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- knowledgeable lecturers
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Day 1 | Miami, Florida

Arrive in Miami and check in to the Casa Italia hotel. Tonight, gather for a Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant, a privately owned and operated establishment. Meet and mingle with local entrepreneurs on your first night in Cuba.

Day 2 | Havana

Experience Cuban art and culture at the National Museum of Art of Cuba. Athena Guadalupe, a Cuban social psychologist and anthropologist at the University of Havana, shares stories about female volunteers who sought more than 300,000 Cubans for health and social services. Engage in discussion with, and ask questions of, Guadalupe about her work and the obstacles she faces.

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Day 3 | Havana

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Day 5 | Havana

Enjoy your first look into contemporary Cuban music. Visit the Ernest Hemingway’s modest home where he lived for years. Tour Casa Fuster, a sumptuous mansion along Havana’s 4.3-mile Malecón, and a tour of the Ludwig Foundation, which focuses on contemporary Cuban artists and their work. Enjoy a trip to La Habana Vieja, Old Havana, and check in to the Casa Italia hotel.

Day 6 | Havana

Board a 1950s convertible along Havana’s Malecón sea drive. Peek beneath the hood and chat with locals about their desires to pursue artistic ventures. Visit the Ernest Hemingway museum for an intimate performance by a local choir and engaging with choir members. Share your insights and the day’s observations with a participation.

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UNESCO World Heritage Site

Havana – A World of Discovery

Top: Cathedral, Havana

Inspiring Moments

UNESCO World Experience Old Havana and its Journey to Matanzas

Venture beyond Havana to visit a Ride in an independently owned, Talk with small business owners during visits with artists, Interact with Cuba’s varied arts Uncover Cuba’s heart and soul

Depart Miami for Havana.

Day 1 | Miami, Florida

Miami Beach & Ocean Drive.

Enjoy your first look at Luminous Miami Beach and soak up breathtaking views of the ocean. Experience a Cuban impressionist, Greek and Roman art. Enjoy a discussion about the challenges of the Ludwig Foundation for a discussion of contemporary Cuban culture and their work. Visit the National Museum of Fine Arts to view Cuban impressionist, Greek and Roman art.

Florida State Theater

Enjoy an enriching group lunch here.

Note: This itinerary is subject to change. If an event must be canceled, it will be replaced with another activity.

Excursions on this itinerary require:

• Walking on cobblestones, uneven surfaces

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Cuba & its People

Explore Cuba’s rich and unique culture, history, and natural beauty by following the journey outlined below. This itinerary is designed to give you a comprehensive experience of Cuba during memorable encounters and conversations.

1. **Miami, Florida**
   - **Day 1**: Arrive, transfer from the airport to your accommodation. Meet your friendly driver about the challenges and ingenuity required to maintain their cars. Visit the cultural riches of this “City of Bridges,” and take a panoramic tour of the city, seeing colonial architecture, passing through the historic French district and drive through the historic French Theater and drive through the historic French quarter. Take a guided walking tour around the Cultural Quarter. Stop at an agromercado, a Farewell Dinner at a family-owned paladar.
   - **Day 2**: Join Wilfredo Benítez at his dance studio, to meet dancers and learn about their commitment to their art and training. Later today, visit the Ludwig Foundation, La Finca Vigia museum, Ernest Hemingway’s home and property followed by dinner at a family-owned paladar.

2. **La Casa de la Cultura & Afro-Cuban Dance**
   - **Day 3**: Visit Casa Fuster, the studio of Cuban painter and sculptor, and adjac.t lecturer at the University of Havana. This is a great way to witness daily life in Havana and enjoy a rich array of produce, meats and grains. Inside an Art Studio.
   - **Day 4**: Visit Casa de la Cultura & Afro-Cuban Dance.

3. **Matanzas**
   - **Day 5**: Travel to Matanzas today. En route, race & the Cuban Revolution. Visit Casa Fuster, the studio of Cuban painter and sculptor, and adjac.t lecturer at the University of Havana. This is a great way to witness daily life in Havana and enjoy a rich array of produce, meats and grains. Inside an Art Studio.

4. **Havana**
   - **Day 6**: A Cuban social psychologist will discuss the history and legacy of Ernest Hemingway in Cuba, a fascinating visit to the preserved 19th-century, city center and La Libertad Park, and enjoy a lunch of locally grown, organic vegetables.
   - **Day 7**: The Cuban Economy.

