

To Register

Please call Road Scholar toll free at (800) 322-5315 and reference Program #20437, Cuba Today: People and Society

Program Price

- Double-occupancy prices starting at: \$3,395
- Single-occupancy prices starting at: \$3,720

Includes round-trip airfare from Miami.



Registration and Cancellation Information

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People and Society  
Program #20437

Please note that participants on this program must be 21 years or older due to program content and the serving of alcohol.

**Cancel Schedule:** Should you need to cancel from this program, please refer to the chart below for schedule and refund information.

Payment Schedule	
Deposit Payment	\$250 (due upon enrollment)
Final program payment	Due 77 days prior to the start of the program.
Cancellation Policy	Fee amount per person
Cancel up to 67 Days Prior to Program Start Date	\$250 (date of enrollment)
Cancel 66 to 30 days prior to program start date	50% of order total
Cancel less than 30 days prior to program start date	100% of order total

Road Scholar recommends that you purchase optional Trip Cancellation, Interruption & Travel Delay Insurance to protect your investment. You will receive a detailed brochure about this insurance policy when you enroll in a program.

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An Exclusive Learning Adventure for RC-45 Members  
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Experience Cuba

**Overview**

Delve into the rich history and heritage of Cuba. In the heart of Havana and Cienfuegos, meet members of the local communities to discuss their lives and cultural traditions. Meet face to face with community leaders, local residents, artists and intellectuals to discuss Cuba today and explore local landmarks that are significant to Cuba’s cultural heritage.

**Highlights:**

- Meet with members of a local musical group in Cienfuegos and learn about their careers as musicians.
- Enjoy lively interactions at a local Senior Center.
- Learn about conservation and enjoy lunch at a beachfront private enterprise.

**Activity Rating:** Walking up to two miles a day with some walking on uneven cobblestone streets.

This Nine-Day Program to Cuba Includes:

- 8 Nights of accommodations
- 21 Meals: 8 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches, 7 Dinners
- 3 Expert-led lectures
- 9 Field trips
- 13 Hands-on experiences
- Round-trip airfare from Miami
- Visas: 1 (out of 1 required)
- Group travel and transfers throughout the program
- A Group Leader to accompany you throughout the program to handle all logistics
- Modest gratuities, taxes and destination fees
- The Road Scholar Emergency and Travel Assistance Plan, including 24-hour assistance for medical and other emergencies

About Our Program Provider

This Cuba experience is offered through Road Scholar, formerly known as Elderhostel, a not-for-profit organization founded in 1975 to provide lifelong-learning opportunities for baby boomers and beyond. Its mission is to inspire adults to learn, discover and travel. Its learning adventures engage expert instructors, provide extraordinary access, and stimulate discourse and friendship among people for whom learning is the journey of a lifetime. As a leader in educational programs, Road Scholar offers 5,500 educational adventures in all 50 states and 150 countries. Road Scholar is authorized to travel to Cuba under OFAC License #CT-2014-308137-1. For several years, Road Scholar has enabled thousands of its participants to travel to Cuba to interact with citizens and learn firsthand about their history and culture.

About Our Lodging

**DoubleTree Inn by Hilton Hotel Miami Airport and Convention Center | 1 night**

The hotel offers a free shuttle service from the airport to the hotel.

**Hotel Jagua | 3 nights**

Full-Service Hotel, Cienfuegos. With its magnificent location in the well-known residential area of Punta Gorda, in the southern city of Cienfuegos, this hotel is considered one of Cuba’s most famous hotels.

**Hotel Nacional de Cuba | 4 nights**

Four-Star Hotel, Havana. In the center of the city, the hotel stands on a hill just a few meters from the sea, and offers a great view of Havana Harbor, the seawall and the city. The Hotel Nacional de Cuba was declared a National Monument and was inscribed in the World Memory Register.



Daily Itinerary

**Day 1:**  
**Flight to Miami / Overnight in Miami**

*Note: Most staircases in Cuba do not have railings, so if you use a walking aid, please bring it.*

*Day-by-day schedule is only a guide. Program elements may change as availability is controlled by Cuban government.*

Welcome and Orientation followed by dinner in the hotel.

