



ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION  
of SMITH COLLEGE

## LEGACIES AND LANDSCAPES OF CUBA

February 17 – 28, 2012



Join us as we unravel the richness of Cuban culture on a program that travels through the country from east to west.

Cuba, with its defiant history, is a resplendent tropical island unlike any other in the Caribbean. Accompanied by Ann Zulawski, Sydenham Clark Parsons Professor of History and professor of Latin American studies, explore this island of contrasts and its rich culture, still largely unfamiliar to many travelers. This trip promises to be a rare treat for history enthusiasts, music lovers and those who appreciate beautiful landscapes. Throughout the program there will be opportunities to meet Cubans from different walks of contemporary Cuban life.

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### Synopsis of the Tour

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#### **SANTIAGO – 2 nights** *Hotel Casa Granda*

- Enjoy a carefully-crafted walking tour of Cuba's second largest city
- Visit the Basilica del Cobre
- Drive to the east side of Guantanamo Bay which over looks the US Naval Base

#### **BARACOA – 2 nights** *Hotel Castillo*

- Visit the town's cathedral
- Wander through Plaza Marti
- Tour a local chocolate and coffee farm
- Explore Baracoa's Museum whose display traces the history of the region since pre-Columbian days



#### **TRINIDAD – 2 nights** *Hotel Trinidad del Mar*

- Explore this opulent living museum built by sugar planters
- Stop at Cienfuegos and admire the lavish Cathedral

#### **HAVANA – 5 nights** *El Parque Central*

- Walk through Havana's colonial historic core
- Marvel at the Presidential Palace
- Admire the Gran Teatro de Havana
- Enjoy a briefing at the US Interests Section
- Visit the studios of a number of contemporary artists

Cuba is a country of picturesque colonial towns and magnificent 20<sup>th</sup> century architecture, a country of spectacularly beautiful landscapes and an intriguing Afro-Cuban culture. With the recent changes to OFAC regulations regarding travel to Cuba we are now able to explore this island of contrasts on a licensed program.

The trip begins with two days in Santiago. The cradle of Afro-Cuban culture, Santiago is legendary for its music and is known as the birthplace of the revolution. Walk through the town's Parque Cespedes where some of Santiago's most imposing buildings front the square.

Passing close to Guantanamo Bay, drive to Baracoa, a charming town enveloped by rich tropical vegetation. This is where Christopher Columbus is said to have first landed and a local church houses a cross he brought with him. Enjoy a delicious lunch of roasted pork beneath the shade of palms and plantains before watching an Afro-Cuban performance.

Fly by chartered plane to Trinidad, Cuba's oldest colonial city surrounded by a verdurous ring of mountains. Its colonial architecture is linked together by a grid of small squares and cobble-stoned streets. In the center lies the main square ringed by the mansions of wealthy colonialists. Enjoy dinner in town at one of the newly opened private restaurants, and a chance to stroll through the narrow stone streets and peer into the open shuttered doors of inviting Cuban homes.

End the trip with five days in Havana and a specially designed walking tour of Old Havana which harbors the greatest wealth of Spanish colonial architecture in the western hemisphere, a treasure trove of churches, palaces, citadels and mansions wedged along narrow streets or looming over palm-fringed plazas. One afternoon enjoy a tour accompanied by a wonderful architectural historian, with stops in Miramar, once the bastion of the Cuban aristocracy, whose grand old homes are set along wide boulevards. The history of Cuban political development is well illustrated at the Presidential Palace – now a museum – and a discussion with a local economist will allow the group to focus on recent changes in Cuba's economic policy. Understand the American perspective on these issues at a special meeting at the US Interest Section in Havana. Meet with contemporary artists and see how art in Cuba has transformed itself since the Revolution, shifting from content that glorifies revolutionaries to one that embodies intensely personal and introspective expressions. Return to Miami from Havana.

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**\$4,770 PER PERSON • SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT \$780**

### *The Tour Cost includes:*

- Airfare on a round-trip charter flight from Miami to Cuba
- Accommodation as listed in the itinerary based on double occupancy.
- Breakfast and lunch daily and 9 dinners. One drink is included with lunch, and one with dinner
- Bottled water on the bus
- Sightseeing and excursions as listed
- Transportation in a deluxe motor-coach with air-conditioning
- Ann Zulawski will accompany the group
- Services of a local Cuban guide
- A Cuban visa card
- All gratuities

### *Not Included are:*

- Airfare to and from Miami
- Cuban departure tax of \$30
- Additional drinks at meals
- Personal insurance for health, baggage, and trip cancellation
- Items of a purely personal nature and any items not listed

***For more information or a detailed itinerary, call  
Smith Travel at (800) 225-2029 or  
Distant Horizons at (800) 333-1240***

The trip will be led by **Ann Zulawski** who is the Sydenham Clark Parsons Professor of History and professor of Latin American studies. Professor Zulawski's teaching includes surveys of Latin America in the colonial and national periods, as well as specialized courses on the history of public health in Latin America, Andean society, gender in Latin American history, Cuba and Puerto Rico in comparative context, and U.S. foreign policy in the region. Professor Zulawski is also chairing the History department in 2010-2011.

## RESERVATION FORM      LEGACIES AND LANDSCAPES OF CUBA

I would like to reserve \_\_\_\_\_ space(s) for the *Legacies and Landscapes of Cuba* trip.

Enclosed is a non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person, in the total amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

***Please make checks payable to Distant Horizons. Your deposit is refundable up to 90 days prior to departure less a \$250 administration fee.***

### **Room Arrangements**

- Single Supplement       Double Occupancy, I will be sharing a room with: \_\_\_\_\_
- I would prefer a roommate, but will pay the single supplement if one is not available.

### **Personal Information**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

*Send application to:* Smith Travel, Alumnae House, 33 Elm Street, Northampton, MA 01063

***A confirmation letter, a declaration & waiver form & a travel insurance application will be mailed to you upon receipt of your deposit.***