

GALLOWAY SCHOOL - STUDENT TOUR

EDUCATIONAL GENERAL LICENSE: 31 CFR 515.565

CREDIT-EARNING EDUCATIONAL VISIT

FULL SCHEDULE OF APPROVED ACTIVITIES

Feb 18-26, 2020 (9 days)



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You will be traveling under **31 CFR 515.565**. Please understand how your **EDUCATIONAL GENERAL LICENSE** is legal for you to travel to Cuba. Students are on a credit earning program and will follow a full schedule of approved activities and is led by a teacher. This license does not allow for free time or for activities considered to be of a touristic nature. a) *General license for educational activities.* (1) Accredited U.S. undergraduate or graduate degree-granting academic institutions, their students enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate degree program at the institution, and their full-time permanent employees, are authorized to engage, under the auspices of the institutions, in transactions,

- *You will engage in a full-time schedule of activities that enhance contact with the Cuban students and learning institutions that result in meaningful interactions*
- *Your visit to Cuba will exclude financial transaction with entities and entities identified on the State Department' Cuba Restricted List such as Cuban military, intelligence or security services.*
- *Your visit does not include free time or recreation in excess of that consistent with a full-time schedule in Cuba.*
- *Your accommodations are that **consistent with the State Department list***
- * You are visiting several Unesco World Heritage sites, Old Havana, Vinales Valley, Las Terrazas*
- * Dining in 100% private restaurants privately owned by Cubans that are new at practicing entrepreneurial ownership and business*
- *Engaging in several very important community projects including: Community Project: Jose Fuster Community Project: Hamels Alley Community Project: Murealando Community Project: Amos*
- *You will be visiting private businesses and galleries to help enhance new and private business*
- *Your visit includes a private guide and driver to maintain and assist with you full schedule of approved activities.*

SOME OF YOUR EDUCATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

A visit to the University of Havana with lecture from professor on the Cuban school system, Visit to the main secondary school in Havana with student to student exchanges, Visit UNESCO World Heritage Sites, Old Havana, Pinar Del Rio, Eco-tour lecture on tobacco Revolutionary Square, Pre-historic Indian Caves, El Morro Castle, Statue of Jesus, Capitol Building, Several community projects including Fusters, Muraleando, Amos, Hamel's Alley, Jovenes Emprendedores (young entrepreneurs), The Historic cannon ceremony, Las Terrazas biosphere visit with learning session on community sustainability, orchid farm, Finca Marta, Angeles del Futuro (childrens circus), private dance company exhibition at Compas Dans, Ernest Hemingway's farm, La Yoandra, and much more.



Proposed Itinerary:

Day 1- 2/18/20 - (D)

Upon arrival by plane around 1:35pm, we will be met by our private guide and driver. Enjoy a panoramic tour of Revolutionary Square, Havana University, the sports stadium and more on our way to Old Havana.

Check in to our hotel- THE HABANA LIBRE HOTEL

One of our best options in Havana. With an outdoor pool and sea views, at Tryp Habana Libre guests can enjoy the hotel's restaurant. All rooms at this hotel are air-conditioned and equipped with a TV with cable channels. Some rooms offer views of the pool or the city. The rooms have a private bathroom. There is a hairdressing salon on the property. The hotel also offers car rental. José Martí International Airport is 9.9 miles from the property. Vedado is an excellent option for travelers interested in landscapes, tourist attractions and walks. This four-star urban hotel is located in the center of Havana, in the popular area of La Rampa in Vedado, and near cinemas, theaters, the famous Coppelia ice cream shop, the University of Havana, shopping centers and other tourist attractions. Its façade is covered by a large ceramic mural by the renowned Cuban artist Amelia Pelúz and its urban interior gives it an atmosphere of informal elegance. The emblematic Tryp Habana Libre, a 25-story architectural building with a style of the 50s, is a reference point in the city for events and meetings, which is distinguished by its central location, decoration that includes works of art by renowned artists Cubans and panoramic views of the city and the sea thanks to a location 137 meters above sea level.

