



CUBA IN TRANSITION - PEOPLE TO PEOPLE

MARCH 24-31, 2019

CUBAN CULTURAL REALITY TOUR

We will be examining Cuba's art, culture, gastronomy, dance, music and history in this people to people adventure. Our program will be based in Havana but we will also explore Matanzas to the east and Las Terrazas to the west. We will explore the wave of new privately owned restaurants or "paladars" in Cuban's homes.



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Paul Bardwil - Facilitator

Paul Bardwil has been traveling to Cuba designing cultural programs for universities, hospitals and specialized groups since 1998. His passion is to give Americans the opportunity to formulate their own opinion of the forbidden island called Cuba. He has unparalleled contacts in Cuba and finds nuggets of enjoyment in Cuba with each trip, whether it be historical, musical, sports, dance or just fun! Bardwil is a native Texan and recently returned to live in the Dallas area after a 27 year hiatus in California.



PROGRAM COST: \$2,975.00

\$500.00 Deposit due January 16, 2019

Final Payment due February 16, 2019



APPLICATION PROCESS:

The program application, which can be found on the final page of this brochure, must be completed, signed, and sent to Global Educational Facilitation with the required deposit of \$500. Applications from eligible applicants will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Space is limited. If your application is not accepted, your deposit will be returned to you.



TENTATIVE ITINERARY

Sunday, March 24, 2019 Day 1: Depart U.S. and head to our destination

Our adventure begins as we board our flight and head to Havana, Cuba. We will check into our hotel, acquaint ourselves with the neighborhood we are staying in and meet for our arrival dinner and orientation. (D)

Monday, March 25, 2019 Day 2: Havana

Breakfast in hotel.

Lecture on Cuba's Colonial History and culture as well as U.S./Cuba relations.

Our first full day in Havana starts with a walking city tour to get a feel for the city and capture the rhythm of Old Havana. We will see the four main squares of Old Havana: Plaza San Francisco, Plaza Vieja, Cathedral Square and the Parque Central. After lunch, we will continue on with a motor coach tour of New Havana, Revolution Square and Miramar. Night to explore local flavor on your own. (BL)



Tuesday, March 26, 2019 Day 3: Arte Corte

Breakfast in hotel.

The day begins with a visit to Arte Corte. This is a social entrepreneurship venue that has many projects going on. We will break for lunch. After lunch we will be visiting Instituto Superior de Artes (ISA) where we will learn about visual and performing arts in higher education and have a salsa dance lesson. In the evening we will see the modern day version of the Buena Vista Social Club. (BL)

Wednesday, March 27, 2019 Day 4: Havana

Breakfast in hotel.

Today will be a busy touring day to take a break from the city and business. We will head east of Havana to visit Matanzas which has been described as the Athens of Cuba. We will visit several places of cultural and historic interest in the province. We will visit a hand made book store, a pharmacy, museum, explore African culture and dip our toes in the ocean. (BL)



Thursday, March 28, 2019 Day 5: Havana

Breakfast in hotel.

Today we will visit a Cuban cigar factory to see how they roll the finest tobacco leaves. Then we will visit a Cuban rum museum. Next, we will attempt to examine female entrepreneurs and their businesses in Havana. We will stop for lunch in Havana. Afterward, we will visit an agromercado where farmers sell their produce in a market setting. In the evening we will visit the fabrica de arte, a huge museum and warehouse performance ball. (BL)

Friday, March 29, 2019 Day 6: Las Terrazas

Breakfast in the hotel.

After Breakfast we will depart for Las Terrazas. Las Terrazas is a biosphere reserve that was once a French coffee plantation. Upon arrival we will visit the arrival center and have an orientation tour of Las Terrazas. We will visit the remains of a French coffee plantation and then drive to the center of the community where there is a clinic, general store, disco and pharmacy. After lunch we will visit some of the local artists and visit a small farm or "finca," and gain a firsthand experience with colorful farmers of what farming is like in the countryside of Cuba, and perhaps take a swim in the river if the climate is agreeable. On the way back we will stop in the largest covered shopping mall of Cuba. In the evening, we will research our own best choice of a paladar in Cuba and debrief the group the next day! There will be a prize for the best food critic review. (BL)





Saturday, March 30, 2019 Day 7: Muraleando

Breakfast in hotel.

We will be visiting Muraleando this is a neighborhood project that started with a clean up project in the neighborhood and turned into a mural art project. They converted the water tower to a mixed use art studio/ amphitheater and artists sell their art for profit and also they give a portion back to the community project. Then we will have lunch. After lunch we will stop at Ernest Hemingway's finca. Then we will have a farewell dinner. (BLD)

Sunday, March 31, 2019 Day 8: Havana - U.S.

