Go Next, Inc. is a qualified people-to-people sponsoring organization allowed to conduct educational exchanges in Cuba.
AUTHENTIC CUBA AWAITS!

NOW IS THE TIME TO DISCOVER THIS ISLAND’S RICH HISTORY & CULTURE

ONLY 25 SPACES AVAILABLE!

NC STATE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WOLFPACKS

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DEAR ALUMNI,

Cradled between the Atlantic Ocean and Caribbean Sea, just 90 miles from Florida, lies an island of pivotal history and lush natural beauty, of rich artistic tradition and architectural grandeur. Off-limits to most American travelers for half a century, Cuba—one of the world’s most enigmatic countries—is ready for you to unravel its mysteries.

As diplomatic relations between Cuba and the U.S. continue to develop, now is the perfect time to experience this long-isolated nation on the verge of great transformation. Join us on an extraordinary people-to-people exchange, specially designed to reveal the authentic spirit and culture of Cuba—where 1950s-era automobiles still roll past magnificent Spanish colonial buildings. Together we’ll encounter the true heart and soul of this colorful country by engaging with the diverse, inspiring people who call it home. From artists and students to entrepreneurs, you will connect with a variety of citizens to gain real insight into Cuba’s intriguing past, present, and future. Throughout this week-long journey, you’ll explore the island firsthand, with insider access to unique cultural experiences and off-the-beaten-path sites you won’t find on the typical tourist’s itinerary. Whether visiting a private artist studio in lively Havana, the remote eco-village Las Terrazas, or the beautifully preserved colonial cities of Trinidad and Cienfuegos, each destination will spark meaningful interactions and memories that last a lifetime.

With only enough space for up to 25 travelers, this trip will fill up quickly. Don’t miss the chance to immerse yourself in the fascinating heritage of Cuba, one of the most complex and vibrant nations in the world, during a time of historic change.

Sincerely,

Kathy Hart
Associate Executive Director

SPACE IS LIMITED
MAXIMUM OF 25 PARTICIPANTS
For information and to register, call GO NEXT at 800-842-9023
For all other inquiries, call Kathy Hart or Jenna Cobb at 800-627-2586
We strongly suggest purchasing travel insurance. Travel insurance information will be sent to you by the NCSU Alumni Association with your confirmation letter.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

AIRCRAFT BOARDING: The air carrier reserves the right to substitute equipment but is not obliged to do so. GN reserves the right to substitute air carriers but is not obliged to do so. GN CANNOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR AIRLINE DELAYS.

Aircraft boarding privileges are limited to persons whose full payment and signed agreement have been received by GN and whose name is on the manifest given to the carrier before departure. All persons must also present a passport with at least six months validity beyond their return date and a Cuba visa when boarding. Improper documentation, inadequate proof of citizenship, or the failure of registered participants to submit the required documentation may result in denial of boarding privileges. The air carrier reserves the right to decline, accept or retain any person on the flight at any time within its sole discretion. If you are denied boarding privileges, you forfeit all monies paid and will be assessed any non-recoverable costs.

INSURANCE: Travel insurance is available and can provide coverage for unforeseen circumstances that could disrupt your trip. See panel above.

INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS ONLY: International travel involves stringent identification and documentation requirements. Be sure you are familiar with these requirements.

ADVISORY: When you are traveling outside of the United States, please be aware that significantly different health, safety and legal standards may prevail. You should plan and act accordingly and exercise good personal judgment for your own health and safety at all times when abroad. If you have any medical or physical requirements, you should investigate your destination(s) before departure and ensure the care and conditions you need will be available.

IF YOU CHANGE PLANS OR CANCEL, YOUR RIGHTS TO A REFUND ARE LIMITED: The following changes will be assessed for cancellations:

Any pre-paid airfare price charged for an initial flight, a full refund less a $250 per person administrative fee is provided. Any refunds are provided only in accordance with the following schedule. Any requests for cancellation must be communicated to GN in writing. Applicable refunds, if any, will be made within 14 days after the cancellation.

CANCELLATIONS: Upon receipt of written cancellation from you, the following service fees will apply in addition to any applicable airline cancellation fees. Cancellations received 101 days or more before initial flight departure, $250 per person; 100-46 days before departure, $1,000 per person; 45 days or less, no refund.

HEALTH: Any physical or mental condition requiring special medical attention or equipment must be disclosed in writing to GN at the time the participant makes a reservation. GN may reject the reservation of any person who, in the opinion of GN, is unfit for travel or might be a danger to themselves or incompatible with others on the trip. Participants requiring special assistance, including without limitation those who permanently or periodically use a wheelchair, must be accompanied by someone who agrees to provide the required assistance and participate in the program. GN reserves the right in its sole discretion to terminate the authority of any participant to remain in Cuba under GN’s license.

THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS OF ANY KIND (INCLUDING MEDICAL EXCEPTIONS) TO THESE POLICIES. No refunds will be made for any portion of the arrangements we have made for you that are not actually utilized by you. There is no variance from these policies for the services we arrange as an agent or representative of others. These policies also apply in cases of force majeure.
RESERVE YOUR CUBAN DISCOVERY TRIP TODAY!

CUBAN DISCOVERY $5,499 per person, double occupancy; Single occupancy, add $900

Hotel bed request:
Check one: Twin (2 beds) Double (1 bed) Accommodation requests are subject to hotel availability.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR ARRANGEMENTS TO ARRIVE IN MIAMI ON APRIL 9.
Crowne Plaza Miami International Airport hotel check-in is at 3pm.

You may contact Go Next to arrange domestic Miami flights (a $35 administrative fee per reservation will apply).
All passengers must travel with a passport valid at least 6 months beyond their return date.

GUEST 1: Full Name (as it appears on your passport)

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SIGNATURES REQUIRED BY EACH PERSON TRAVELING INCLUDING PARENT/GUARDIAN FOR MINOR CHILDREN: I/We have read, received a copy of, understand, and accept the terms and conditions stated in the Operator/Participant Agreement. By signing this, I/we also agree to participate in all scheduled educational exchange activities approved by OFAC and I/we understand that there is no deviating from the daily schedule.

SIGN HERE X

DEPOSIT AND FINAL PAYMENT: A deposit of $950 per person is due with your reservation application.

Make checks payable to Go Next. Full payment is required by December 21, 2015. Reservations received after this date must be accompanied with full payment.

Please reserve _________ space(s). Enclosed is my/our deposit for $ _______________.

Deposits may be made by credit card; however, all FINAL payments are required to be made by check or cash.

I/We authorize Go Next, Inc. to charge my/our deposit for $ _______________ to: Visa MasterCard Name (as it appears on your credit card)

SIGN HERE X Billing address same as above

Card Number Security Code Exp. Date

Making a deposit or acceptance or use of any vouchers, tickets, goods, or services shall be deemed consent to and acceptance of the terms and conditions stated in the applicable Operator/Participant Agreement, including limitations on responsibility and liability.
WHY TRAVEL TO CUBA WITH Go Next?

SINCE 2013, Go Next travelers have embarked on outstanding people-to-people trips, each helping the dream of experiencing Cuba transform into reality. Now it’s your turn. Journey with Go Next, the leader in alumni travel to this island nation, and watch your vision of Cuba come to vivid life. Let us show you the best of this long-forbidden country—its authentic glory, fascinating culture, and architectural majesty—while enhancing your adventure with these benefits of traveling with Go Next:

- Privileged access to the premier hotels, motor coaches, and seasoned local guides
- Enriching and informative program, thoughtfully crafted to include an ideal mix of renowned attractions and off-the-beaten-path sites
- Smaller group size, allowing for a more rewarding, intimate experience
- On-location Go Next Program Manager to provide exceptional concierge support throughout your journey
- Special activities including private studio visits and expert-led tours
- Pre-trip assistance and information including an orientation guide, book and film list, and more
- All the details are covered; we obtain the Cuban visa and provide all documentation
- Discover Cuba with a like-minded group of fellow Go Next travelers

People-to-people travel dictates that all participants follow a full-time schedule focusing on educational opportunities and genuine cross-cultural connections.
HAVANA

• Enjoy a panoramic sightseeing tour and walking tour of Old Havana, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, filled with timeless Spanish colonial buildings, churches, and palm-fringed plazas.

• Embark on a guided campus tour of the University of Havana*, Cuba’s oldest university and one of the first established in the Americas, and discuss the Cuban higher education system.

• Meet with an official representative of the Office of the City Historian who will describe various aspects of Old Havana’s sustainable development, current urban planning practices, and unique historic preservation program.

• Gain insight into Cuba’s film industry and culture at the Cuban Institute of Cinematographic Art and Industry, created in 1959 to improve the quality of Cuban films—focusing on education and artistic expression.

• Experience a panoramic tour of the District of Alamar, a 1970s social housing project of Soviet-style concrete apartments—that today is home to thousands of Cubans.

• Chat with locals about organic farming at Organopónico Vivero Alamar, one of Havana’s largest and most successful cooperative urban gardens.

• See how art can transform a neighborhood at Muraleando, a vibrant community outreach project founded by local residents.

• Travel south of Havana to Las Terrazas, a self-sustaining community and UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, surrounded by lush, forested hills.
  – Get a rare glimpse into rural Cuba’s medical services at a local clinic.
  – Sample coffee at Café Maria, where the owner and her family welcome visitors and explain the role of coffee in Cuba’s culture.
  – Visit the lakeside studio of Lester Campa, a celebrated landscape artist whose pieces reflect political and environmental themes, or stop at the workshop of local artist Ariel Gato Miranda to view his unique paper recycling process.

• Visit the home of renowned ceramicist and painter José Rodríguez Fuster, known as the “Picasso of the Caribbean.” See how his creative vision has transformed the local neighborhood into a colorful, artistic landscape.

