HAVANA EXPLORATION

March 22 to 29, 2014
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 renewal to offer this exciting people-to-people program with daily opportunities to converse with Cuban people from all walks of life.

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 Princeton travelers and individuals in Cuba. Engage with leading intellectuals, young university students, talented performers at the Contemporary Dance Company of Cuba, 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.

Though the focus on this Journey will be the aging splendor of Havana and its potential for resurrection, a day trip outside of town will show another side of Cuba. Explore Matanzas, known as “The Athens of Cuba” for its many poets, and get a sense of the modern mores and beliefs that become woven into the arts and poetry of today.

After offering a number of programs to Cuba, we are delighted to offer Princetonians a chance to unpack once and get to know Havana and her people in this in-depth program. Our Cuba programs have been popular in the past, so we suggest that you contact the Princeton Journeys team at (609) 258-8686 right away to reserve your spot.

With kind regards,

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Executive Manager
Princeton Journeys

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March 22  
**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, transfer to the Hotel Parque Central for lunch and check-in. Later in the afternoon attend a discussion on Cuba’s current reality by a former ambassador and deputy minister for foreign affairs. The welcome dinner this evening is at a lively local restaurant.

March 23  
**HAVANA**
Join an architectural historian for a morning conversation followed by a 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. The evening is at leisure. Travelers may wish to have dinner at a *paladar*, a restaurant in a private home that operates with the special permission of the Cuban government.

March 24  
**HAVANA**
A morning visit to Cuba’s leading art school, Instituto Superior de Arte (ISA), offers an opportunity to get to know the work of professors and students, and engage in conversation with them. After lunch, meet with students from the University of Havana (and likely their visiting Princeton counterparts) for a discussion about youth culture and sentiments in today’s Cuba. In the evening, enjoy dinner in a local restaurant.

March 25  
**MATANZAS**
Depart by private motorcoach for Matanzas, stopping en route at the Bacunayagua Bridge, the highest in Cuba, with panoramic views of the nearby valley. Upon arrival in Matanzas learn about Santería (an Afro-Cuban religious tradition) and Cuba’s part in the slave trade during a visit to the Castle of San Severino. Continue to Varadero for lunch at the historic Xanadu, the mansion built in the late 1920s by the French American millionaire Irénée Dupont de Nemours. Drive back to Matanzas to meet the makers of crafted books created at Ediciones Vigia, before a visit to the unique Pharmacy Museum. A private performance is planned before returning to Havana, where the evening is at leisure.
Please note that this preliminary itinerary is subject to change. Additionally, throughout the program we have invited special guests to join the group. Architects, museum directors and students, as well as performing and visual artists will be joining us for visits, at meals and individual/group discussions. You are encouraged to actively engage these individuals in conversation. Interpreters are always available on request.
**RESPONSIBILITY CLAUSE** The participation of AAPU is limited to educational sponsorship of the program described in this brochure (The Program). AAA 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. AAA and AAPU 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; AAPU shall have no liability for refunds. At the time AAA receives written notification of cancellation, the following cancellation charges will apply: 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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**PROGRAM RATE $4,995 per person, double occupancy**

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT $495 (limited availability)**

**Rate Includes**
- Round-trip airfare via regularly scheduled chartered flights: Miami / Havana / Miami
- Seven nights accommodations, double occupancy, Parque Central Hotel in Havana
- Buffet breakfast daily, five lunches and five dinners.
  Bottled water, local beer, soft drinks and coffee / tea with meals.
  Local wine 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), Cuban Departure tax and limited Cuban health insurance policy (for travelers under age 80)
- Cuban Departure tax
- Pre-departure material, including reading list

**Not Included in Rate** Airfare between hometown and Miami; hotel in Miami; alcoholic beverages other than local beer and wine at welcome and farewell dinners; personal items and expenses; trip cancellation insurance; excess baggage and any other items not specifically mentioned as included.

**AIRFARE** Academic Arrangements Abroad (AAA) will be pleased to assist with air travel arrangements from your home city to Miami, for a processing fee of $40 per person. Domestic airfare will be quoted on an individual basis and is payable by credit card only. Frequent flyer mileage cannot be accepted in conjunction with this program.

**PAYMENT** A deposit of $1,500 per person, payable by check to Academic Arrangements Abroad, of which $500 is non-refundable for administrative fees, is required with the reservation application. Balance due by check, 120 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 AAA and the Office of the Alumni Association of Princeton University (AAPU). 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.
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, New Jersey 08542-0291, or fax (609)258-5561.

I/We are traveling to Cuba under a specific OFAC People-to-People license number CT-2012-296209-1

FIRST PARTICIPANT

NAME IN FULL AS ON PASSPORT

MOTHER’S MAIDEN NAME

HOME ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

TELEPHONE (HOME)

(BUSINESS)

FAX

E-MAIL

PASSPORT NUMBER

EXPIRATION DATE (must be valid for six months after entry into Cuba)

CITIZENSHIP

OCCUPATION

DATE OF BIRTH

GENDER

SECOND PARTICIPANT

NAME IN FULL AS ON PASSPORT

MOTHER’S MAIDEN NAME

HOME ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

TELEPHONE (HOME)

(BUSINESS)

FAX

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GENDER

Accommodations

Hotel Room Preference

Double

Twin (limited availability)

Single (at a supplement of $495 - limited availability)

I wish to share a room with ____________________________________________________________

Form of Payment

Enclosed is my check (payable to Academic Arrangements Abroad).

Credit card (for deposit only; final payment must be made by check).

NAME AS ON CREDIT CARD

3- OR 4-DIGIT SECURITY CODE

CREDIT CARD NUMBER

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 120 days prior to departure.

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For more information, please contact Princeton Journeys at Telephone 609.258.8686 | Fax 609.258.5561 | E-mail: journeys@princeton.edu

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