Frozen-in-time yet swirling with change, Cuba is entering a period of dramatic economic, social, and cultural transformation in the post-Castro era. At this pivotal moment, we will gain an invaluable first-hand understanding of the island through the eyes of the people who live there. On this licensed Support of the Cuban People program, you will have the opportunity to engage with locals and participate in activities that will strengthen the surrounding community and economy.

Imagine yourself on a rooftop terrace in Old Havana, meeting with Cuban artists and educators, listening to rumba and salsa, and reflecting on Havana’s remarkable history, burgeoning present, and fascinating future. This trip, designed exclusively for the World Affairs Council travelers, will allow us to discuss the history, political economy, culture, and increasing entrepreneurship of the Cuban people during this exceptional and energizing moment in the country’s history. Become immersed in the vibrant photography and contemporary art scene, a fount of sociopolitical thought, and support Cubans who are thriving with creative expression. Come away from this adventure with the knowledge and insight of the deep vibrancy of Cuban life and customs.

**CONNECTING WITH CUBA**

**Immersive Community and Culture**
Learn about development work in Cuba, meeting with organizations that are making an impact in and around Havana.

**Artist Interactions**
Join artists in their studios and homes, discovering Cuba’s impressive and evolving art scene.

**Music and Dancing**
Listen to uniquely Cuban musical styles, from son to rumba and jazz. Brush up your skills in our private classes and dance the night away!

**Religion**
Learn how the deep currents of various belief systems on the island have persisted throughout different eras as political attitudes towards religion have changed over time.

**HIGHLIGHTS**
**ITINERARY**

**DAY ONE—¡BIENVENIDOS A LA HABANA!**
- Arrive at Havana’s José Martí International Airport in the early afternoon. Our welcoming team will meet you at the airport and assist with your private transfer to the hotel.
- Check in to your 4-star hotel, the Hotel Sevilla, in the heart of Old Havana with fabulous rooftop views of the city.
- Take an interactive walking tour around Old Havana, engaging with local shopkeepers, artists, and musicians.
- Adventure to Fábrica de Arte Cubano, a power plant converted into a warehouse of art and live music. It is now the most popular and eclectic curated art space and nightlife spot in Havana.
- After our private exploration of the modern exhibits, receive a special welcome reception in the private restaurant hidden in the art house.

*M*eal*[s]: Dinner

**DAY TWO—A VIEW OF THE PAST & A LOOK TO THE FUTURE**
- Tour the Museo de la Revolución, which tells the Cuban story from the official government perspective.
- Tour La Corona Cigar Factory and learn the art of making their world-famous exports.
- Travel to Callejon de Hamel for a discussion on religion on the island, meeting with Santeria practitioners who will share their spiritual beliefs, music, and art.
- Enjoy lunch in a local home and learn about the ways religion impacts life in Cuba.
- Visit an organic farm and learn about the public-private partnership that has kept a family business thriving. Explore the farm at sunset and discuss entrepreneurship in Cuba. Enjoy an evening BBQ with live cultural music and dancing.

