



CUSTOMIZED PROGRAM

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Program Itinerary: Cuba

Colorado Mountain College

The Cuban Revolution in the 21st Century

Havana & Matanzas

November 21- December 1, 2025 (11 days, 10 nights)



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Friday, November 21: USA to Havana

- Arrive into *José Martí International Airport (HAV)*, near Havana
- Transfer to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Center (MLKMC) in Marianao
- Settle into MLKMC and lunch at MLKMC
- Welcome orientation and review of itinerary
- Dinner at MLKMC
- Welcome to Havana: Visit the Revolution Square, brief tour of the city, and visit a cultural venue for a welcome drink

Saturday, November 22: Havana

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| 8:00 AM | Breakfast at MLKMC |
| 9:00 | Welcome by MLKMC and brief presentation on the work carried out by MLKMC |
| 10:30 | On the bus to visit Old Havana. Guided tour around the old historical areas of the city. Comments on the origin of San Cristóbal de la Habana village. Appreciation of the colonial architecture. |
| 12:30 PM | Lunch in Old Havana |
| 2:00 | Visit <i>Casa de Africa</i> (House of Africa) Museum |

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4:30 Return to MLKMC and time for rest
6:30 Dinner at MLKMC
8:00 Board the bus to visit the Factory of Cuban Art ([Fábrica de Arte Cubano](#)): Theater, Music, Painting, Videos, Films, Photographs, etc. At the entrance a schedule of activities is available describing where each artistic manifestation is taking place as well as the time. Art is there at all times in every corner. Group members can move around freely according to their interests.
Lodging at MLKMC

Sunday, November 23: Havana

8:00 AM Breakfast at MLKMC
9:00 Board the bus to visit an organic farm and learn about their organic food production as well as the farm's origin. We'll also have the opportunity volunteer on the farm and get a tour.
12:00 PM Lunch at a local restaurant
1:30 Return to MLKMC and time for rest
4:30 Meeting to discuss emigration in Cuba—why are so many Cubans leaving and where are they going? Learn about some of the current and historical factors that have contributed to some of the highest levels of emigration in Cuba's history.
6:00 Dinner at MLKMC
7:00 On the bus to visit *El sauce*, a nightclub for dancing (optional)
Return to lodging at MLKMC

Monday, November 24: Havana

8:00 AM Breakfast at MLKMC
9:00 Exchange on the impact of the US blockade on Cuban economy
10:30 Board the bus to visit the Literacy Museum. Learn about the Literacy Campaign waged by the Cuban revolutionary government in 1961 as well as the role of Cuban women in this important task. Hear commentary on Cuba's education system, as well.
12:30 PM Lunch at local restaurant
2:00 Return to MLKMC. Debrief and guided reflection.
4:00 Board the bus to visit a family doctor to learn about the Cuban public health care system
6:30 Dinner at MLKMC
7:00 Free night. Lodging in MLKMC.

Tuesday, November 25: Havana

8:00 AM Breakfast at MLKMC
9:00 Meeting with Elier Ramires, historian and researcher, to talk about Cuba-U.S. relations
10:30 Board the bus to visit the Memorial of Denouncement, an interactive museum which shows the history of U.S.-sponsored terrorism against Cuba

- 1:00 PM Lunch at MLKMC
- 2:30 Rest time
- 3:30 Exchange with university students and newly graduated professionals to learn more about university education in Cuba and the current professional context
- 6:00 Dinner in a local restaurant
- 7:00 Exchange with artists about the intersections of their work and social justice movements in Cuba
Return to MLKMC

Wednesday, November 26: Havana

- 8:00 AM Breakfast at MLKMC
- 9:00 Meeting to learn about the Cuban political system
- 10:30 Time to prepare for a visit to the U.S. Embassy.
- 12:00 PM Lunch at MLKMC
- 1:30 On the bus to visit the U.S. Embassy in Vedado. Hear from U.S. government officials about U.S.-Cuba relations and U.S policies and procedures, and also time for questions.
- 3:30 Return to the MLKMC
- 4:30 Interactive workshop on Popular Education with specialists from the MLKMC
- 6:30 Dinner at MLKMC
- 7:00 Night off to prepare for a two-day trip to Matanzas. Briefing on our time outside of Havana.

Thursday, November 27: Matanzas

- 7:30 AM Breakfast at MLKMC
- 8:30 Board the bus to travel to Matanzas Province
- 11:00 Visit and guided tour of *San Severino* Castle, a site included as part of UNESCO's *Route of the enslaved*
- 1:30 PM Lunch in the city of Matanzas
- 3:00 Settle into our accommodation in private houses (*casas particulares*) and time to rest
- 5:30 Group reflection
- 6:30 Dinner at *casas*
Free night to explore Matanzas

Friday, November 28: Matanzas & Havana

- 8:00 AM Breakfast at *casas*
- 9:00 Board the bus to visit Matanzas Art School. Meeting with students and teachers at the school.
- 11:00 Visit to the *Gigantaria* art workshop
- 12:30 PM Lunch in Matanzas
- 1:30 On the bus to Varadero, the second most important tourist destination in the country. Discussion on the impacts of tourism in Cuba.

5:00 On the bus to return to our lodging
7:00 Dinner at the casas
Free night to explore Matanzas

Saturday, November 29: Havana

8:00 AM Breakfast at casas
9:00 Board the bus to return to Havana
10:30 Bathroom break
12:00 PM Lunch at MLKMC
Get settled back into MLKMC. Break to rest from trip.
3:00 Exchange with Afro Cuban women from the Afro- Aesthetic Project
6:00 Dinner at MLKMC
7:00 MLKMC facilitates transportation to go to Old Havana or Vedado to walk on the Malecon and explore the city. A time and place to be picked up should be agreed among all in order to return to MLKMC. This activity is optional

Sunday, November 30: Havana

8:00 AM Breakfast at MLKMC
9:00 Meeting with US students from the Latin American School of Medicine
10:30 On the bus to visit the Fine Arts Museum (Museo de Bellas Artes). Guided tour.
1:00 PM Lunch at MLKMC and time for rest
4:30 Final reflection and evaluation of the program
6:00 Depart MLKMC for a farewell dinner in Havana
Lodging in MLKMC

Monday, December 1: Havana to U.S.A

- Breakfast and leave for the airport
- Transfer to *José Martí International Airport* (HAV) near Havana. Check-in for flights is 3 hours before departure.
- Departure for the United States

NOTE: Cuba is an amazing country with a rich history and hospitable culture; we look forward to guiding you on a fascinating journey. In our experience in Cuba, changes sometimes occur in an itinerary, often with little notice, such as: the order of activities, the time of events, or the activities themselves. A spirit of flexibility and patience will go a long way toward making your educational program in Cuba successful and enjoyable. We look forward to working with you!