Cuba
by Land and by Sea
An Extraordinary
People-to-People Experience

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February 3 to 12, 2019

A Small Group Tour for Alumni, Parents, & Friends of the Cornell Alumni Association Travel Program

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Dear Alumni, Parents and Friends:

We invite you to be among the thousands of Cornell alumni, parents and friends who view the Cornell Alumni Association (CAA) Travel Program as their first choice for memorable travel adventures.

If you’ve travelled with CAA before, you know to expect excellent travel experiences in some of the world’s most interesting places. If our travel offerings are new to you, you’ll want to take a closer look at our upcoming tours.

Working closely with some of the world’s most highly-respected travel companies, CAA trips are not only well organized, safe and a great value, they are filled with remarkable people. This year, as we have for more than forty years, we are offering itineraries in the United States and around the globe.

Whether you’re ascending a sand dune by camel, strolling the cobbled streets of a medieval town, hiking a trail on a remote mountain pass or lounging poolside on one of our luxury cruises, we guarantee “an extraordinary journey in great company.”

And that’s the reason so many Cornellians return, year after year, to travel with the Cornell Alumni Association. If you, like me, simply can’t wait for your next travel adventure, I encourage you to register today for this or another of our remarkable travel offerings.

Warmly,

James A. Mazza ’88
Associate Vice President for Alumni Affairs
Cornell University

Cover photo: Admire Havana’s stately 20th-century monument Capitolio Nacional.
Photo below: Havana is ornamented with polished vintage cars and timelessly rendered architecture.
Discovering Cuba through its People

Welcome to the vivacious island of Cuba, where history runs deep through a Caribbean culture steeped in a blend of European, African and Asian influences.

When Christopher Columbus first landed in Cuba in 1492, he was met by the indigenous Taino peoples, and Diego Velázquez de Cuéllar settled on the island on Columbus’ second voyage. The early 1800s produced a booming sugarcane industry—and even slavery left an indelible mark still resonant today. During the heyday of Caribbean pirates, Cuba became a smuggler’s haven, and in the 20th century, a lightning rod for revolutionary politics. Characteristically lively and artistic, Cubans are among the world’s most charming and welcoming people. Learn the secrets of their proud country through exclusive People-to-People Cultural Enrichments spanning the breadth of Cuba by land and by sea.

U.S./Holguín, Cuba/
Santiago de Cuba - Day 1
Depart the U.S. Upon arrival in Holguín, meet your host and begin your immersion into Cuban daily life. Transfer to Santiago de Cuba and embark Le Ponant. Enjoy the Captain’s Welcome Reception this evening.

People-to-People Cultural Enrichment:
◆ Meet the multigenerational family living and working on a farm near Holguín and enjoy a light lunch.

Santiago de Cuba - Day 2 and Day 3
Cuba’s second largest city is perhaps its most culturally vibrant, with the rhythms of salsa emanating from its lively streets, rich with Afro-Cuban heritage.

See Parque Céspedes including City Hall, where Fidel Castro announced victory of the Cuban Revolution in 1959, and 15th-century Casa de Diego Velázquez, the oldest standing house in Cuba. Walk through the expansive Cementerio Santa Ifigenia, the grandiose final resting place of former president Fidel Castro and Cuban national hero and literary figure José Martí. View imposing Revolution Square, historic San Juan Hill—a pivotal site during the Spanish-American War—and the Palace of Justice. Visit the Moncada Barracks, where Castro led a small group of revolutionaries against Fulgencio Batista in 1953.

Visit the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Castillo San Pedro de la Roca (El Morro), a 17th-century fortress built to protect Santiago de Cuba Bay.

Lively Brasil Street in Old Havana.

In the lush Jardín de los Helechos, walk among over 350 species of ferns and 90 types of orchids.

People-to-People Cultural Enrichments:
◆ Celebrate Cuban music, dance and culture with a vibrant performance in the multifaceted Casa de la Trova.
◆ Visit the Basílica de Nuestra Señora del Cobre, dedicated to Cuba’s patron saint, La Virgen de la Caridad (Our Lady of Charity), which Pope Francis visited in 2015. Observe Cuban pilgrims revering this sacred shrine, the statue of which, by legend, was found floating in Nipe Bay some 400 years ago.
◆ Enjoy a performance by a female Cuban vocal quartet.

The multilevel fortress of Castillo San Pedro de la Roca (El Morro) is the best-preserved example of Spanish-American military architecture.
Cruising the Caribbean Sea - Day 4
Engage in onboard discussions and enjoy time at leisure while cruising the Caribbean Sea.