Breakfast in the hotel. We will bid "adios" to Cuba and board our return flight for the U.S.(B)

Accommodations will be in the Vedado hotel - a well located 3-star hotel. Very close to well priced trendy eateries. Rooms have air conditioning, satellite TV, and a private bathroom.

Meals B (breakfast) L (lunch) D (dinner) each is indicated at the end of the day what is included.

NOTE: Itinerary is subject to change!



Important things to remember about Cuba

1. Bring cash. There are no ATMs and restaurants and stores do not take credit or debit cards.
2. Havana is relatively safe, but common sense about your belongings is advised. Please keep your backpacks closed, don't wear flashy jewelry or carry large sums of money with you. Use the buddy system when traveling.
3. You will need a passport that is valid for the duration of the trip and 6 months after.
4. Your phone may or may not work in Cuba. Check with your phone carrier in the U.S. to see if it will work prior to the trip.
5. Internet access is limited. Hotels may have email access on computers which you can use. You can purchase a card for one hour of internet access at the current rate of 2 CUC.
6. The power supply in Cuba is 120 volts. Outlets are available in the bathroom for charging electronic devices.



The Program Price Will Include:

- * 7 night lodging in hotel based on double occupancy
- * All scheduled land transportation in Cuba, as specified in itinerary
- * All sightseeing and entrance fees, as specified in itinerary
- * Meals: All breakfasts, all lunches and 2 dinners while in Cuba
- * English speaking guide and accompanying bus driver
- * Emergency Medical Insurance in Cuba
- * Round trip airfare from Dallas Fort Worth to Havana
- * Departure tax

The Program Price Will NOT Include:

- * Optional Single Supplement \$375.00
- * Meals, except as specified, personal expenses and any items not listed as in the program
- * Tips to guide \$35 USD per person
- * Tips for bus driver \$35 USD per person
- * Tips for all meals





PASSPORTS AND VISA INFORMATION:

A valid passport is required for this program. A copy of the picture page of your passport needs to be mailed with your deposit. The passport must be valid six months after return. U.S. citizens are required to show a valid passport for entry into Cuba. Non-U.S. citizens should contact their local Consulate regarding visa and entry requirements. A visa will be obtained for U.S. participants and distributed to the group.



The deposit of \$500.00 is due no later than January 16, 2019 as space allows. The final payment is due February 16, 2019. Please complete the application on the next page and send it with the deposit of \$500.00 to:

Global Educational Facilitation
1155 Union Circle #310560
Denton, TX 76203-5017



Please check the following list to make sure you have completed the application process.

- Did you fill out the application on the following page?
- Did you send your \$500.00 deposit by January 16, 2019?
- Did you make your check out to GEF?
- Did you include a copy of the picture page of your passport?



This Agreement sets forth the terms and conditions under which GEF, 110 Westwind Drive, Coppell, TX 75019, agrees to provide scheduled airline, motor coach and other components of the tour.

RESPONSIBILITY: Neither GEF, nor ITS employees, affiliates, officers, directors, successors, agents, and assigns (collectively "GEF") owns or operates any person or entity which is to or does provide goods or services for your trip including, for example, accommodations, air, land, rail, water or other transportation, food service, local guides, etc. As a result, GEF will not be responsible for personal injury or property damage caused by the supplier of these services, and if these services and components are prevented, restricted or interfered with by reason of events or causes beyond GEF control, including, without limitation, acts of civil or military authorities, by reason of statute, rule, or local law, action of federal, state or local government or agency, acts of public enemy, acts of terrorism, criminal activity, war, riot, embargoes, civil commotion, insurrection, strike or labor unrest, acts of God, attacks by animals, severe weather and climatic conditions, storm, flood, fire, earthquake, power or communication line failure, mechanical or structural failures or difficulties, diseases, sickness, food poisoning, unsafe sanitary conditions, quarantine, accident or illness, acts or omissions of carriers including but not limited to breach of contract, failure to comply with any laws such as the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA"), cancellation, delay or overbooking, acts or omissions of other providers such as hotels, local ground handlers, entertainers or sightseeing services or restaurants including but not limited to breach of contract, failure to comply with any laws such as the ADA, cancellation, delay or overbooking, or travel participant negligence. GEF cannot assume and is not to be held responsible for any claims, losses, damages (direct, indirect, consequential or incidental), costs, or expenses including, without limitation, injury, accident or death, inconvenience, loss of enjoyment, loss of pay, upset, disappointments, distress, or frustration, whether physical or mental, arising out of or in connection therewith. Participant assumes complete and full responsibility for, and hereby releases GEF from, any duty of checking and verifying any and all safety and security conditions of the destination during the length of the proposed travel. GEF recommends that you visit the websites of the Department of Transportation (www.dot.gov), the Federal Aviation Administration (www.faa.gov) and the Transportation Security Administration (www.tsa.gov) for current news and releases regarding public travel.

