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# OLLI TRAVELERS

OFFERED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PAUL BARDWIL TRAVEL

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: OCTOBER 16, 2023



## ¡LA VIDA EN CUBA HOY!

(LIFE IN CUBA TODAY!)

Escorted by Nancy Sindelar  
OLLI Hemingway Instructor



Friday - Saturday, February 16 - 24, 2024  
9 days/8 Nights

\$2975 per person based on double occupancy  
\$475 single supplement

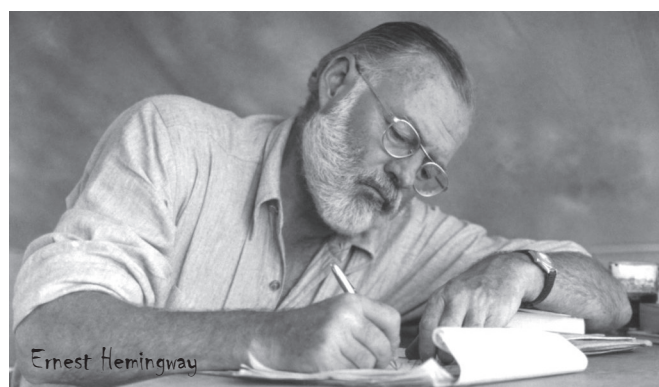
Activity Level: Moderate, including some walking  
See back for detailed itinerary

Includes travel visas, roundtrip airfare from  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida to Havana, Cuba

Join OLLI Travelers for an educational excursion to experience Cuba's art, culture, food, dance, and history. Travelers will be visiting several non-profits and small, local businesses to gain a unique perspective on Cuba today. Expect to explore Havana as well as nearby provinces that include tobacco growing regions and legendary beaches. We will be lodging with local families, visiting home restaurants or "paladars" which provide the best meals in Cuba all the while supporting local entrepreneurship. Adding to the cultural experience, OLLI instructor, Nancy Sindelar will provide historical instruction how this country and its people informed Hemingway and his writings. Start planning today! **Registration for this trip begins with a \$100 non-refundable processing fee due before October 15, 2023. \$500 non-refundable deposit due to Paul Bardwil by October 15, 2023.**

### Cuba Curious Information Meeting Recording available on request at [jodi.adams@csusb.edu](mailto:jodi.adams@csusb.edu)

At this informational hour with Cuba expert, Paul Bardwil, we learned the how's and why's of traveling to Cuba today. Paul, gave an overview of the current Cuban reality, what is legal travel to Cuba and a little about Cuban art and culture. After the presentation, Paul took the time to answer any and all questions about Cuba this trip.



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## TENTATIVE ITINERARY

We will be staying with host families in Havana and very close to well-priced trendy eateries. Some meals are included, each is indicated in the daily itinerary.

### Friday, February 16, 2024 Florida Arrival

Day 1: Book your own travel to Florida. Air travel to Florida is not included in this package. Stay on your own in Fort Lauderdale or nearby Miami. Please note, Miami air travel may be less expensive and more convenient and is only 30 minutes to Fort Lauderdale by Uber. Our group will depart from Fort Lauderdale Airport and arrive in Havana on Saturday.

### Saturday, February 17, Ft. Lauderdale to Havana

Day 2: Our flight from Fort Lauderdale to Havana is part of the package as well as your travel visa. Our group arrives in the early evening in Cuba, and has a short introduction to the neighborhood we are staying in. Your arrival dinner and welcome orientation included.

### Sunday, February 18, Day 3: Exploring Havana

Breakfast with your host family. A Local professor will provide a lecture on current Cuba and the group will have an extensive tour of old Havana. We will explore the 4 major squares and central park, have lunch at the Floridita, and enjoy a mojito at Bogedita del Medio. Our walking tour will also pass by other notable haunts of Hemingway in Old Havana. We will then take a driving tour of our neighborhood and the neighborhood next to us in Miramar. This is the neighborhood where Jane Manson lived so we will look for that house and other highlights of the area, we will also stop by the port of Hemingway. Dinner on your own at one to the local eateries.

### Monday, February 19, Day 4: Cojimar

Breakfast with your host family. Our group will head to the Finca Vigia (Hemingway's House). We will spend the morning and learn from guest lecturer, Nancy Sindelar about Hemingway's home or small ranch, where he did significant writing there while living in Cuba. Then we will head to Cojimar for lunch at La Teraza de Cojimar. Experience Havana's home kitchens for dinner on your own.

### Tuesday, February 20, Day 5: Havana

Breakfast with your host family. Today the group supports local businesses by visiting a social project that features haircutting, nail salon, social justice art center and many other neighborhood projects. It will be an opportunity to donate items you brought for the Cuban people. After lunch in the afternoon our group will visit ISA. The Instituto of Superior de Artes where we will have a salsa lesson and tour the school that was once the Havana country club. Dinner on your own.

### Wednesday, February 21, Day 6: Vinales Valley

Breakfast with host family. Today we will head out early for Vinales Valley. This is the region that made growing cigar tobacco famous in Cuba. After a stop for lunch we will visit a cigar plantation and have a first-hand explanation of tobacco and how it is grown. There will be an opportunity to purchase some cigars if you would like. After the cigar tour we will head for our only one-night stay in a hotel overlooking Vinales Valley. It will be a relaxing evening, and dinner on your own.

### Thursday, February 22, 2024 Day 7: Cayo Levisa

After breakfast our group will depart on a bus ride for Cayo Levisa. This is considered one of the most beautiful islands and beaches in Cuba. Once we arrive to the ferry, it is an hour ride to the island. We will have a relaxing day on the island and lunch will be provided there. After our island adventure we will head back to Havana late in the evening.

### Friday, February 23, 2024 Day 8: Havana

Today we will visit a social project based on art and creativity called Muraleando. We will have the opportunity to see the community and enjoy the local cuisine and music. Time permitting, we will visit a local school. There will be an opportunity to head to the largest covered marketplace of Cuba and purchase those last-minute gifts. This evening will be our farewell dinner.

### Saturday, February 24, 2024 Day 9: Return to Florida

After breakfast with your host family, we'll depart for the U.S. via Southwest Airlines.

NOTE: Itinerary is subject to change!