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Dear Vanderbilt Traveler,

Vibrant, historical, musical and architecturally rich, travel with Vanderbilt on this exclusive Havana getaway to discover the culture and cuisine of captivating Cuba. You'll stay at the elegant Grand Packard Hotel, who's name pays homage to the luxury classic Packard automobile and is located in charming "Old Havana", with views overlooking the turquoise sea.

Your host for this program is Vanderbilt's own **Marshall C. Eakin**, Professor of Latin American History and Faculty Director of the Ingram Scholarship Program. His insight on Cuba and its relationship with both North and South American countries will greatly enrich your experience.

This program features some of the most important political, spiritual and commercial sites in Cuba's history. Explore Havana's dynamic art scene. Visit Finca Vigia, Ernest Hemingway's house where he lived and wrote ***The Old Man and the Sea***. Slip into a classic American vintage convertible and drive on the Malecon past gemstone-hued façades. Sip quintessential mojitos or delicious daiquiris at the famed El Floridita, Papa Hemingway's favorite Havana haunt. Enjoy a day's excursion to the UNESCO province of Las Terrazas with time spent at the home and studio of renowned artist Lester Campa. Evenings will be enriched by delectable dishes at local "paladars" and the rhythms of Cuban music.

Viva Havana! We look forward to having you join this engaging program with fellow Vanderbilt alumni.

Sincerely,

Cary DeWitt Allyn
Director, Vanderbilt Travel Program



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FEATURING *Marshall C. Eakin*

Marshall C. Eakin, Distinguished Professor of History, is a historian of Latin America specializing in the history of Brazil. His major publications have concentrated on economic and business history, industrialization, and the processes of nationalism and nation-building--primarily in the twentieth century. Much of his work addresses audiences beyond the academy. These include a one-volume introduction to Brazil for beginners and two video courses with ***The Great Courses and The History of Latin America: Collision of Cultures***. From 2000-2004 and 2018-2019, Eakin served as chair of the History Department. He was Faculty Director for the ***Ingram Scholarship Program*** from 2009-2017. Eakin has been the recipient of the ***Jeffrey Nordhaus Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching*** (1991), the ***Chancellor's Cup*** (1994), the ***Madison Sarratt Prize for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching*** (1994), the ***Ernest A. Jones Faculty Adviser Award*** (1996), the ***Alumni Education Award*** (1999), and a ***Chair of Teaching Excellence*** (1998-2001). He was named the ***Joe B. Wyatt Distinguished Professor*** for 2004-2005. He has participated as the faculty lecturer in seven Vanderbilt Alumni tours.



JANUARY 13 – 18, 2024

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13: ARRIVE MIAMI

MIAMI AIRPORT HILTON BLUE LAGOON

Arrive Miami International Airport on your own arrangements. Take the hotel's shuttle bus to the Miami Airport Hilton Blue Lagoon where you will meet the other Vanderbilt Cuba travelers.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14: MIAMI / HAVANA

IBEROSTAR GRAND PACKARD HOTEL

Transfer to Miami International Airport for your flight to Havana. Bienvenidos a Havana! Meet your Cuban host and head directly to Revolution Square. After lunch at a local paladar, explore the Plaza de Armas, the city's oldest square. Stroll through the Used Bookseller's Market where you might find a treasure or two! With its curves and flourishes above the doors and windows, the Catedral de La Habana is a fine example of 18th-century baroque architecture. Head to El Floridita Bar and taste the daiquiri that made this Ernest Hemingway's favorite watering hole. This evening is your Welcome to Havana Dinner! (L,D)

Optional activity: Evening at the Buena Vista Social Club swaying to the rhythms of Cuban music

MONDAY, JANUARY 15: HAVANA

IBEROSTAR GRAND PACKARD HOTEL

Ernest Hemingway lived in Cuba from 1939 to 1960. His Cuban paradise, Finca Vigia, still holds his furniture, fishing rods, typewriters, his beloved boat Pilar, and more than 9,000 books from his personal collection. Continue to the charming fishing village of Cojimar, setting of ***The Old Man and the Sea***. Lunch is at the open-air paladar Cafe Ajiaco, renowned for their special Mojito. Later, see El Moro fort with its magnificent views of Havana. End your day at the bustling Artisans Market, where you might be tempted to purchase some amazing Cuban art! (B,L)