Our 1st dinner this evening will be at a private restaurant (paladar) which helps support the Cuban people in their efforts at private business.

Day 2- 2/19/20 - Breakfast at your hotel (B,L,D)

GUIDED PRIVATE WALKING TOUR of Old Havana, a.k.a. Habana Vieja. This is a great opportunity to meet and interact with local Cubans going about their everyday lives on the city streets.

In 1982 Old Havana was designated a **UNESCO World Heritage** site and it's brimming with a variety of historical landmarks and interesting things to do. Just walking the streets in this area is a favorite tour and will surely result in an unforgettable experience with plenty of chances to meet the locals and to take advantage of myriad photo ops. You will visit each of the four squares including **PLAZA DE LA CATEDRAL, PLAZA VIEJA, PLAZA DE SANFRANCISCO, PLAZA DE ARMAS**. Lunch at Moneda Cubana.

We will visit the community project "**Jovenes emprendedores**" (young entrepreneurs). This project is sponsored by the owner of a private paladar (restaurant). The project helps young residents of Old Havana with schooling and instruction on how to help students obtain a job in the service industry. Next we visit to the maternity center in Old Havana where the government provides 18 months of shelter, food, medical and care for unwed mothers. (donations here suggested) Dinner this evening in a private paladar.

Day 3- 2/20/20 - Breakfast at your hotel (B,L,D)

After breakfast we gather in a conference room for a lecture on the school system in Cuba, led by a professor of Havana University. After the lecture you embark on a tour of Havana University and engage in some one on one exchanges with students and professors before spending time at a special museum that houses some of the most important pictures and documents of Cuba. We will enjoy a local lunch then visit **COMPAS DANS**, a privately owned and maintained dance company. This company is amazing and puts their own stamp on modern dance using only percussion and old farm chairs. This performance is not to be missed. Dinner this evening at a brand new amazing paladar called Barbara. (a favorite of most groups)

After dinner will experience some history at the "CANONAZO A LA CABANA" or shooting of the cannons at the second oldest fortress built by the Spaniards in the West Indies. **Fortaleza de San Carlos de la Cabaña** (Fort of Saint Charles), colloquially known as **La Cabaña**, is an 18th-century fortress complex, the third-largest in the Americas, located on the elevated eastern side of the harbor entrance in Havana, Cuba. The fort rises above the 200-foot (60 m) hilltop, along with Morro Castle (fortress). This ceremony happens every evening exactly at 9:00pm at the closing of the harbor, originally to keep the pirates out.



Day 4- 2/21/20 - Breakfast at your hotel (B,L)

Early departure for a day trip (2 hrs each way) to **Pinar del Rio** and **Vinales Valley** for landscape and village exploration. Vinales was founded in 1607 and has an economy based on agriculture, mainly tobacco farming, and its soil is considered to be some of the richest in the world. In the Vinales Valley, another UNESCO World Heritage Site, you will see mountainous "mogotes" made of hard limestone left over after millennia of erosion, as well as rural farmland vistas.



Pinar Del Rio



Pre-historic Mogotes



We take a boat ride through the ancient Indian caves

Today's lunch is something to be remembered! **FINCA AGROECOLOGICA- LA PARAISO**. This paladar is run by young people who grow fresh vegetables and herbs, raise pigs, chickens and rabbits and serve an amazing 14-course lunch. Fresh pumpkin, green beans, squash soup, all kinds of vegetables, roasted pork, chicken, fish, beef, seafood, rice, beans, chips, and it is topped off with grandma's Cuban flan and coffee. There are no choices on the menu, you get it all! They serve an "anti-stress" drink that is full of fresh herbs and is just wonderful.

After lunch we will learn about the tobacco culture at **BENITO'S TOBACCO FARM**. They will show you how tobacco is planted, grown, picked, stored and sorted for fine cigars. After sharing Cuban coffee with Benito's wife in his farmhouse, you will head to our hotel MOKA. Dinner this evening on your own.

