Dear Smith Alumnae and Friends,

Join Andrew Zimbalist, Robert A. Woods professor of economics at Smith College, as we explore the more hidden corners of Cuba. Our thoughtfully planned journey begins in the eastern part of the island with stays in the town of Gibara and Cuba’s second largest city, Santiago. These provide a contrast to the western part of the island and reflect a culture that has been impacted by their proximity to Jamaica and Haiti and the French planters and merchants who chose to settle in and around Santiago. Discover coastal fishing villages, charming squares and run-down Spanish-era buildings set against cobalt blue waters. Head west to the beach at Jibacoa which lies next to a pristine coral reef and is just a drive away from the sugar mills once owned by the Hershey chocolate empire. From here visit the city of Matanzas, once called the Athens of Cuba, before driving to the tobacco region of Viñales. Admire the valley’s distinctive landscape, with its steep-sided limestone mountains called mogotes rising dramatically from fertile flat-floored valleys where farmers cultivate the red soil for tobacco, fruits and vegetables. End with a final two days in Havana and a chance to reconnect with this ever-changing city. There simply could not be a more exciting time to visit this “time-capsule” nation before its landscape changes forever.

We encourage you to join and make your reservation today!

Warmest regards,

Elizabeth A. Bigwood
Director, Smith Travel
November 3, Friday: Gibara

Take a mid-afternoon flight from Miami to Holguín and continue a short distance by a scenic road that undulates through friendly, eye-catching villages to the small, intimate town of Gibara. This is an independent-spirited, coastal fishing village of charming squares and run-down Spanish-era buildings on a cobalt bay. The saddle-shaped Silla de Gibara that so captivated Columbus creates a wild, scenic backdrop.

Overnight at either the Hotel Ordoño Encanto or Arsenita.

November 4, Saturday: Gibara

Spend the day exploring Gibara and its environs. Admire the town’s old buildings with their larger than life-sized peeling wooden shutters, stained glass windows and fading pastel colored walls. Enjoy a visit to the town’s maternity clinic to understand the important role these homes play.

Enjoy a lunch of marlin, red snapper, crab, refried plantain, and a crisp salad at Playa de Caletones, a wild-west style village. After lunch, stop by at the Jiba movie theater to view its beautifully ramshackle lobby overlooking the Calixto Garcia Park which is papered with old posters of long-forgotten movies.

Visit a new wind farm, and learn about the Cuban government’s goal to supply 24% of its electricity needs from renewables by 2030.

Enjoy a private performance of the superb Gibara Dance company followed by dinner at La Culinaria, where chef Alberto Ronda serves regional cuisine with a focus on seafood.

After dinner, enjoy the music of a six-piece band who play traditional Cuban music at II Siglo, a roofless restored building on the Church Square.

November 5, Sunday: Santiago

Drive in the morning to Santiago, the second largest city in Cuba and its former capital. The rich racial mixture of this city has produced some of the most exciting music, art, and architecture in the Caribbean. This port city is also an industrial city and the distilleries of the original Bacardi rum are here.

Upon arrival, enjoy a traditional lunch in a restaurant set atop the cliffs with fabulous views along the coast.

After lunch, visit the Morro Castle originally built in 1640 to ward off pirate attacks. Continue on to the Cementerio Santa Ifigenia where many notable figures are buried.

End the day at the Moncada Barracks, where in 1953, Fidel Castro and 79 soldiers stormed the barracks.

After checking into the Hotel Melia, enjoy drinks at the hotel before dinner at a private restaurant.

November 6, Monday: Santiago

Spend a full day exploring Santiago. Stop at the Museo de Arte Colonial, built in 1516 and said to be the oldest house in Cuba. Then continue on to the spectacular Carnival Museum; Santiago’s annual carnival is a major event and has been part of the city’s traditions since 1669.

Enjoy lunch at Café Matamoros on the Plaza Dolores before visiting the Jesuit Dolores College where Fidel Castro was educated as a youth. After lunch, drive to the Basilica del Cobre. The church – Cuba’s only basilica – is known for its offerings and as the shrine of La Virgen de la Caridad (Virgin of Charity). Hemingway dedicated his Nobel Prize for Literature to the Virgin.

End the afternoon at the Caney Rum Factory built in 1868 by the Bacardi family.