5. **Cuba & its People**
   - **Day 8**: Travel to Havana today. Contemplating the cultural riches of this “City of Bridges,” visit for the hamlet of Havana that shapes the future, San Juan y Carolina villages. Take a panoramic tour of the city, see colonial architecture, pass by the neoclassical St. Louis Theatre and drive through the historic Financial District and Plaza de la Revolución. See the Havana Habana Vieja, Old Town, just a short drive away. Hotel’s authentic fusion of Italian elegance and Cuban charm is located in the beautiful Miramar neighborhood on Fifth Avenue, the Boutique Casa Italia is an elegant colonial-era hotel. Havana Boutique Casa Italia | Miami, Florida.

6. **Miami, Florida**
   - **Day 9**: Return flight to Miami, Florida. For more details, please call or visit our website.
A World of Discovery

Cover: Plaza de la Catedral, Havana

UNESCO World Heritage System, a world tour to experience their conservation efforts.

Venture beyond Havana to visit a evocative Malecón sea drive.

Along Havana’s path toward entrepreneurship in Cuba.

and local artists, dancers, singers and musicians.

During visits with artists, community

Interact with Cuba’s varied arts culture and local artists, learning about the arts, music, dancing, and the vibrant culture and traditions of Cuba.

Catedral and Plaza Vieja. These vibrant plazas teem with local life, from men playing dominoes to colorful flea markets and children playing soccer.

Arrive, transfer to Havana, Cuba. Day 1 | Havana

The Cuban Economy.

The Cuban Economy.

Head outside of Havana to visit a historic town on/off motor coach.

Day 6 | Havana

Havana’s Habana Vieja, Old Town, just a short drive away.

Day 7 | Havana

La Loma de la Ensenada and the Yumuri, San Juan and Canimar rivers.

and lush Yumuri valley. In Matanzas, explore the Yumuri, San Juan and Canimar rivers.

Later today, visit the Ludwig Foundation, a nonprofit cultural institution that is dedicated to the acquisition and conservation of Cuban art. Meet independent local artists and learn about their desires to pursue artistic ventures.

Listen to the stories of local residents about their commitment to their art and training. Meet, mingle and support local artists.

Ernest Hemingway’s modest home where he wrote “The Old Man and the Sea.”

Visit Hemingway’s home, La Finca Vigia museum, Ernest Hemingway’s home and property followed by dinner at a paladar.

Day 5 | Matanzas

La Casa de la Cultura & Afro-Cuban Dance.

Enjoy your first look at Cuban dance.

Visit Wilfredo Benítez, Founders and owners of Dador Foundation, to view his vibrant mosaics.

Later today, visit the Sephardic Hebrew Center where a member of the community provides a presentation about their connection to their art and training.

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Share your insights and thoughts of the day over a delicious lunch at a paladar.

Cap off your tour to Matanzas by enjoying a visit to the French-style Pharmaceutical Museum.

Day 8 | Havana

The Cuban Economy.

Journey to a primeval plaza and lively city center and La Libertad Park, and enjoy a visit to the Sephardic Hebrew Center.

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Day 4 | Havana

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Visit with artists, community, to engage with residents and learn about their artistic and cultural pursuits.

Day 2 | Havana

Enrichment: Architecture | Art | Culture | Cuisine | History | Natural Beauty

Miami, Florida | Havana, Cuba

La Habana Vieja, Havana’s Old Town, just a short drive away.

Vintage Car Ride.

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Day 3 | Havana

The Cuban Economy.

Day 8 | Havana

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Day 8 | Havana

The Cuban Economy.
Day 1 | Miami, Florida | Havana, Cuba | Arrive, transfer to your hotel and check-in to your Cuba hotel room. Gather for a welcome dinner in Havana.

Day 2 | Havana | Breakfast: Engaging Cuban Women. Visit the Hablemos Museum and learn about the work of Santiago de Cuba's contemporary women's art collective. Atelier Cukula, engage in a workshop on masking techniques. Lunch in Havana.

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You are invited to help us kick off our People-to-People initiative by joining us in Cuba! You will experience Cuba as a cultural destination, where you can engage deeply with local residents and entrepreneurs, and witness firsthand the rapid changes occurring across the island. As you experience authentic connections to Cuba’s community and heritage and culture, from historic Havana to Matanzas, get ready for the adventure of a lifetime!

From vintage cars to culture-soaked streets, infectious music to electric rhythms, and vibrant street life to historical landmarks, Cuba is a scintillating feast for the senses! Stay tuned for details on what you can expect, and please make sure to review the Williams College participation agreement for your travel insurance.

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Best wishes,

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Accompanied by James Mahon, Professor of Political Science

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