Trinidad - Day 5
UNESCO World Heritage-designated Trinidad is a fascinating cultural mélange—centuries of French, British and Spanish rule characterize the colonial architecture, while the cultures of the Arawak and Carib peoples, former African slaves and 19th-century immigrants from India endure in popular traditions. Stroll past pastel-hued houses and through 18th-century Plaza Mayor, and visit a former colonial mansion, the neoclassical Palacio Cantero, now a museum of Trinidadian history.

People-to-People Cultural Enrichments:
◆ Enjoy a lively rumba performance at the Palenque de los Congos Reales, an outdoor music center devoted to traditional Afro-Cuban music and dancing.
◆ Meet with and visit the workshop of Lázaro Niebla and view a collection of his reverse woodcarvings depicting elder Cubans on colonial window panels.
◆ Visit Casa Chichi, a multigenerational pottery workshop established in 1892 that still uses clay sourced from Cuba’s caves.

Cienfuegos for Santa Clara - Day 6
The “Pearl of the South,” this UNESCO World Heritage-designated harbor city was considered Spanish territory when it was colonized by French settlers from Louisiana and Bordeaux in 1819. Cienfuegos was once a trading port for sugar cane, coffee and tobacco and was built in a neoclassical style from the wealth of these industries. Traces of these influences are embedded here, from its French street names to its Spanish Enlightenment-style geometric layout. Visit the eclectic Teatro Tomás Terry, which hosted its first opera in 1895 and where famed musicians such as Enrico Caruso once performed.

Travel to Santa Clara, the gateway to Cuba’s historically and agriculturally rich region shaped by its prestigious university and grand colonial theater. The site of the Cuban Revolution’s last battle, Santa Clara has long been associated with Ernesto “Che” Guevara; see his impressive monument and explore the comprehensive History Museum of the Revolution.

Cienfuegos/Havana - Day 7
Disembark in Cienfuegos. En route to Havana, visit Finca Vigía, the former home of Ernest Hemingway, affectionately called “Papa” by locals. Here, he wrote The Old Man and the Sea and For Whom the Bell Tolls.

Accommodations for three nights are in the Meliá Habana Hotel.

People-to-People Cultural Enrichments:
◆ See a performance by dance and percussion group Habana Compás.
◆ Enjoy lunch in a paladar.

Musicians showcase their expressive talents to passersby on the streets of Cienfuegos.

The historic plazas of Trinidad are neighbored by a topography of mountain ranges and coastal plains.

Attend the Captain’s Farewell Reception on board this evening.

People-to-Captain's Farewell Reception

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Havana - Day 8
Cuba’s capital, the early-20th-century “Paris of the Caribbean,” remains arguably one of a kind, mixing urban architecture and culture with an informal vibe and a lively arts and music scene. Havana’s distinctly vintage feel is bolstered by the prevalence of 1950s American-made automobiles fondly called “Yank tanks” by the locals who painstakingly maintain them.

Cruise along in a private, antique car on the iconic Malecón (oceanfront promenade) in Old Havana to the Spanish colonial core of Habana Vieja, a UNESCO World Heritage site. This colorful neighborhood is filled with cobblestone streets and architectural beauty, including Plaza de Armas, the site where San Cristóbal de la Habana was founded in 1514.

In the downtown district of Vedado, see the University of Havana, the pre-revolutionary Capitolio reminiscent of the U.S. Capitol and the legendary Hotel Nacional de Cuba. See Revolution Square, where Fidel Castro gave his famous hours-long May Day speeches.

Attend the Farewell Reception in the hotel this evening.

People-to-People Cultural Enrichments:
- Enjoy a walk through Old Havana with a focus on architectural preservation.
- Enjoy dinner in a local paladar.

Havana/Pinar del Río and Viñales Valley - Day 9
In Cuba’s westernmost province of Pinar del Río is striking Viñales Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage site known for its natural beauty. The 270-square-mile plain is surrounded by limestone karst hills called mogotes, and the farmland here produces robust coffee and some of the world’s best tobacco, products central to Cuban agriculture, history and identity.

People-to-People Cultural Enrichments:
- Meet a tobacco farmer and cigar-roller and spend time with his family as he welcomes you into his home to sample Cuban coffee.
- Tour an organic farm, enjoy an enriching discussion with the farmer and share a homestyle lunch.
- In Pinar del Río, visit a community art project where creativity is fostered in young people with Down syndrome.

