

Cuba Family Adventure



About US

Cuba Educational Travel (CET) is a leader in cultural travel to Cuba. CET unlocks the best of Cuba by providing access to the country's top artists, academics, tastemakers, and cultural figures. CET's tailor-made programs enable clients to experience Cuba's vibrant culture and gain a deeper understanding of the island, while ensuring full compliance with all U.S. regulations.

CET has been on the frontlines of cultural collaboration, helping to bring Cubans to the U.S. and Americans to Cuba. From Yoga retreats to concerts to dance performances, CET has wide-ranging experience and contacts. Recent highlights include organizing the Diplo Major Lazer concert in Havana, which drew a crowd of over 500,000 people and bringing Liza Alfonso Dance Cuba, the country's top dance group, to perform at the Latin Grammys.

By leveraging this business expertise and curated travel capabilities, Cuba Educational Travel offers a product that is unrivaled. This combined with the beauty and intrigue of Cuba make for truly unforgettable experiences. CET has designed and executed executive retreats, board meetings, quarterly business reviews, incentive trips, industry specific investment delegations and conferences for some of the world's most respected companies and organizations.



Support For the Cuban People

The U.S. Government permits legal travel to Cuba under 12 different categories that range from professional meetings and sporting competitions to religious and humanitarian travel. One of the broadest and most common categories of travel is “Support for the Cuban People,” which requires travelers maintain a fulltime schedule of activities that involve meaningful interaction with individuals in Cuba and that those activities help Cubans become more independent. There are many ways in which travelers can easily fulfill this requirement while having an incredible experience in Cuba and being thoughtful, respectful and kind with the many Cubans you interact with during your travels.

Cuba Educational Travel (CET) has a long history of working with entrepreneurs, cultural groups, religious organizations, community projects and families and individuals that are involved in interesting and exciting initiatives in Cuba. Our trips have always been aimed at supporting the Cuba people through connecting them with travelers visiting the island, so that all parties can benefit from the friendships and professional relationships that result. Moreover, we believe strongly in supporting innovative and impactful businesses and social and cultural initiatives and make sure there are economic benefits to our partners on the island.

Your program will vary based on your specific interests, number of days on the island and other factors, but will include activities that directly benefit the Cuban people through conversations, knowledge sharing, follow-up initiatives, donations, normal business dealings and a variety of other actions. Excessive free time and recreational activities are not permitted, and travelers are required to work with CET and our local partners to maintain a full-time program that includes incredibly fun and interesting site visits, discussions, performances, tours, happy hours and meals that help our incredible neighbors on the island.



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Day 1 - Saturday

Arrival in Havana. Meet your CET host at the exit of the terminal and transfer to accommodations. (airport transfers included)

Afternoon Check-in at accommodations.

5:30 pm **Orientation talk with your local guide:** overview of the agenda, discussion about local transportation, nearby markets, internet access and other logistics, safety, cultural norms and current events in Cuba.

6 pm **Jam session with Yibrán Rivero**, a guitarist for the popular Cuban band Buena Fe, followed by a discussion about his experience and the challenges young musicians face in Cuba.

7:30 pm **Welcome dinner at Rio Mar**, located in the luxurious Miramar neighborhood, it has a whole terrace overlooking where the Almendares river flows into the sea. (dinner included) Prior to dinner, we will be joined by Cuban entrepreneur(s) for an overview of the private sector in Cuba and some of the challenges and opportunities start-ups face. The conversation will provide an interesting look into the Cuban economy and also give you a starting point for thinking about ways that your visit can help support Cuban entrepreneurs.

Day 2 - Sunday

10:30 am **Walking tour of the Old City.** Explore the historic center and learn about the history and architectural importance of Old Havana, a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1982. **Venture to the side streets to meet and support local families and organizations** (opportunity to donate supplies).

12:30 pm **Lunch at quiet Old Havana paladar.** Enjoy traditional Cuban food in a magical setting. Following the meal, we'll be joined by the chef and owner to discuss entrepreneurship in Cuba, and the challenges and opportunities facing the business.

Afternoon **Driving tour in American convertibles from the 1950s** en route to dinner. Classic cars are one of Cuba's first private businesses that emerged after the new economic changes, becoming an important source of income for local families.

6 pm **Visit the home and studio of a family of artists**, at AltaMira art loft, followed by **dinner with the family.**

*Adults: **Cigar tasting** with a local expert.

*Kids: **Art lesson with Edel Bordón**, one of Cuba's leading artists and the Chair of the Painting Department at Cuba's most historic art school, San Alejandro Academy.