Day 5- 2/22/20 - Breakfast at your hotel (B,L,D)

A full day of adventure today. We begin at Cojimar village then on the Ernest Hemingway's Finca. We will see where he lived, entertained and wrote many of his famous novels. Lunch will be at El Divino's at La Yoandra plant farm. This is a beautiful mediteranean style ranch located on the grounds of a rare plant farm where they support a community senior citizen project. The homemade coconut ice cream is worth the visit alone! After lunch we tour the newly renovated capitol building. Dinner this evening and a private paladar.

Day 6- 2/23/20 - Breakfast at your hotel (B,L,D)

This morning we venture west to Las Terrazas (1 hour) and the biosphere, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Las Terrazas is located approximately 73 kilometers west of Havana in the Sierra del Rosario Biosphere Reserve. Las Terrazas is located in an area of some 5,000 hectares, developed as a sustainable project based on the rational use of natural resources. It combines a small community of about 1200 people, many of them artists, with eco-tourism.



The pioneering eco-village of Las Terrazas dates back to a reforestation project in 1968. Today it's a Unesco Biosphere Reserve, a burgeoning activity center and the site of the earliest surviving coffee plantations in Cuba. Not surprisingly, it attracts day-trippers from Havana by the busload.

Overnighters can stay in the community's sole hotel, the mold-breaking Hotel Moka, an upmarket eco-resort built between 1992 and 1994 by workers drawn from Las Terrazas to attract foreign tourists. Close by, in the picturesque whitewashed village that overlooks a small lake, there's a vibrant art community with open studios, woodwork and pottery workshops. But the region's biggest attraction is its verdant natural surroundings, which are ideal for hiking, relaxing and bird-watching.

You will receive a guided tour of Las Terrazas explaining how this community is fully self-sustained, a tour of the orchid farm housing some of largest and most exotic species on the world. We enjoy lunch there and then we head back to Havana. Dinner this evening in Old Havana at El Aljibe, famous for it's roasted orange chicken.



Day 7- 2/24/20 - Breakfast at your hotel (B,L)

After breakfast we will visit the community project of **FUSTERLANDIA**. Fuster specializes in unique ceramics, paintings, graphic design, and his work has expanded beyond his home to the neighborhood. Fuster has taken a poverty-stricken village and transformed it into a colorful, whimsical wonderland of mosaics.



After lunch at a local private paladar, we get a lesson in Afro-Cuban culture at the **community project** of Hamel's Alley. The area was once rather desolate, but the colorful street now provides an eccentric backdrop for musicians and rumba dancers who entertain the increasing crowds of tourists and locals. Sunday afternoon rumba sessions are popular with tourists. A local children's art program meets in the alley. The surrounding Cayo Hueso neighborhood once had a dangerous reputation, but art has helped to change perceptions of the area.



This evening we got to Fabrica Des Artes, Havana. Fabrica des artes is an art gallery of sorts established in an old cooking oil factory and has since gained notoriety as one of Havana's premier nightclubs and art galleries combined. Bring money this evening as you will buy dinner in one of the many food stations available there. Enjoy bands, art showings, music, dancing and more.

Day 08- (2/25/20) - (L) Breakfast at your hotel (B,L,D)

Today is "community project day". You will visit Clave de Sol which is a musical educational project.



Our second community project is Proyecto Angeles del Futuro Circus- which is a circus school for young orphaned children.



We will have lunch at our 3rd community project called "AMOS". This project combines a private restaurant and a photography studio which teaches young children photography. Slide show and presentation with lunch.

Our 4th and final community project is Muraleando, a social project which has transformed a tired neighborhood into a healthy and attractive environment. There you will find music, dancing, and acting as a part of a show where the most unusual objects are parts of works of art of Muraleando. Dinner and dancing at Muraleando!