GEF reserves the right to make changes in the published itinerary whenever, in its judgment, conditions warrant, or if it deems it necessary for the comfort, convenience, or safety of the trip. GEF reserves the right to decline to accept any person as a member of the trip, or to require any participant to withdraw from the trip if, at any time, such action is determined to be in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the trip, group or of the individual participant. Under such circumstances, no refund will be given. Baggage and personal effects are solely the responsibility of the owner.

RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENTS: A non-refundable deposit (as noted on reverse) per passenger and a completed and signed Registration Form are required to secure a reservation no later than the first deposit date (as noted on reverse). Complete payment is due 60 days prior to trip departure. If space is not available when your reservation is received, we will retain your payment and place your name on a waiting list until space becomes available or you request a full refund. If there is no additional space to add you, you will receive a full refund. There is a \$75 per-person fee for changing your reservation, if permitted, once deposit has been received by GEF. Checks, money orders, cashier's checks, American Express, Master Card, Discover Card and Visa may be used for deposits and payments up to 30 days prior to departure so long as there is still space available. Must have a PayPal account to pay by credit card and will incur a 2.9% + \$0.30 per transaction fee. Reservations received after the final payment date, must pay in full, plus a \$100 late fee and any additional air or hotel costs. Late registrations will be confirmed on a space available basis.

FINAL PAYMENT must be received in our office 60 days prior to trip departure. If payment is not received by the final payment date, you will automatically be cancelled. There will be a \$25 service charge for returned checks.

PRICES: The price of this travel package is set forth in this invoice based on rates in effect at the time of booking, and also reflects a discount for payment by cash, check or money order. Airfares and rates are subject to change. Price Increases could include fuel & baggage surcharges, tax increases, not meeting minimum sign up requirements, change of date of trip, and other unforeseeable fees. We will notify you in writing if these fees change and or prices increase.

CANCELLATION AND REFUND: If you cancel your reservation, your right to refund is limited, as set forth below. All cancellations and requests for refunds, if applicable, must be submitted in writing and mailed or faxed to GEF office.

NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED FROM VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS. Cancellations occurring after deposit but before 60 days prior to departure will result in loss of the \$500 non-refundable deposit, optional insurance costs if purchased, and any additional airline, hotel, minimum, activity or motor coach fees (if any). Cancellations received on or between 60-30 days prior to departure and are assessed 50% of trip cost. Cancellations received within 30 days of departure will receive no refund. The actual fee depends on the date cancellation is received by GEF. Once cancelled, there will be a \$30 reinstatement fee, plus any additional airline/hotel fees, and only on a space available basis. Upon cancellation of the transportation or travel services where you, the customer, are not at fault and have not cancelled in violation of the terms and conditions of the contract for transportation or travel services, all sums paid to GEF for services not received by you will be promptly refunded by GEF to you within 14 days after the cancellation, unless you otherwise advise GEF in writing, after cancellation. The rights and remedies made available under this contract are in addition to any other rights or remedies available under applicable law. However, we offer refunds under this contract with the express understanding that receipt of that refund by a passenger waives any additional remedies.

BAGGAGE: Please consult with your airline 24 hours before flight as baggage fees and costs change rapidly. GEF is not responsible for damage to baggage. Carriers are not liable for damage to soft baggage. If participant's luggage weighs more than 50 pounds or has more than one piece of luggage, participant is responsible for additional costs.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE: The terms and conditions set forth herein are governed by, and are to be construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Texas. If any action at law or in equity, including an action for declaratory relief, is brought to enforce or interpret any term or condition or to enforce any right and/or legal remedy, such action must be brought in a State or Federal court in the State of Texas with a venue in Dallas County.

PERSONAL EXPENSES: Tour Price includes only those services specifically stated in the tour package. Items such as passport, visas, luggage, clothing, food (unless specifically included in tour), room service, telephone calls, purchased activities, tipping, additional or over weight baggage, and other items not specifically mentioned in the trip flyer are not included and are the participant's responsibility.