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Day 3 – Monday

- 8:30 am (Optional) **City bike ride and tour by Velo Cuba**, a women-owned bicycle cooperative focusing on sustainable business. Enjoy a 2-hour tour riding a bike and witnessing real Havana firsthand.
- 11 am **Visit a centuries-old mansion in Vedado neighborhood.** Step inside this stately residence to discover what lies behind the crumbling facades of Havana's impressive mansions. Josie, who has lived in the house for over 60 years, will show us around and explain its rich history.
- 12 pm **Lunch at Paladar Atelier.** This restaurant is equally known for its atmosphere and exquisite cuisine. The lighting and textures of the house, which was home to a pre-revolutionary senator, coupled with walls adorned in modern art, create a cozy but modern setting. Prior to lunch, **you will be joined by Atelier's owner Niuris Higuera**s, for a discussion about running her private business in Cuba.
- Afternoon **Spend the afternoon with some of Havana's top thinkers and startups.** Depending on your interests and experience, we'll arrange visits with some great private businesses and the creatives that run them. CET will offer guidance on different ways of supporting their businesses during and after your visit. Examples:
- **Dador:** Havana's hottest new clothing brand with fresh fabrics and Cuban-made clothing. Founded and owned by three Cuban women.
 - **Capicua:** a recently open fashion shop run by two young Cuban designers: **Sandra and Laila**, who founded Wasasa (fanny packs), a stylish and practical product that is taking Havana by storm.
 - **Zulu:** a small store run by Afro Cuban women who since the special period (1990's) make leather purses that have become very famous amongst Cubans and tourists.
 - **Sube Cuba:** a smartphone app built from a Wi-Fi park and has the potential to be Cuba's first uber-like app. At El Café
- 7:30 pm **Dinner at Mediterraneo Havana**, a modern, family-run paladar in the Vedado neighborhood. This cozy paladar produces much of what it serves at a nearby farm in Guanabacoa Cuba, including the vegetables and dairy products. (dinner included)

Day 4 - Tuesday

- 11 pm **Cooking demonstration and lunch with a Cuban family.** Enjoy an authentic cooking experience where you will have a meal cooked for you in a regular Cuban home.
- Afternoon Option 1: **Beach clean-up volunteer work** with local environmental program.
- Option 2: **Take part in a soccer or basketball game or play chess/checkers** with local youth.
- Option 3: **Meeting with local startup** to assist with their marketing materials and review English language outreach materials.
- 7:15 pm **Dinner reservation at La Guarida paladar**, famous not only for its delectable dining, but also as the location for the film *Strawberry and Chocolate*. It is housed on the third floor of a large, old town house with the charming ambience of the early 1900s. Concordia e Gervasio y Lealtad, no. 418 altos, Centro Habana (dinner not included – to be paid on the ground)

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Day 5 – Wednesday

- 10 am **Farm Time and Lunch in Artemisa.** Spend the morning with farmhands at a local farm 15 miles to the west of Havana, in Artemisa. Explore the farm on foot and horseback and learn about local production, followed by an organic farm to table meal. Your memorable visit will help support sustainable agriculture.
- 3 pm **Visit to the Liza Alfonso Academy, a women-led dance company and school for local youth,** specializing in various types of dance. We will watch a private performance by the adolescent dance group and sit with the dancers afterward to discuss how they came to join the school and the impact it has had on them. The talent and work ethic at this school is impressive.
- 4:30 pm **Meet with Barrio Habana,** a nonprofit organization that leads a community sports-arts program in Old Havana for children, at-risk youth and elderly people, while also contributing to preserve the heritage of the city. Opportunity to play soccer or chess with local youth and donate sports/school supplies.

Late afternoon free

- 8 pm **Enjoy a farewell dinner and live Cuban jazz at Mas Habana,** a modern private paladar in the heart of Old Havana.

Day 6 – Thursday

- Morning Check-out and depart for the airport (2 ½ hours before your flight departs) or contact CET about options for extending your trip to see another area of the island.



MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING / SALES AGREEMENT Cuba Family Adventure

Please carefully read our company policies listed below. It is your responsibility to inquire about, and fully understand, change and cancellation policies regarding your travel arrangements.

GROUND PACKAGE DATES AND PRICING:

*Please contact CET for pricing & availability at a compliant 4- or 5-star hotel in addition to the options below.