After dinner at a local restaurant, enjoy a stroll around the Parque Cespedes.
**November 7, Tuesday: Jibacoa**  
**B,L,D**

Depart on a morning flight to Havana. Upon arrival continue along a spectacular coastal road to Matanzas which began to flourish after large sugar mills were established in the region between 1817 and 1827.

Stop for lunch at the Matanzas Seminary which was founded in 1946 by the Cuban Methodist, Presbyterian, and Episcopal Churches. After lunch, enjoy a performance in the chapel by the Matanzas Chamber Choir.

Take the afternoon to explore the historic quarter of town and enjoy a stop at the Ediciones Vigía which was founded in 1985 and produces hand-made first edition books on a range of topics. Then visit the nearby Pharmacy Museum housed in a beautiful home with an extraordinary collection of original equipment, furnishings, and medical recipes.

Drive a short distance to Jibacoa and check into the Memories Hotel. Coco palms, cactuses, flowering bushes and plants flourish in the hotel grounds which are set against sparkling blue water and a lush landscape.

Dinner this evening is at the hotel’s fine dining Italian restaurant.

**November 8, Wednesday: Jibacoa**  
**B,L,D**

Join a naturalist for a morning walk along lush landscape surrounding the hotel and enjoy a chance to meet with farmers.

Located close to Jibacoa is the town of Hershey, part of the American Hershey Corporation chocolate empire’s subsidiary property in Cuba. Explore the ruins of the sugar mill and the beautifully maintained Hershey Gardens before returning to the hotel for lunch beach-side.

Enjoy an afternoon snorkeling expedition on the resorts private coral reef followed by dinner at the hotel.

**November 9, Thursday: Viñales**  
**B,L,D**

Today, depart to the west part of Cuba, with its jungle-covered summits dropping down limestone cliffs to verdant valleys.

Visit a small tobacco farm to learn more about the growing of tobacco and the economics of the tobacco industry in Cuba.

Enjoy lunch at a beautiful private farm overlooking the valley. It is really possible from here to appreciate the valley’s distinctive landscape, with its steep-sided limestone mountains called mogotes rising dramatically from fertile flat-floored valleys where farmers cultivate the red soil for tobacco, fruits and vegetables.

After lunch spend some time exploring the town of Viñales. Viñales is a quaint town where life moves a bit slower and the locals all know each other. Walk the main street, Calle Salvador Cisneros, experiencing life in a rural environment..

Check into the Viñales hotel which offers sweeping views and wonderful Cuban food for dinner.

**November 10, Friday: Havana**  
**B,L,D**

This morning, rise early to walk with biologist, Emma Palacios Lemagne, who has spent her life researching species endemic to the area. Walk along the Coco Solo Palmarito Trail through mistily dreamlike landscape rich in plant and birdlife.

Drive to Havana, stopping upon arrival at El Divino for a delicious lunch. Set in the middle of La Yandura ranch, Divino restaurant is a unique place where culinary traditions take center stage amidst music and art.

Continue on to the home of Dr. Rena Pérez, formerly with the Ministry of Agriculture and now an advisor to the Ministry of Sugar. Dr. Pérez’s discussion, documented with slides, will address “Living in Cuba Today.”

End the afternoon with a mojito at the historic Nacional Hotel, whose splendor is a tangible reminder of Cuba’s past as a jet-set playground.

Check in to the Parque Central followed by cocktails and dinner on the roof-top of the hotel.
**November 11, Saturday: Havana**  
B,L,D

Enjoy a morning visit to a private farmer’s market for an understanding of how farmers sell their produce.

Continue on to a rehearsal by Camerata Romeu, an all-women group of musicians, followed by a visit to Nostaligcar, a classic car mechanic shop where you will meet with the owner who will talk about his business.

From the shop, drive in classic cars to a private lunch at the home of artist José Fuster who has turned his entire neighborhood into one enormous piece of mosaic art.

This afternoon, visit Havana’s art and craft center located in the former Almacenes de San José on the Port of Havana.

Before dinner, view the documentary La Maestra and meet with Norma Guillard who is featured in the film as one of the young literacy workers who traveled across the island to teach.

Enjoy a farewell dinner this evening with chef Niuris Higuera at her elegant restaurant – Atelier.

**November 12, Sunday: Havana**  
B,L,D

Take a return flight from Havana to Miami.

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