with the reservation application. Balance due, by check only, 90 days prior to departure.

HEALTH This is an active program and all participants must be in good health. This program involves extensive walking over uneven surfaces, climbing stairs without handrails at locations that are not handicapped accessible. Any condition that may require assistance or special medical attention must be reported at the time of your reservation.

INSURANCE TRIP CANCELLATION / EMERGENCY MEDICAL EVACUATION / BAGGAGE / ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE PROTECTION IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED. CANCELLATION PENALTIES ARE STRICTLY ENFORCED. As a service to its travelers, the Office of the Alumni Association of Princeton University automatically provides all Princeton Journey participants with basic medical, accident, and evacuation coverage under a group travel insurance policy. An additional limited policy, valid in Cuba only, is extended to all travelers age 80 and under as required by the Cuban government and is included in the cost of the program. IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED that you supplement this basic protection with your own additional coverage, as well as trip cancellation / interruption or baggage coverage. Information on additional insurance is available and will be mailed upon receipt of your reservation.

CHANGES IN ITINERARY & COSTS The itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of the Office of the Alumni Association of Princeton University (AAPU) and AAA. All prices quoted are based on prevailing fuel prices, airfares and currency exchange rates in effect at time of brochure printing and are subject to change without notice. Deviations from the scheduled itinerary are not permitted.

RESPONSIBILITY CLAUSE The participation of AAPU is limited to educational sponsorship of the program described in this brochure (The Program). AAS acts only as an agent for the participant with respect to transportation, accommodations and all other services, relating to The Program. AAA, AAPU and/or their agents assume no responsibility or liability for any act, error or omission, or for any injury, loss, accident, delay or irregularity that may be occasioned by reason of any defect in any aircraft, ship, train, bus or other carrier, or through neglect or default of any subcontractor or other third party, which may be used wholly or in part in the performance of their duty to the participants of The Program. The passage ticket issued by the carrier is the sole contract between the participant and the carrier. Nor will AAA or AAPU and/or their agents be responsible for loss, injury, damages or expenses to persons or property, due to illness, weather, strikes, local laws, hostilities, wars, terrorist acts, acts of nature or other such causes in connection with The Program or anything beyond their reasonable control. AAA is not responsible for transportation or other program delays and changes, nor additional expenses or loss of time that may be incurred. In the event it becomes necessary or advisable for the comfort or well-being of the participants, or for any reason whatsoever, to alter the itinerary at any time, without notice to the participants, such alterations will be made without penalty to AAA or AAPU. Additional expenses, if any, shall be borne by the participants. Baggage and personal effects are the sole responsibility of the participant at all times. AAPU and AAA reserve the right to accept or decline any person as a participant at any time, or to require any participant to withdraw from The Program at their own expense when such an action is determined by AAA or AAPU to be in the best interest of the participant’s health and safety, or the general welfare of the other participants.

CANCELLATION POLICY AAA must strictly adhere to its cancellation policy to offset costs incurred prior to the commencement of The Program, which may include but are not limited to: advance payments to land operators; communication expenses; development and the loss of time that might have permitted resale of reserved space. All cancellations must be made in writing to the offices of AAA and are subject to a $500 non-refundable administrative fee. All refunds are limited to amounts actually received by AAA and are the sole responsibility of AAA: AAA shall have no liability for refunds. At the time AAA receives written notification of cancellation, the following cancellation charges will apply: cancellations received between 120 and 91 days prior to departure, 20 percent of the program cost per person; those received between 90 and 61 days before departure, 50 percent of the program cost per person; no refunds will be given for cancellations received within 60 days of departure. No refunds are given for cancellation on or after the day of departure, or for unused portions of the tour, for any reason. Air cancellation charges, if any, will be assessed in accordance with airline regulations. All group fare tickets must be issued no less than 30 days prior to departure. NOTE: Neither AAA nor AAPU shall be liable for any airline cancellation penalties incurred by the purchase of a non-refundable ticket. In the case of a cancellation due to shortage of participants, AAA will attempt to notify all participants at least 45 days prior to departure. However, AAA reserves the right to cancel The Program prior to departure for any reason and, in such case, reimbursement of refundable costs of the trip by AAA shall constitute full settlement with the participant. In the unlikely event that a dispute arises between a participant and AAA or AAPU, the following conditions will apply: (a) the dispute will be settled by binding arbitration administered by the American Arbitration Association in New York, NY; (b) the dispute will be governed by New York Law; (c) the maximum amount of recovery to which a participant shall be entitled under any and all circumstances will be the sum of all monies actually received from the participant by AAA. The participant agrees that this is a fair and reasonable limitation on the damages, of any sort whatsoever, that a participant may suffer. Upon payment of the deposit to AAA, the participant agrees to be bound by the above terms and conditions.