<u>Departure Dates</u>	<u>Private Apartment Double Occupancy</u>	<u>Private Apartment Single Occupancy</u>	<u>High-End B&B Double Occupancy</u>	<u>High-End B&B Single Occupancy</u>
Dec. 27, 2019 – Jan. 1, 2020	Contact us for program & pricing for this special New Year's departure.			
Feb. 15-20, 2020	\$2,300 per person	\$2,600 per person	\$2,550 per person	\$2,950 per person
April 4-9, 2020	\$2,300 per person	\$2,600 per person	\$2,550 per person	\$2,950 per person
April 11-16, 2020	\$2,300 per person	\$2,600 per person	\$2,550 per person	\$2,950 per person

INCLUDED

- 5 nights' accommodations in Havana, Cuba
- Daily breakfast
- Meals (as specified on the itinerary)
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- Professional, bilingual guide for listed activities
- Local ground transportation for listed activities
- Pre-trip departure information
- Compliance with U.S. Treasury Department regulations
- Speaker fees
- Admission to all museums and public buildings listed in itinerary
- Coordination of all listed activities

NOT INCLUDED

- Round-trip airfare
 - Cuban Visa (*visas for non-Cuban born travelers are available for purchase from U.S. airlines. In some instances, CET can process your visa for \$100 per traveler*)
- Meals and activities other than listed on itinerary
- Individual house or hotel expenses (*mini bar, room service, laundry fees, etc.*)
- Tips for local guides, drivers, restaurant service, etc.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

PAYMENT:

- A deposit of \$1,000 per person is due at time of booking.
- A signed copy of the Memorandum of Understanding must be turned in with the deposit.
- Final payment will be due 90 days prior to departure.
- Please inquire if you are interested in purchasing trip insurance from a certified, third party.

Payment can be made with a check, cashier's check, or money order. Credit cards are not accepted. Checks should be made out to Cuba Educational Travel and mailed to:

Cuba Educational Travel
Attn: Cuba Family Adventure
42 Fire Island Ave., Suite 100
Babylon, NY 11702

CANCELLATION and REPLACEMENT POLICIES:

- The sale is final.
- Cancellations made before 120 days prior to the trip are eligible for a full refund.
- Cancellations made 119-91 days prior to trip departure are eligible for a 50 percent refund.
- Cancellations made within 90 days of trip departure are not eligible for a refund.
- In some instances, time permitting, a different traveler can take the place of a scheduled participant for a processing fee of \$350.
- ***If U.S. policy is altered to make it so that the trip is not compliant with U.S. law regarding travel to Cuba, a full refund will be granted. This will ONLY be the case if there is no legal avenue for travel to Cuba that would allow for the trip to move forward.***

UNUSED SERVICES & REFUNDS:

No refund or adjustment can be made for any portion of the services not used such as voluntary non-usage of hotel accommodations, scheduled meals or any planned activity described in your itinerary.

PASSPORT AND VISA:

All travelers are required to carry a valid passport and a Cuban visa. Those without a valid passport and visa will not be allowed to enter. Travelers who were born in Cuba may require a special visa in order to enter the country. Passport should be valid for a minimum of 6 months after departure date. You may obtain a visa from CET or the airline and CET will advise on the process.

IMPORTANT:

Your trip is designed and implanted to comply with U.S. regulations on travel to Cuba as well as local laws in Cuba. Cuba Educational Travel is not responsible for violations as a result of travelers ignoring advice, altering programs on the ground or breaking Cuban law.

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RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

Cuba Educational Travel serves only to assist in making necessary travel arrangements for its participating members, and in no way represents, or acts as agent for, transportation carriers, hotels, and other suppliers of services connected with this tour. Therefore, is not liable for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or other irregularity which may be caused by the defect of any vehicle or the negligence or default of any company or person engaged in performing any of the services involved. Additionally, responsibility is not accepted for losses or expenses due to sickness, weather, strike, hostilities, wars, natural disasters or other such causes. All services and accommodations are subject to the laws of the country in which they are provided. Cuba Educational Travel does not accept liability for any airline cancellation or delay incurred by the purchase of an airline ticket. Baggage and personal effects are the sole responsibility of the owners at all times. Cuba Educational Travel reserves the right to make changes in the published itineraries whenever, in its sole judgment, conditions so warrant, or if they deem it necessary for the comfort, convenience or safety of the tour participants.

Cuba Educational Travel also reserves the right to decline to accept any person as a participant in the tours, or to require any participant to withdraw from the tour at any time, when such an action is determined by the appropriate Cuba Educational Travel representative to be in the best interests of the health, safety, and general welfare of the tour group, or of the individual participant.

The undersigned has read carefully the schedule of activities for this tour. The undersigned recognizes that there is a moderate level of physical activity involved in the tour and the tour may require participants to walk long distances and climb stairs. The undersigned accepts any risks thereof and the conditions set forth therein. The undersigned agrees to release and hold harmless Cuba Educational Travel any of their officers or representatives from any and all liability for delays, injuries or death, or for the loss of or damage to, his/her property however occurring during any portion of the program.

Client Name _____

CET Representative _____

Date _____

Date _____

Client Signature _____

CET Signature _____

Trip Name Cuba Family Adventure

Trip Date _____