*M*eal*[s]: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
DAY THREE—THE CUBAN COUNTRYSIDE
- Drive out of Havana and through Cuba’s scenic countryside to Las Terrazas, the pioneering eco-village that is nestled within a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve.
- Enjoy a private welcome and discussion with Fidel Hernandez, bird expert and curator of the reserve, and host to foreign presidents, poets, and all those who wish to enjoy Cuba’s flora and fauna.
- Have lunch en El Campo with farm-fresh ingredients. Dine at the oldest dedicated vegetarian restaurant in Cuba, and discuss how restaurants function in a rationed food economy.
- Visit the home and studio of a local artist who takes recycled paper from the community and generates stationery, cards, and art.
- Wander through one of the country’s oldest coffee plantations, with stunning views of the lush green valley and the Caribbean Sea in the distance.
- Dine at a beautiful colonial mansion along the sea this evening and enjoy the live music and seaside dancing with your fellow travelers.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY FOUR—ALL ABOUT ART
- Take a curated tour of the Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes for an overview of the history and importance of art on the island.
- Meet some of Cuba’s up-and-coming artists who are preserving traditional printmaking techniques at Taller Grafica, a local graphic arts center.
- Enjoy lunch in the heart of Havana before driving to the hilltop village of San Francisco de Paula to visit Finca la Vigía, the house where Ernest Hemingway lived for 20 years.
- Put on your dancing shoes this afternoon with a private salsa dance class, and learn about the multicultural influence in Cuban music and dance.
- Take a sunset drive down the Malecón in a classic convertible to La Guarida, a restaurant set in a private home, that is largely regarded as the best on the island.
- Celebrate our final evening in Cuba with a feast as you reflect on this week-long adventure.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY FIVE—DEPARTURE
- Visit Almacenes, an expansive local art market, or explore Havana on your own.
- Enjoy an exclusive lunch at Fusterlandia, the private home and studio of Cuban muralist and ceramist José Fúster, described as the “Picasso of the Caribbean.”
- Transfer to Havana’s José Martí International Airport for your return flight.

Meal: Breakfast, Lunch
This morning, enjoy a walking tour through the narrow winding streets and inside a few of the beautifully decorated colonial homes of this captivating town. Stop in the library for a discussion on education in Cuba. Visit Plaza Mayor, flanked by the golden-hued church Iglesia Parroquial de la Santísima Trinidad, which feels truly frozen in time. Departing Trinidad to Cienfuegos and stop for a swim or paddle boat ride with locals in a beautiful bay. Follow your dip with lunch and a dominos lesson aboard a beach-side catamaran before arriving to Cienfuegos and your centrally located hotel. Take a stroll around the center square on a walking tour followed by a private concert with the local choir. Enjoy dinner with members of the choir and discuss music and life in this charming city together.

Extension Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OPTIONAL EXTENSION

DAY FIVE—HISTORY REMEMBERED
- Say adios to Havana and head towards Trinidad, first stopping at the infamous invasion coastline of the Bay of Pigs.
- Enjoy lunch and a discussion overlooking the water at this historic site, the farthest point of advancement by the US forces. Converse with locals on both the events of the time and the current reverberating impact of this crisis.
- Take a guided tour of the Museo de Playa Giron, showing the Cuban perspective on the American-planned invasion that remains one of the most famous failures of foreign intervention.
- Continue onto the colorful colonial city of Trinidad and settle into your hotel.
- Come together for a breezy rooftop dinner and orientation to this enchanting city.

Extension Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY SIX—COLONIAL COLORS
- This morning, enjoy a walking tour through the narrow winding streets and inside a few of the beautifully decorated colonial homes of this captivating town.
- Stop in the library for a discussion on education in Cuba. Visit Plaza Mayor, flanked by the golden-hued church Iglesia Parroquial de la Santísima Trinidad, which feels truly frozen in time.
- In the afternoon, enjoy lunch and a countryside adventure in the historic and beautiful Sugar Valley to learn about the sugarcane that made this region famous.
- Return to Trinidad for a relaxing rooftop cocktail and dinner this evening.

Extension Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY SEVEN—SEASIDE AND CIENFUEGOS
- Departing Trinidad to Cienfuegos and stop for a swim or paddle boat ride with locals in a beautiful bay.
- Follow your dip with lunch and a dominos lesson aboard a beach-side catamaran before arriving to Cienfuegos and your centrally located hotel.
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- Enjoy dinner with members of the choir and discuss music and life in this charming city together.

Extension Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY EIGHT—FORTRESSES AND FINAL MOMENTS
- On your final day in Cuba, head to the water and cross the bay to explore Castillo de Jagua, a fort built in 1972 to protect against pirates.
- After a seaside lunch, return to Cienfuegos for an afternoon at leisure, savoring your last shopping opportunities.
- This evening, enjoy a sunset cocktail reception on the water at a fun and funky seaside restaurant with live music, joined by locals to share stories and celebrate our visit to Cuba.