Havana/U.S. - Day 10
This morning, transfer to the airport for your return flight to the U.S.

Miami Hotel Pre-Program Option
Arrive in Miami the day before your flight to Cuba. Enjoy overnight accommodations in the Doubletree Miami Airport Hotel, a complimentary welcome drink, Cuba briefing and a convenient shuttle to the airport for your flight to Cuba.

The Pre-Program Option is available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

Teatro Tomás Terry in Cienfuegos has been hosting operas since Aida, its first, in 1895.
Located in Havana’s quaint Miramar district, near the Gulf of Mexico coast, the MELIÁ HABANA HOTEL provides comfortable, air-conditioned accommodations and modern amenities and services. It offers guests an array of dining options, two outdoor pools, a piano bar, live evening entertainment, cigar sommelier service, state-of-the-art fitness center, and salon and massage services.
Included Features
Six Nights Sailing Aboard Le Ponant
◆ Deluxe, ocean-view, air-conditioned Staterooms.
◆ Captain’s Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
◆ All meals aboard ship.
◆ Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages available throughout the cruise.
◆ Complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the ship.

Exclusive People-to-People Excursions and Cultural Enrichments

Holguín
◆ Visit to a nearby multigenerational family farm.

Santiago de Cuba
◆ Music and dance performances by local groups.
◆ Visit to El Morro, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
◆ Walk through Cementerio Santa Ifigenia.
◆ Visit to the Basílica del Cobre to observe Cubans during their pilgrimage.
◆ Lunch in a local paladar.

Trinidad
◆ Guided walk through the colonial city of Trinidad, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
◆ Rumba performance at Palenque de los Congos Reales.
◆ Visit to the Casa Chichi pottery workshop to observe traditional Cuban pottery-making.

Cienfuegos
◆ Visit to the eclectic Teatro Tomás Terry.
◆ Performance by Orquesta de Cámara and interactions with the musicians.
◆ Excursion to Santa Clara, with visits to the Che Guevara Monument, the History Museum of the Revolution and a senior citizen community center.
◆ Lunch in a paladar.

Havana
◆ Three nights in the comfortable MELIÁ HABANA Hotel.
◆ Breakfast daily, two dinners and a Farewell Reception in the hotel.
◆ Two lunches and one dinner in a paladar.
◆ Architectural walking tour of Old Havana, a UNESCO World Heritage site, with lunch.
◆ Visit to the 16th-century Plaza de Armas.
◆ Excursion to the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Viñales Valley for a cigar-rolling demonstration and refreshments, and a tour of organic crops, including a homestyle lunch.
◆ Interaction with volunteers at a community art project for young people with Down syndrome in Pinar del Río.
◆ Musical performance by Cuban dance and percussion music ensemble Habana Compás.
◆ Cruise along Old Havana’s Malecón in a private, vintage American-made car.
◆ Visit to Finca Vigía, the former residence of Ernest Hemingway.

Always Included
◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad if your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
◆ Cuban visa fee.
◆ Experienced, English-speaking local host for individual excursions.
◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
◆ Hospitality desk aboard the ship.
◆ Complimentary bottled water in your Stateroom aboard ship and on excursions.
◆ Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Director at your service.
◆ Complimentary use of an audio headset during guided excursions.
◆ Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
An Extraordinary People-to-People Opportunity

Enjoy this unique and comprehensive exploration of Cuba by land and by sea, featuring unprecedented people-to-people opportunities. Engage with Cubans from all walks of life—artists, tobacco farmers, artisans, cigar rollers, senior citizens, paladar owners, religious pilgrims, musicians, dancers—who will openly share with you their values, insights and interests. Experience firsthand the true character and traditions of residents of the Caribbean’s largest island by special arrangement and U.S. Treasury-approved license. Explore Cuban history, art, culture, professions, trades, religion and cuisine in an intimate travel experience that will immerse you in Cuba’s rhythms of daily life.

Walk through Plaza de Armas at the entrance to Old Havana and learn about preservation efforts in Havana. Meet musicians from the Palenque de los Congos Reales music center in Trinidad, who will perform traditional and popular Cuban music and dance. Travel into the agricultural core of the country to interact with local organic and traditional tobacco farmers. Converse with elder Cubans in a typical senior citizen community center. Join this once-in-a-lifetime, educational journey and enamórese de (fall in love with) the people of Cuba and their culture.

Habana Compás musicians and dancers exemplify the lively tradition of musical expression in Cuba.