• Head to the fishing village of Cojimar, the setting for Ernest Hemingway’s book The Old Man and the Sea, and visit Finca Vigía, the mansion where he lived from 1939 to 1960.

• Explore the artist studio project La Lavandería and meet with a local artist to learn about traditional art in Cuba.

• At several dinners held in privately owned restaurants or private homes known as paladares, hear firsthand from the owners about the entrepreneurial climate in Cuba.

PROGRAM FEATURES
CIENFUEGOS

• Admire the colonial architecture of Cienfuegos, a UNESCO World Heritage Site known as the “Pearl of the South,” and see the Punta Gorda Peninsula.
• Meet with a local choir or visit an art school to discuss the role of art and music in Cuban society.
• Visit a ration store where the store manager will explain rationing, the dual-currency system, and the difference between ration stores, Cuban peso stores, and CUC stores.

TRINIDAD

• Take in the centuries-old charms of Trinidad, a Spanish colonial gem and UNESCO World Heritage Site.
• Learn about traditional ceramic techniques at the Casa del Alfarero, a pottery house founded and operated by the Santander family for generations.
• Tour a bed and breakfast where you will learn about this new entrepreneurial opportunity for Cubans, a business typically operated by the state.
• Join a Santeria practitioner at the Templo de Yemaya, and delve into the history and basic principles of this Afro-Cuban religion.

SANCTI SPIRITUS

• See the picturesque town of Sancti Spiritus, one of the original seven Cuban cities founded by the Spanish.
• Witness how a variety of produce, meat, and local products are displayed and sold with visits to an outdoor food market and industrial goods market.

SANTA CLARA

• Enjoy dance, theater, and music performances by the students at the Santa Clara Music and Performing Arts School, and hear how the performing arts have influenced Cuban life.
• Stop at the Museum and Mausoleum of Che Guevara (time permitting).

The features listed above are samples of the activities you may participate in. You will receive a detailed daily itinerary approximately 14 days prior to departure. While unlikely, slight changes to the itinerary and accommodations may occur due to Cuban government directives. *In the event a school or other venue is closed, an alternate people-to-people exchange will be scheduled.

PARTICIPANTS SHOULD BE IN GOOD PHYSICAL CONDITION. This program involves motor coach and walking tours with more than a moderate amount of walking on cobblestone streets, stairs, and uneven ground. The daily tours can include moderate to strenuous walking, primarily over natural and uneven surfaces. There are numerous steps and inclines to negotiate and many sites do not have elevators.
Miami Included Features:
- 1 night at the Crowne Plaza Miami International Airport hotel or similar accommodations
- Orientation meeting in the evening
- Exclusive local representative

Cuba Included Features:
- Round-trip charter flight between Miami and Havana
- 7 nights’ accommodations: 5 nights in Havana, 2 nights in Trinidad
- 19 meals: 7 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 5 dinners, including a welcome and farewell dinner in Havana (two local beverages are included with each meal)
- Transportation via private, A/C vehicles with 2 bottles of water per person, per day
- Full schedule of educational activities that result in meaningful interaction with the locals
- Certification of travel to Cuba under the U.S. Department of the Treasury general license
- All entrance fees to included tour sites
- Private English-speaking national guide
- Exclusive Go Next Program Manager
- Gratuities for restaurant staff, local guides and drivers, and luggage handling
- Insightful presentation led by a Cuban expert, providing unique commentary on the nation’s economy and culture
- Cuban travel insurance covering medical repatriation expenses only, as required by the Cuban government, valid only during your stay in Cuba

Not Included:
- Airfare between home and Miami, passport fees, Cuban visa fee of approximately $85, Cuban departure tax of approximately $25, beverages other than those included with meals as indicated, personal expenses, optional travel insurance, baggage fees, and other items not specifically mentioned as included. The fees above are approximate and subject to change.
MELIÁ COHIBA—Havana
Located in Havana’s colorful Vedado neighborhood, the modern Meliá Cohiba hotel is just a short drive from the historic heart of Old Havana. Stroll the nearby Malecón, the famed seawall stretching along Havana’s waterfront, walk to the Plaza de la Revolución, or enjoy this high-rise hotel’s variety of fine amenities and facilities, including an outdoor pool, whirlpool, solarium, gym, beauty parlor, gift shops, restaurants, and bars. In addition to Internet access and air conditioning, each comfortable guest room features a satellite TV, hair dryer, safe, and an iron and ironing board.

HOTEL PLAZA—Sancti Spiritus
Standing in the old quarter of Sancti Spiritus, near the 16th-century Parroquial Mayor—one of Cuba’s oldest churches—is Hotel Plaza, offering a memorable and authentic Cuban hotel experience. Originally built in the 19th century as a family mansion, this quaint hotel has been completely renovated to reflect its former colonial style. Take in views of the main square from its rooftop terrace, or enjoy its amenities, including a bar and restaurant. Each uniquely configured guest room comes equipped with satellite TV, air conditioning, and an in-room safe.