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## SPRING BREAK 2012: THE SOCIAL TRAVELLER!

Themes: Volunteerism, Social, Adventure, Nature, Cultural  
Travels to Havana - Las Terrazas- Vinales

**Cost: \$1,399 CAD (all tax incl.) \*1**

**Includes:**

- > Nice, Safe, Clean 3 star hotels
- > All Meals
- > 2 Complimentary Teachers Participation
- > Official Asistur Cuban health insurance
- > Luxury air-conditioned coach transportation
- > An expert Cuban English speaking guide and translator

### FREE RESOURCES FOR TEACHERS

- > Complimentary Custom Website
- > Complimentary Facebook Page
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- > Parents Updates
- > You won't be alone when introducing your tour
- > Fundraising Ideas
- > 24/7 Support before, during and after your Cuba tour

\*1 Price valid for a group of 20 paying students, air fare not included. We guarantee lowest fare for our school groups. Contact us for assistance.

### DAY 1 - SATURDAY 17 MARCH. ARRIVAL

Arrival at "Jose Marti" International Airport in Havana.

Group welcomed by the **ACT Cuban Guide**.  
Transfer to your hotel **Park View**, located in **Old Havana**, a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**.  
Private group check-in.

Breakfast and dinner are complimentary.

### DAY 2 – SUNDAY 18 MARCH. HELLO HAVANA

Morning: volunteer work at **Vivero Organoponico Alamar**, 15 kilometers east of Havana. This is a great opportunity to learn about an agricultural system that supplies 40 percent of the cities fresh fruits and vegetables. Established in the 1990s, the Alamar cooperative has about 25 members and provides a range of healthy, organic low-cost food to Havana and environs.

Lunch at **Vivero Organoponico Alamar**. Dine on natural food prepared by the staff of this collective!

Afternoon: guided walking tour of **Old Havana, UNESCO World Heritage Site**.

Visit to **Square of Arms**, ancient military parade ground for Spanish soldiers and surrounded by impressive buildings such as:

**Palacio de los Capitanes Generales** was the former seat of colonial government. Today the building houses the Museum of the City.

**Palacio del Segundo Cabo** . The seat of the second authority of the island. Today it houses important publishing concerns.

**Castillo de la Real Fuerza**. The second oldest fortress built by the Spaniards in the West Indies.

The castle was recently renovated and reopened in June 2008 to hold the impressive maritime museum. Well laid out exhibits chart Spain and Cuba's naval history.

Lunch in **La Mina** restaurant where you can enjoy traditional Cuban dishes and music live!



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Continue walking tour onto **San Francisco Square**, one of the oldest in the historical quarter.

Visit to **Plaza Vieja**, the only civic square of colonial times. Notice it doesn't have a church or government building around. Here we will visit important institutions for visual arts.

Visit to the **Cathedral Square**, the most beautiful and private 18th century colonial plaza of Cuba, named after the masterpiece of Cuban baroque architecture: the Cathedral of Havana built by the Jesuit order.

Free time in the famous **handicraft market of Old Havana** where you can purchase all sorts of crafts and souvenirs by local artisans.

Return to hotel.

Evening: tonight we have a **Cuban band** playing for us! You'll learn to dance to Salsa, Son, Rumba, and other popular Cuban rhythms with instruction from bandleaders.

### **DAY 3 – MONDAY 19 MARCH. HAVANA**

Morning: visit to a **Pre-University School**. Tour the school, learn about the school curriculum and get engaged with students in cultural and/or sport activities. Those who complete pre-university education are awarded the **Bachillerato**.

Tour the school and meet with students and teachers. Good opportunity to donate educational and sport supplies.

Lunch hosted by **Jose Fuster**, one of the most important Cuban ceramists and painters today.

Afternoon: visit to the **community-based project Cintio Vitier** in Nuevo Vedado neighbourhood. This project offers painting, papier-mache, drama,

music, dance, and other skill development workshops to elementary and secondary students. We'll meet with director Pedro Pulido for a presentation on his outreach work in the community of Colon.