TRAVEL DATES/FLIGHT CHANGES/DELAYS: GEF strives to keep your original travel dates. Participant acknowledges that these changes are not grounds for cancellation without penalty. Flight times are not guaranteed and may effect actual length of time in destinations. Any flight information provided prior to departure is considered tentative and is subject to change in accordance with this agreement. Flight delays/cancellations are unfortunate but are an inherent risk in air travel and beyond the control and responsibility of GEF. GEF will work with the airline to re-accommodate group. GEF cannot guarantee the connection and will not be legally or financially responsible for any missed connected flights. Participants will assume all financial risk.

PARTICIPANT RESPONSIBILITY: You are responsible for your actions and well-being on the entire tour, beginning and ending with air flights. It is your decision and choice to participate or not to participate in activities. Activities are mandatory. Your decision to participate is not actionable against GEF. Further, you are responsible for the consequences of your participation. Participant realizes that there are inherent risks (injury/health) in travel and fully accepts responsibility for those risks. Inappropriate behavior can be cause for eviction from the program and to be sent home at your expense. Please check travel advisory boards for your particular destination. No refunds will be made for any unused portion of a trip. GEF will provide staffing to guarantee a smoothly run tour. GEF cannot be responsible for lost or misdirected mail.

SHARING OF INFORMATION: Because our travel services are offered in conjunction with the services of other companies such as airlines, home-stays and other tour schools, GEF may be sharing your personal information with those companies. We may share the following information: name, address, phone, birth date, gender, school you attend or teach at, and/ or email. GEF may capture the trip on film and digital images and use photos, videos and digital images for its marketing materials. GEF appreciates your participation in our photos, videos, and evaluations, and GEF reserves the right to use these to advertise tours and participant does not expect any compensation.

DISABLED/HANDICAPPED PARTICIPANTS: If you have a disability that requires accommodation or special assistance, you must notify us in advance. Upon written request, information will be provided to you regarding accessibility to various facilities. GEF does not control the disabled or handicapped accessibility of any portion of the travel package. GEF will attempt to work with vendors and the participant to attempt to make reasonable accommodation for disabled participants. Assistance with respect to personal care matters which may included but is not limited to: handling of monies, i.e. payment for various sundry items: cognizance of distance, location and time; hygiene; feedings; administration of medications; and similar matters do not constitute reasonable accommodations, and the disabled participant must provide and be accompanied by an attendant for such personal care matters. All costs in connection with an attendant shall be the responsibility of the disabled participant. Participant must notify GEF of any special needs prior to final payment date. If the participant has a medical condition that causes reasonable doubt that the participant can complete the tour or flight safely, that information must be disclosed to GEF prior to the final payment date. A medical certificate (a written statement from the participant's physician stating that the participant is capable of completing the tour/flight safely without requiring extraordinary medical assistance during the tour/flight) may be requested. If a medical certificate is requested and not provided, the participant may be prohibited from participating in the trip.

MEDICAL NEEDS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES:The People to People Program in which you are participating may involve travel to places where medical services are not available in the same way as they are in the United States. Participants should consider this fact in preparing for the Program. Participants should also consider the complexity of sending money to Cuba for a medical emergency. If you require special medication or have a medical condition which may require treatment, you should plan accordingly prior to the trip. We ask that you complete the medical form given to you by the study abroad/travel contractor so that they will have your medical history overseas in the case of emergency. We also recommend that you consult with your own physician in advance of the Program if you have any medical concerns related to foreign travel.

ENTIRE AGREEMENT: The terms of this agreement shall serve as a complete release and express assumption of risk for the undersigned trip participant. I/we have read and fully understand the provisions and legal consequences of this voluntary release/assumption of risk, and I/we hereby agree to all of its conditions.

DEPOSIT DEADLINES: The deposit of \$500.00 is due on January 16, 2019, and the final payment is due on February 16, 2019. Please send all to: **GEF, 1155 Union Circle #310560 Denton TX 76203-5017.**

**Complete this application and submit with a non-refundable \$500.00 program deposit a UXYci hñc ; 9 ; 'UWëdñicZÀ Y picture page of your passport and mail to:
Global Educational Facilitation, 1155 Union Circle #310560 Denton, TX 76203-5017**

Full Legal Name: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____ Male Female
(Name must match EXACTLY the passport that will be carried while on tour)
(Required)

Mother's maiden name: _____

Mailing Address: _____ **City:** _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Phone Number: (____) _____ **Email:** _____

Emergency Contact: _____
(Name, Phone & Address)

Do you have any allergies or medical problems?: YES NO **Explain:** _____

Do you have any dietary restrictions?: YES NO **Explain:** _____

Are you currently taking any type of prescribed drugs? YES NO (Please bring ample supply as it may not be available)

I HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS TOUR PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT.

Travelers Signature: _____ **Date:** _____