**Day 2:**  
**Depart to Cienfuegos, Cuba**

Early morning departure from the hotel to the airport. In Cienfuegos, we are met by a bilingual Cuban who will be with us for the entire program. Explore the city and enjoy a short walk through Plaza Jose Marti, the main square in Cienfuegos. Talk about the square's history while you see local life and observe the beautiful buildings that surround it, including the Tomas Terry Theater. People-to-People Connection: Enjoy interactions with a youth dance group and ask them about their lives.

**Day 3:**  
**Arts School / Trinidad / Casa Particular Visit**

Meet with faculty and students at the Benny More Art School, named for the Cienfuegos native and famous Cuban singer. Afterward, depart for Trinidad, the crown jewel of the colonial Cuban towns. Walk to Plaza Mayor to explore the historically and architecturally significant landmarks of this colonial province, and meet the owner of a free-enterprise “casa particular,” or Cuban bed-and-breakfast. Learn about the relatively new development of independent business in Cuba, while understanding the owner’s family history as it is tied with the home that he transformed into a casa particular.

**Day 4:**  
**Santa Clara / Che Memorial / Senior Center / Choir Performance**

On a full-day field trip to Santa Clara, the beautiful provincial capital of the region Villa Clara, visit the Che Guevara Memorial and Mausoleum, which features unique historical pieces from one of the most influential revolutionary leaders. Afterward, enjoy lively interactions at the local Senior Community Center. Return to Cienfuegos and stroll through the main shopping street to learn the differences between Ration, Cuban Pesos and CUC stores. Explore the complexity of the two-currency system and talk with Cubans and workers who shop at these stores. People-to-People Connection: Enjoy a performance by one of Cienfuegos’ talented musical groups and discuss their musical careers.

**Day 5:**  
**Depart for Havana / Bay of Pigs / Zapata Swamp Conservation**

Depart from the countryside to Havana, where life unfolds before our eyes. En route to Havana, learn about ecology and conservation in

Cuba at the Zapata Swamp. Enjoy lunch at a privately owned seaside restaurant, with an opportunity to take a short swim in the Caribbean or a walk along the beach. Continue to Playa Giron, also known as the Bay of Pigs, a small coastal village and the site of the historical 1961 clash between CIA-trained Cuban exiles and Cuban rebel forces. Arrive in Havana late afternoon. Check into the Hotel Nacional, the historical and beautifully preserved hotel.

**Day 6:**  
**Presentation and Exploration of History and Architecture of Old Havana / Conversation Exchange**

This morning, speak with a local architect involved with the government-funded restoration project of Old Havana. Next, discover the four "plazas" in Old Havana: Plaza de la Catedral, Plaza Vieja, Plaza de San Francisco de Asis, and Plaza de Armas. Experience Havana’s first English bookstore and engage in discussions with Cuban intellectuals.

**Day 7:**  
**Expert Presentation / La Cabana / Modern Dance Women's Choral Performance**

An expert leads a dialogue about the tumultuous history of U.S.-Cuban relations. Explore the Fortaleza de San Carlos de la Cabana, also known simply as "La Cabana." Observe a rehearsal, then enjoy conversation and interactions with a modern dance group. Enjoy a performance by a women’s a capella chorale. This is an opportunity not only to hear beautiful voices, but to discuss what life is like for women today in Cuba.

**Day 8:**  
**Expert presentation / Fine Arts Museum Hemingway's Home / Home Visit**

Today’s presentation focuses on the role of religion on Cuban Identity. At the Fine Arts Museum of Havana, delve into the stories to which each work of art relates and the statement on politics, culture and society that each artist conveys. Drive to the outskirts of Havana to Finca La Vigia, the Hemingway Farm. This beautiful property hosts the house where the Nobel Prize-winning author lived with his third wife Mary for over 30 years. Return to Havana and visit the home of a family to learn their unique stories in the field of medicine and about their own private enterprise venture.

**Day 9:**  
**Departure to Miami / Return to U.S.**