Followed by coach tour of the most important sites of **Modern Havana** such as the Capitol building, the Grand Theatre, Central Park, Prado promenade, Sevilla Hotel, Revolution Square, Malecón seawall, Monument to the Battleship Maine, Hotel Nacional, University of Havana, Cristóbal Colón Cemetery, and the Miramar, Central Havana and Vedado neighbourhoods.

Evening: attend **baseball game at Latino Americano Stadium**, popularly known in Cuba as "The Colossus of Cerro" is home of Ciudad Habana **Industriales**. The stadium holds 55,000 people. In 1999, it hosted an exhibition series between Cuban National Team and the Baltimore Orioles.

### **DAY 4 – TUESDAY 19 MARCH. HAVANA**

Morning: meeting with professors and students of **Escuela Taller** in Old Havana. High school graduates enrol in this institution to learn the arts and crafts necessary to authentically restore the ancient buildings of Old Havana. The school teaches young people archaeological and restoration work that helps preserving the heritage and cultural wealth of Old Havana.

Lunch at **Casa de La Malta** in Old Havana.

Afternoon: **Hands Dirty!** Get engaged with Cuban students in the different workshops such as Glass work, Carpentry, Iron work and Restoration.

Dinner at the hotel.



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Evening: enjoy Afrojazz, Cubajazz and Sonjazz at **Club La Zorra y El Cuervo**, Havana's most famous Jazz club. The club features great performances by island bands and soloists! (optional, not included).

### **DAY 5 – WEDNESDAY 20 MARCH. HAVANA – LAS TERRAZAS- VINALES**

Morning departure to **Las Terrazas**, in **Sierra del Rosario** where we start the morning tour of the rural town at **Rancho Curujey** for explanation of the area.

Enjoy the view of the village that lies above the shores of **San Juan Lake** and beneath the mountains.

We also visit the home/studios of **local artists and artisans**.

Visit to rural **Primary and Secondary schools**.

Visit to the ruins of a **French Coffee Plantation** built in 1801.

Continue to **La Moka**, an ecological hotel with trees growing up through the balconies and ceiling.

Later we can take a swim at **San Juan River cascades and pools**. Lunch by the river.

Check-in at **Los Jasmines hotel**. Breakfast and dinner at the hotel.

### **DAY 6 – THURSDAY 22 MARCH. VINALES**

Morning: visit to a local **agricultural cooperative** that grows tobacco, coffee, roots and vegetables.

**Volunteer work at the farm.**

Lunch together with cooperative members.

Exploration of **Viñales Valley**, containing the most spectacular scenery in Cuba and some of the most interesting and varied geological formations on the island. The valley is particularly famous for its great freestanding rock formations called **mogotes**.

After lunch we will visit the **Cueva del Indio**, used by the **Guanahatabey Amerindians** as a burial site in ancient time, and as refuge from the Spaniards for both Indians and Black slaves alike. We'll take a short boat ride on the subterranean river running through the cave.

Visit to **Mural de la Prehistoria**, a huge painting on the side of a Mogote.

Explore Viñales Village at your leisure: its open-air craft market, Parque Marti, town church, and other interesting sites of this charming colonial hamlet.

Visit Carmen and Caridad Miranda's botanical and herb garden, called the **Viñales Botanical Garden**. The two widows maintain a garden full of fruits, orchids and medicinal plants.

### **DAY 7 – FRIDAY 23 MARCH. CAYO LEVISA**

Early morning departure to Palma Rubia Pier for **boat ride to Cayo Levisa**. Enjoy the day on this islet with snorkeling and catamaran activities.

Delicious fresh seafood lunch.

Late afternoon: return to your hotel.

### **DAY 8 – SATURDAY 24 MARCH. DEPARTURE**

Early morning departure to Havana City International Airport for departure.