It is surprising news to many Americans that travel to Cuba is legal through a “People to People” license granted to a handful of U.S. travel companies by the Department of the Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control. David Morris International, in conjunction with Cuba Explorations, have developed tour programs meeting the specific requirements of this license to provide our guests with an authentic cultural exchange with the people of Cuba. Each day is filled with new experiences and discoveries, plus fresh and delectable cuisine, the best available hotels and visits to the historic landmarks where the mojito and daiquiris were invented.

Meet and talk with local artists and musicians, Paladar (restaurant) owners and community leaders and the very important community projects to learn about the Cuban people and their way of life. Visit Cuba’s first organic farm developed exclusively to supply their Paladars with fresh meats, poultry, vegetables, herbs, fruits plus fresh fish and seafood caught daily. Then, taste the difference with an amazing meal complete with wine and delicious desserts. See Ernest Hemingway’s home and the tiny fishing village where he lived among the locals who lovingly called him “Papa”. There are American-built “Classic Cars” galore on every street, stepping back in time to the 1940s and 50s. Visit the fascinating Havana’s ‘new city,’ which grew up between 1920 and 1959, la Revolución, conceived by French urbanist Jean Claude Forestier in the 1920s, the Avenue, and Grand Masonic. Then it’s on to Cuba’s flashiest shopping mall Plaza de José Crusellas’ house, Convent and Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Carlos III former Cuban Telephone Company, Reina street, Aldama Palace, Golden Scepter, Mediterranean Havana restaurant’s vegetables are grown and meats are raised, in addition to making their own cheese. Our DMI travelers will meet the Sardinian Chef just outside of Havana. We will visit the 1st organic farm in Cuba where the Mediterranean Havana restaurant’s vegetables are grown and meats are raised, in addition to making their own cheese. Our DMI travelers will meet the Sardinian Chef and be able to hand pick produce which will be brought back to the restaurant for luncheon preparation. When available, guests can horseback ride through the farm and enjoy the scenery. We then drive back to Havana to experience their popular Paladar La Fontana, featuring authentic contemporary Cuban cuisine. Then onto one of Cuba’s most prestigious dance companies, Habana Compas Dance to enjoy an upbeat fusion of Flamenco and Afro Cuban Rhythms.

DAY 2 Join us for breakfast followed by a trip back in time and walk in the shoes of one of the world’s greatest writers, Ernest Hemingway. See his former residence, untouched since he lived there, the fishing village he frequented and source of inspiration to write his famous The Old Man and the Sea. In true Hemingway style, no trip is complete without cocktails at La Terrazas Bar, his local hang-out.

You are treated to lunch at la Moneda Cubana, a restaurant-Paladar welcoming our guests with traditional Cuban house warmth and its most exquisite Cuban flavors surrounded by colonial Old Havana and wonderful views. Then it’s on to view the city’s architecture and design, a walking tour through Old Havana, a visit to the Bacardi Rum Factory that has operated in Cuba for more than four centuries! Return to your hotel to refresh and unwind before dinner.

Enjoy a delicious dinner of fresh seafood cuisine at one of Malecon’s newest and most exciting restaurant, El Litoral featuring an open air patio and terrace with a beautiful view of the ocean. Then it’s an evening of jazz at the Havana Jazz Café Club or Zorra y el Cuervo Jazz Club.

DAY 3 After breakfast depart for a true “Farm to Table” experience in the countryside just outside of Havana. We will visit the 1st organic farm in Cuba where the Mediterranean Havana restaurant’s vegetables are grown and meats are raised, in addition to making their own cheese. Our DMI travelers will meet the Sardinian Chef and be able to hand pick produce which will be brought back to the restaurant for luncheon preparation. When available, guests can horseback ride through the farm and enjoy the scenery. We then drive back to Havana to experience their popular restaurant, Mediterranean Havana known for its high-quality food, service and atmosphere. Enjoy gourmet pizza, locally caught seafood, and Mediterranean’s world-famous pineapple cheesecake. Dine indoors and watch the chef prepare your meal, or enjoy your entree outdoors on the upstairs terrace or lower patio.

After lunch, we will visit the Callejeon de Hamel Art Project led by the Cuban painter, sculptor and muralist Salvador Gonzalez — a man whose Afro-Cuban expression is known worldwide and then see a performance by a local dance group. We continue an in-depth tour of downtown Havana including Cárdenas street, the former Cuban Telephone Company, Reina street, Aldama Palace, Golden Scepter, José Crusellas’ house, Convent and Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Carlos III Avenue, and Grand Masonic. Then it’s on to Cuba’s flashiest shopping mall Plaza de la Revolución, conceived by French urbanist Jean Claude Forestier in the 1920s, the gigantic Plaza de la Revolución (known as Plaza Cívica until 1959) that was part of Havana’s new city which grew up between 1920 and 1959.
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DAYS 1-4  Same as 4 night tour

DAY 5  After breakfast you are on your way to Santa Clara, a city of new trends and insatiable creativity, where an edgy youth culture has been testing the boundaries of Cuba’s censorship police for almost a decade. It plays host to Cuba’s only official drag show (in Club Mejunje), and the best rock festival, Ciudad Metal, in the country in the month of October. It is also host to the nation’s most prestigious university outside Havana (University Marta Abreu de La Villas, founded in 1952) and has a long association with Argentine guerilla Che Guevara, whose liberating of Santa Clara in December 1958 marked the end of the Batista regime.