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Academic Arrangements Abroad
Current Restrictions on Travel & American Travelers to Cuba

There are substantial restrictions on travel to Cuba from the United States and for all Americans citizens and American residents. These restrictions apply regardless of where you are traveling from on your way to Cuba or where you travel to following a visit to Cuba. The restrictions include persons who are citizens of other countries as well. Only those who are authorized by the U.S. Treasury Department’s Office of Foreign Assets Control, known as “OFAC”, may legally travel from the United States to Cuba. There are specially licensed air carriers (CSTs) that provide charter services for authorized individuals between Cuba and the U.S. Further, air arrangements and arrangements for travel and stays within Cuba can only be made through a licensed Travel Service Provider (TSP). Academic Arrangements Abroad is a licensed Travel Service Provider and is authorized to make all travel arrangements to and from Cuba, as well as travel arrangements within Cuba for individuals who possess the following licenses:

Please note that this summary of OFAC travel restrictions is for informational purposes only. For the official requirements please see:

http://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/Programs/Documents/cuba_tr_app.pdf

For your program, you will be traveling under a Specific License. The Office of the Alumni Association of Princeton University has been granted a Specific License for educational exchanges not involving academic study pursuant to a degree program but which promote people-to-people contact. Princeton Journeys participants travel under this license and must have a copy of the license in their possession at all times while traveling to and from Cuba.

Specific Licenses: Applications must be submitted to OFAC for a Specific License, either by an individual or institution. OFAC will consider issuing a Specific License for the following:

- Educational exchanges not involving academic study pursuant to a degree program to promote people-to-people contact.
- Educational: An applicant must be traveling for certain clearly defined educational activities, including: participation in a structured educational program that includes at least 10 weeks in Cuba; independent research for writing a Master’s thesis, doctoral dissertation or similar document; participation in a formal course of study or teaching at a Cuban academic institution or sponsoring a Cuban scholar in the United States.
- Persons traveling for religious activities.
- Persons traveling for certain humanitarian projects.
- Persons traveling for free-lance journalism.
- Persons traveling for professional research or to attend a professional meeting that do not meet the requirements of the relevant general license.
- Amateur or semi-professional athletes traveling to participate in a competition held under the auspices of an international sports Federation or for participation in certain public performances or exhibitions.
- Persons traveling for the purposes related to exportation, importation or transmission of information or informational material.
- Persons visiting close relatives who are neither Cuban national or U.S. government employees assigned to the U.S. Interest Section.

For complete information, please see the OFAC website:

http://www.treasury.gov/services/Pages/Cuba-Travel-Licenses.aspx

By participating on this program, you agree to the following restrictions of the Specific License and OFAC regulations on travel to Cuba:

- To travel to and from Cuba with the group
- To participate fully in all program activities
- To abide by the terms of the U.S. Embargo

After reserving your place on the program, you will be informed of exactly what you must bring with you in order to enter Cuba and re-enter the United States according to OFAC.

http://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/Programs/pages/cuba.aspx
To reserve a place, please complete and return this form with your deposit of $1,500 per person (of which $500 is non-refundable for administrative fees) payable to Academic Arrangements Abroad. Mail to: Princeton Journeys, John Maclean House, P.O. Box 291, Princeton, NJ 08542-0291, or fax (609)258-5561.

I/We are traveling to Cuba under a specific OFAC People-to-People license number CT-18617

FIRST PARTICIPANT

NAME IN FULL AS ON PASSPORT
HOME ADDRESS
CITY
TELEPHONE (HOME)
FAX
PASSPORT NUMBER
CITIZENSHIP
DATE OF BIRTH

MOTHER’S MAIDEN NAME
STATE
(BUSINESS)
E-MAIL
EXPIRATION DATE (must be valid for six months after entry into Cuba)
OCCUPATION
SEX
PLACE OF BIRTH

SECOND PARTICIPANT

NAME IN FULL AS ON PASSPORT
HOME ADDRESS
CITY
TELEPHONE (HOME)
FAX
PASSPORT NUMBER
CITIZENSHIP
DATE OF BIRTH

MOTHER’S MAIDEN NAME
STATE
(BUSINESS)
E-MAIL
EXPIRATION DATE (must be valid for six months after entry into Cuba)
OCCUPATION
SEX
PLACE OF BIRTH

Accommodations
Hotel Room Preference □ Double □ Twin (limited availability) □ Single (at a supplement of $575)
I wish to share a room with

Form of Payment
□ Enclosed is my check for $1,500 per person of which $500 is non-refundable for administrative fees (payable to Academic Arrangements Abroad)
□ Credit card (may be used for deposit only)

NAME AS ON CREDIT CARD
CREDIT CARD NUMBER
3- OR 4-DIGIT SECURITY CODE
EXPIRATION DATE

Each participant must sign below.

I/We confirm that I/We will fully participate in the licensed cultural exchange activities of this People-to-People Program.
I/We confirm that I/We have fully read and agree to the Terms & Conditions of this program, including the page on Cuba Travel Restrictions.
I/We agree to full payment by check 90 days prior to departure.

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