Day 09 - (2/26/20) - (L,D) Breakfast at your hotel (B,D)

Hotel Check-out, say good- bye to our new Cuban friends and head for the airport

CONFIRMED flights:

Delta #5201 2/18 ATL-HAV 11:15AM-1:35PM
 RETURN
 Delta #5202 2/26 HAV-ATL 2:35PM-4:57PM

*** Flights for Southwest are not published at this time. If proposal is accepted, we will compare the Southwest flights to the Delta price for better pricing and free baggage. Southwest flights however have a change of planes in Ft. Lauderdale. We will advise when flights open up. Their fare could be lower than the Delta seats we are holding

TOUR PRICING AND INCLUSIONS: (Based on 20-25 full paying participants + escorts)

Habana Libre Hotel \$2959.00 per person/double
 Habana Libre Hotel \$2839.00 per person/double

TOUR PRICING AND INCLUSIONS: (Based on 14-19 full paying participants + escorts)

Habana Libre Hotel \$3039.00 per person/double
 Habana Libre Hotel \$2919.00 per person/double

Visa is additional: \$85.00 per person

Includes:

- *Round trip airfare from Atlanta to Havana
- *All transportation listed herein
- *08 nights' accommodations at the Hotel or Casa of choice
- *21 meals: 08 Full breakfasts, 7- lunches 6- Dinners
- *Drink packages with all meals ex: (bottled water, sodas, juices, local beer and rum drinks)
- *Visit Unesco World Heritage sites
- *All entrance fees listed here-in
- *Two or three complimentary Air + Land packages for two escorts, double occupancy (sharing)
- *Medical Insurance while in Cuba
- *Tips to your guide and driver, local guides
- *Private guide and driver throughout
- *Cuba documents, Travel Affidavit
- *Cuban visa (additional \$85.00 per person)
- *Fully escorted throughout by faculty/staff of Galloway School

Not Included:

Additional cancellation, baggage, delay and medivac insurance. \$94.00 per person
Items of a personal nature
Gratuity after each lunch or dinner to your servers

Baggage fees additional:

- 1 free personal carry-on item, maximum 45 linear inches
- 1st checked bag, maximum 50lbs = \$30.00
- 2nd checked bag, maximum 50lbs = \$40.00

Insurance: Required Cuban medical insurance will be mandatory. Additional cancellation, delay, and baggage insurance is strongly recommended.

Documentation: Valid passport with at least 6 months' validity required of all U.S. citizens, Cuban Visa, Authorization Letter, Travel Affidavit, and round-trip airline ticket.

Participants should know that Cuba is a special destination, and so please understand that all elements of this itinerary are subject to change and that times and activities listed below are approximate. Please remain flexible as there are often circumstances beyond our control and changes may be necessary. The tour leader reserves the right to make changes to the published itinerary whenever, in his sole discretion, conditions warrant, or if he deems it necessary for the comfort or safety of the program. Be assured that all efforts will be made to provide a comparable alternative should an item on the itinerary need to be changed or cancelled. A Cultural Taste of Cuba is made possible by a People to People license issued by the U.S. Department of Treasury.

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PAYMENTS: An individual non-refundable **deposit** of \$500.00 by check or credit card per person is due by October 5th. **Final payment** is due 61 days prior or by 19 December. *All payments for Cuba tours are non-refundable unless the space can be re-sold at the required time.*

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add in the totals box to the right. Submit payment. Your payment will instantly be transferred. *(Please check your limits on debit cards before paying)*

CANCELLATIONS: Payments are non-refundable unless space can be re-sold. Once payments are sent to the suppliers, they become non-refundable. Cancellation insurance is strongly recommended and will be offered on this private tour at the rate of \$94.00 per person.

INFORMATION: Each participant will be provided with a comprehensive travel packet, general information, orientation information pertaining to money, cell phones, safety, what to wear, bring, how much money, etc.

Your commitment to full participation in the program is required if you choose to join the group. Most tourist-oriented activities are forbidden by our U.S. license. This license does not allow for independent exploration in Cuba.

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