Founded by Spanish settlers in 1524, we stop at Remedios, one of the oldest and most charming towns in Cuba with colonial architecture and cobble stone streets. Here we will visit the art project at NaturArte de Santa Clara and enjoy lunch at NaturArte or Saborearte (varies by departure) before touring the Memorial Ernesto “Che” Guevara. A solemn place, this memorial is the burial site of the legendary guerilla leader and his comrades killed in the Bolivian jungles during the 60s. Villa Clara Provincial Museum houses a historical collection of major events that have taken place in this region, its cultural development, locals and final battle of the Rebel Army in 1959. The Museum of Decorative Arts is the ancestral home of the Carta family displaying furniture and valuable pieces found in colonial mansions from the 18th and 19th centuries. See the oldest church in Cuba, Iglesia Mayor of San Juan Bautista and talk with the parish priest running a range of community projects; from sewing classes for children to providing meals for the elderly. You’ll also meet and talk to locals involved in these community activities to learn of their daily lives.

Arrive at Melia Las Dunas hotel in Cayo Santa Maria, an all-inclusive resort located in an ecological environment surrounded by beaches and beautiful coves. Relax or explore the property before joining us for dinner and retiring for the evening.

DAY 6  Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before departing for the Sugar Mill Museum (Heriberto Duquesne or Chiquitico Fanbregat), located in a former sugar mill, now converted to a museum, you will find the history of the sugar industry in Cuba. The museum exhibits the different installations of a sugar mill, the tools and the machinery used in the production of sugar and history of the slave trade.

Next we learn about the Jewish Heritage on this Caribbean island with our first stop at the Calbarien Synagogue and House of Jewish Settlers. Engage and learn about daily life with members of the community and tour the Holocaust Museum.

You are back to the resort in the afternoon to enjoy lunch on your own (included) and free time to explore this beautiful destination. A Farewell Dinner is planned for all to enjoy in the company of your new-found friends.

DAY 7  After breakfast, it’s time to say “Good-bye” to Cuba as you are transferred to the Santa Clara Airport for your return flight to Miami. VIP services and escorts assist checking in for the flight, departing at 2:00 pm.

Then continue our tour to Latin American Baseball Stadium, Cementerio de Cristóbal Colón – Also known as Christopher Columbus Cemetery is one of the great historical cemeteries of the world, great houses of Havana, FOCSA Building – the tallest in Cuba, Hotel Nacional de Cuba, University of Havana, Hotel Habana Libre, former Radiocentro building, Coppelia ice cream parlor, house of Luis N. Menocal, Municipal Maternity Hospital, Presidente hotel, López Serrano building and Serranito building before returning to your hotel to refresh and rewind before dinner.

DMI is one of the few programs offering dinner at Rio Mar, located on the Almendares River with a picturesque view and wonderfully fresh cuisine. Return to your hotel.

DAY 4  After breakfast, join us for a tour of the downtown market to enjoy the community arts and crafts followed by a tour of the world famous Partagas Cigar Factory to learn how these cigars are made and experience them for yourselves.

Lunch at Paladar La Guarida reveals an exclusive atmosphere inside this splendid edifice from the early 20th century. La Guarida is considered by many to be one of the best Paladars in all of Cuba. After lunch, we visit the legendary Hotel Nacional de Cuba that hosted the likes of Churchill, Hemingway and Sinatra. The architecture is refined elegance of the 1930s and has attracted millions of visitors over the years. Here, we will enjoy a “cafecito” break on the terrace of the lobby bar. We next see the most well-known castle fortress in Cuba, Morro Castle, that guards the bay of Havana and enjoy the art and cultural creations of the Cuban people before returning to your hotel.

Enjoy dinner at VIP Havana, one of the newest Paladars available that has become known for its excellent food and service. After dinner enjoy the sounds of legendary Cuban music with a show featuring a tribute to the famous Buena Vista Social Club era.

DAY 5  After breakfast, check out of the hotel and bring your luggage to the bus. Today we visit the Old Havana Flea Market where local artisans, share their crafts. The community project “Arte y Corte” or Arts Court is a cultural-economic project uniting barbers, hairdressers, artists and painters in the country that have been linked to the hairdresser. The goal of all of them is to transcend beyond their job cutting hair, based on three grounds: the art, history and craft. The project is supported by the Office of the City Historian of Havana. There is a wide range of places to visit in the Hairdresser’s Alley including a home for the elderly that will soon be forgotten.

Lunch today is at El Figaro, a family-run restaurant featuring traditional island cuisine. The food is authentic and will provide the flavor of this international island. We then make our way to the Old Havana Flea Market where local artisans share their craft before heading back to the airport for your return flight departing at 4:00 pm back to Miami.
**DATE** | **# NTS** | **OCC** | **HOTEL** | **SPECIAL EVENTS** | **PRICE**
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FEB 15 | 4 | Double | Saratoga | | SOLD OUT
FEB 23 | 4 | Double | Melia | | Cigar Festival
MAR 9 | 4 | Double | Saratoga | | 
MAR 29 | 6 | Double | Melia | | 
APR 5 | 6 | Double | Saratoga / Melia | Easter week | 
APR 19 | 6 | Double | Melia | | 
APR 23 | 4 | Double | Melia | Classic Cars | 
APR 26 | 6 | Double | Saratoga | Classic Cars | SOLD OUT
MAY 3 | 6 | Double | Saratoga | | 
MAY 10 | 6 | Double | Saratoga | | 
MAY 24 | 6 | Double | Saratoga | | 
MAY 31 | 6 | Double | Cohiba / Melia | Las Dumas | 
JUN 11 | 4 | Double | Saratoga | | 
JUL 26 | 6 | Double | Cohiba / Melia | Las Dumas | 
SEP 3 | 4 | Double | Saratoga | | 
OCT 4 | 6 | Double | Saratoga | | 
OCT 25 | 6 | Double | Saratoga | | 
NOV 8 | 6 | Double | Saratoga | | 
DEC 13 | 6 | Double | Saratoga | Intl Jazz Festival | 
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