Extension Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY NINE—¡ADIOS CUBA!
- Say ¡adiós! to this magical island as you journey back to Havana to catch your flight home to the U.S.

Extension Meals: Breakfast
**PROGRAM DETAILS**

**THIS PROGRAM INCLUDES**
- All activities, sightseeing, and entry fees listed in the itinerary.
- All meals listed in the itinerary, including four breakfasts, three lunches, and four dinners. The choice of water, soda, coffee or tea is included at all meals, and 1 local beer or mojito at lunches and dinners. Extension program additionally includes four breakfasts, four lunches, and four dinners.
- Transportation by private, air-conditioned vans, as well as transfers for the group as appropriate.
- Bottled water during all excursions.
- The services of an exceptional bilingual tour guide as described in the itinerary.
- A World Affairs Council representative based on a minimum of 10 travelers.
- The services of a full-time Insider Expeditions tour manager.
- Comprehensive cultural information and reading materials.
- All gratuities for participants and staff to cover porterage, drivers, wait staff at group meals, and guides.

**THIS PROGRAM DOES NOT INCLUDE**
- Flights to and from Havana’s José Martí International Airport (HAV).
- Cuban visa.
- Local health insurance.
- Expenses of a purely personal nature (including cab fares, laundry and other personal items, room service charges, passport application fees, etc.).
- Transportation of luggage in excess of weight allowance.
- Travel insurance.
- Food and beverage other than that specified in the itinerary.
- Costs associated with trip interruption or modification due to weather, travel conditions, political/civil disputes, medical emergencies or other causes beyond our control.

**FLIGHT INFORMATION**
- Group flight options, which include a Cuban visa, will be offered to you after registration for the program.

**Rates**

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**CANCELLATION POLICY**

Final invoiced payment is due 120 days before the trip (August 7, 2020). Cancellation after this period incurs cancellation fees. All payments are non-transferable. All room single supplements are non-refundable once requested and paid.
- After RSVP until the final payment is charged, the $500 deposit is non-refundable.
- 50% non-refundable if cancelled between August 8 - September 6.
- 75% non-refundable if cancelled between September 7 - October 6.
- 100% non-refundable if cancelled on and after October 7.

**SPECIAL NOTE ON COVID-19**

We understand that travelers are wary of booking arrangements because of the growing concern of COVID-19. If authorities deem it unsafe to travel to Cuba, we will cancel the trip no later than 30 days before departure as safety is always our number one priority. In the event of cancellation on our end due to COVID-19 concerns, we will refund all participants in full.
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Full Legal Name as it appears on your passport
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ROOMING OPTIONS:
____ I will be sharing a room with my travel companion, and will require __ one bed in our room OR __ two beds in our room.
____ I would like to be paired with another traveler of the same gender. I understand if that is not possible, I will have a room to myself and agree to pay the $499 single room supplement.
____ I prefer to have a private room to myself and agree to pay the $499 single room supplement.

PAYMENT:
Here is my deposit of $_____ ($500 per person) for ___ place(s)
_____ Enclosed is my check (made payable to Insider Expeditions) OR
_____ Charge my deposit to my ___ Visa ___ MasterCard ___ American Express (a 3% credit card processing fee will be added).

Card Number __________________________ Expiring __________________ Security Code __________________
Authorized Cardholder Signature __________________________ Date __________

To make your reservation: Mail or scan completed form to Insider Expeditions at 1342 Florida Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20009, email at travel@insiderexpeditions.com, call Insider Expeditions at 929-399-4975 or contact the World Affairs Council at 215-561-4700 x 209 or x 217, email at travel@wacphila.org.

____ I have read the Terms and Conditions for this program linked here and agree to them.

Signature __________________________ Signature Traveler 2 (if applicable) __________________________
Date __________________________