Urban street performers dazzle onlookers in Cuba’s capital city of Havana.
CUBA BY LAND and BY SEA RESERVATION FORM

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Preferred Name(s) on Badge(s)    Tour No. 143-02/03/19-022

Program reservations require a deposit of $800 per person and $100 per person Miami Pre-Program Hotel Option. By reserving and placing a deposit, I/we agree to the Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement as printed on the outside back cover of this brochure.

☐ Enclosed is my/our check(s) for $ as deposit.

☐ I/We authorize you to charge my/our deposit of $ to:
  ☐ Visa    ☐ MasterCard

Card Number    Exp. Date

☐ I/We want you to book my/our air, at additional cost to be advised, from: ____________________________ (fill in departure city)
  ☐ Economy Class
  ☐ Business Class

‘Flight schedules to Cuba are subject to change and availability, and airfare is nonrefundable. Currently, most flights to Holguín depart from Miami; therefore, we strongly recommend you plan to arrive one night early in Miami. We recommend you book your domestic and international air concurrently.

☐ I/We will make my/our own air arrangements.

MY LE PONANT

Sun Deck
Antigua Deck
Saint-Barth Deck
Marie-Galante Deck

Stateroom Category* LAND/CRUISE TARIFF excluding taxes* Per person, based on double occupancy Early Booking Tariff† through August 10, 2018 Tariff‡ after August 10, 2018

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One queen bed and a porthole, Marie-Galante Deck, forward.
$6995    $7995

5
One queen bed or two twin beds and a porthole, Marie-Galante Deck, aft.
$7995    $8995

4
One queen bed or two twin beds and a porthole, Marie-Galante Deck, mid-forward.
$8795    $9795

3
One queen bed or two twin beds and a porthole, Marie-Galante Deck, midship.
$8995    $9995

2
One queen bed and a window, Antigua Deck.
$9495    $10495

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Larger Stateroom with one queen bed and a window, Antigua Deck. (limited availability)
$9995    $10995

Singles are available in category 5 at $13995* and in category 3 at $15295* on or before August 10, 2018. Add $1000 for reservations made after August 10, 2018.

*Taxes are an additional $495 per person and are subject to change.

†Le PONANT has been specially contracted for this tour, and the applicable deck plan is available on request from Gohagan & Company and reflects the only valid cabin categorization of the vessel.

Gohagan & Company has been issued a license (7CT-2014-310067-1) by the Department of the Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC), authorizing us to organize and operate People-to-People programs to Cuba.

Please make my/our reservation(s) in Stateroom Category:

1st Choice    2nd Choice
[ ] Double occupancy (two twin beds).
[ ] Double occupancy (one queen bed).
[ ] Single accommodations.
[ ] I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

Please make my/our reservation(s):

Miami Pre-Program Hotel Option‡
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[ ] Single at $365 per person.
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All FINAL PAYMENTS are required to be made by check or wire transfer by October 31, 2018.
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It is not possible for any person or entity or of any other third party.

If an emergency flight is required or any other reason, or if you are required to spend an additional night(s), you will be responsible for your own hotel, transfers and meal costs. Baggage is entirely at owner's risk.

Except for subsequently imposed governmental tax increases.

CANCELLATIONS: Cancellations for all or any part of the trip including Pre/Post Program(s) will not be effective until received in writing in the offices of Gohagan. Should you have to cancel, the following terms will apply: reservation cancellation(s) are subject to a $200 per person ($300 Pre/Post Program(s)) administrative fee from the time of booking through 120 days prior to departure; from 95 through 119 days prior to departure, 50% per person ($100 Pre/Post Program(s)); from 80 through 94 days prior to departure, 70% of the published full regular tariffs; cancellations 59 days or less prior to departure, a no-show, or early return from the trip will result in forfeiture of 100% of the published full regular tariffs. In addition, any applicable airline cancellation fees, optional excursion cancellation fees and administrative fees may apply.

TRIP INSURANCE: We strongly recommend that you purchase trip cancellation insurance. In the event that you must cancel your participation in a travel program, trip cancellation insurance may be the only source of reimbursement. Trip cancellation insurance is available through Gohagan and others for comprehensive coverage of such expenses in conjunction with cancellations due to illness or accident, and damaged or lost luggage. We will send you an application upon receipt of your reservation.

CANCELLATIONS:

RATES: Prices quoted are based on fares in effect at the time of printing and are subject to change at any time.

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ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT: By forwarding of deposit, the participant certifies that he/she does not have any mental, physical or other condition of disability that would create a hazard for him/herself or other participants and accepts the terms contained in this Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement.

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