Optional activity: Visit La Zorro y El Cuervo Jazz Club for an evening of the best jazz in Havana

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16: HAVANA

IBEROSTAR GRAND PACKARD HOTEL

The stunning natural beauty of Las Terrazas is on display in Artemesia Province. Visit the local Clinica and learn about the medical services in Cuba. Try a cup of the best coffee in the country at Cafe Maria en route to the home of famed artist Lester Campa. Lunch at a local farmhouse. Return to Havana and the colorful neighborhood of Callejon de Hamel. Here you'll find brilliant mural paintings, stalls selling herbs for curing colds and lovesickness alike, and of course, music everywhere! Meet Salvador Gonzalez Escalona, whose prolific murals adorn the neighborhood. (B,L)

Optional activity: Evening at La Fabrica del Arte, where local artists showcase their work

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17: HAVANA

IBEROSTAR GRAND PACKARD HOTEL

Begin today at the dramatic Cemetery of Christopher Columbus, founded in 1876 in the neighborhood of Vedado, noted for its many elaborately sculpted memorials. Continue to chic Miramar where grand mansions and wide avenues retain their pre-revolutionary feel. Visit the home of self-taught artist and ceramist, Beatriz Sala Santacana, and Fusterlandia, the street-art area of Jose Fuster. Stroll along the nearby village of Jaimanitas and see some of the finest examples of street art in the world. Take a one-hour drive along the famous Malecon in a classic 1950's American vintage car to your Farewell Dinner at Havana's top-rated paladar, La Guarida. (B,L,D)

Optional activity: An evening at El Gran Teatro de Habana – exact performance details one month in advance

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18: DEPART HAVANA / ARRIVE USA

EN ROUTE

Transfer to Havana's Jose Marti International Airport for your included return flight to Miami, connecting with your own onward flight home. (B)



Cost of Adventure:

CUBA PROGRAM: \$4,795 PER PERSON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY **SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$1095**

CUBA VISA: \$85 PER PERSON

EARLY BOOKING DISCOUNT BY JULY 1, 2023: \$4,595 PER PERSON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

FLIGHTS **MIAMI/HAVANA/MIAMI** INCLUDED

Included in your program:

- Hotel accommodation as detailed above including buffet breakfast daily
 - Flights Miami/Havana/Miami as required by the program
- All touring on a private basis including entrance fees and professional English-speaking guide
 - Meet & greet services at all Cuban airports for arrivals and departures
 - All transportation in modern air conditioned motor coaches
- Meals as indicated by (B), (B,L), (B,L,D): B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner 4 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 2 dinners
 - One drink per included meal: bottle of water, coffee, glass of wine, beer, mojito, soft drink, etc.
 - Two bottles of mineral water per person per day (except transfer days)
- Cuban travel insurance covering medical repatriation expenses only (required by the Cuban government)
 - Authorization documentation allowing travelers to clear US immigrations upon returning to the United States provided by a Licensed Cuba Travel Service Provider and the USA Office of Foreign Assets Control
 - Gratuities for guides, drivers, hotel porters, restaurant waiters

Not Included:

- More than one drink at meals which are included in the program
- Items of a personal nature such as laundry, WiFi / internet, telephone calls, both alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks, incidental expenses at hotels, etc

Payment Schedule:

- A \$1000 per person deposit is required to confirm services
 - Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure
- Payment is accepted by personal check, wire transfer and all major credit cards

Rates & Fares:

- All rates shown are accurate at the time of publication and are subject to change
- Prices are based on foreign exchange rates the company feels will be in effect at the time of departure.

Refunds & Cancellations:

All cancellations must be in writing. The per person cancellation charges are:

- More than 90 days prior to departure: 50% of deposit • 89-60 days prior to departure: 50% of tour price
- 59-30 days prior to departure: 75% of tour price • Less than 30 days prior to departure: 100% of tour price
- There is no refund for a partially completed tour or for unused services of any kind

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