

CUBA



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After a break in relations that lasted over 50 years, on July 20th, 2015, the United States and Cuba resumed diplomatic relations. These developments have prompted some to suggest that discussions may follow regarding the issue of resumption of trade and commercial relations between the two countries. Because of the tremendous similarities between Cuba's historical agricultural production patterns and those of Florida, full normalization of relations between the U.S. and Cuba will have a profound effect on Florida agriculture.

Traveling as part of a small delegation of Florida agribusiness executives and University of Florida experts on Cuban agriculture, participants will interact with Cuban agricultural producers, government officials, scientists and economists. This is a superior opportunity to gain insight into the implications for agriculture in both countries of a resumption of trade relations with Cuba, whenever that may occur.



Purchasing a papaya at an agricultural market in Havana. (2005)



Havana. (2014)

ITINERARY

BLD = BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER

MAY 16 - HAVANA

Depart Miami this morning on your charter flight to Havana. Upon arrival at the Jose Marti International Airport in Havana; after going through immigration and customs and collecting your luggage, you will be met by your guide and driver, and transferred to the historic Hotel Nacional which will be your hotel for the trip. Following lunch, you will be given a walking tour of Old Havana. Dinner this evening at a local Paladar (private restaurant) with guests. *Overnight at Hotel Nacional. (LD)*

MAY 17 - HAVANA

Meet with the Ministry of Agriculture and economists from the University of Havana. After lunch at a local restaurant, visit an agricultural market, and the urban garden—Organoponico Alamar. Also, visit the wholesale food market “El Trigal”. The remainder of the afternoon is free to visit a local craft market. This evening, enjoy a reception at the US Embassy. *Overnight at Hotel Nacional. (BLD)*

MAY 18 - HAVANA

Depart Havana for a visit to Vinales. En route, visit Cuba’s new port facility at Mariel. Once in Vinales, visit a local tobacco farm to learn about how the cooperative system operates in Cuba. Enjoy lunch at Finca Agroecologico before returning to Havana. The remainder of the late afternoon and evening is on own. *Overnight at Hotel Nacional. (BL)*

MAY 19 - HAVANA

Visit Cuban farms and agricultural cooperatives near Guines, such as CPA “Amistad Cubano Bulgara”, CPA Alberto Torres, the UBPC Fabioan Cabrera, or CPA Amistad Cuba Nicaragua. Lunch will be at a local restaurant in Guines or San Nicolas de Bari. Return to Havana to enjoy “Friends of UF in Cuba” Reception and Farewell Dinner at Atelier or Moneda Cubana. *Overnight at Hotel Nacional. (BLD)*

MAY 20 - DEPARTURE

This morning you will be transferred to the Jose Marti International Airport for your flight back to Miami. *(B)*

PROGRAM PRICING*

\$2,500 per person

Cost includes: Round-trip international airfare from Miami-Havana-Miami on a charter carrier, Cuban visa fee, accommodations, meals with beverages, transportation and guide services, visits as listed in itinerary, bottled water on the bus, and departure tax. Wi-Fi is available free of charge at the hotel in the rooms and the common areas. Cost also includes Cuban emergency medical and evacuation insurance. (Not valid for pre-existing conditions. Details are available upon request.)

Cost does not include: some meals not listed in the program, beverages not included with meals, optional cultural activities, gifts, laundry, gratuities to driver, guide, porters, housekeeping, checked baggage fee of \$20.00 (weight limit is 44lbs) and items of a personal nature.

** Itinerary is subject to change based on the availability of experts and organizations in Cuba, or due to unforeseen circumstances. In the case of substitutions, every effort will be made to offer an equally substantive alternative.*

THE FINE PRINT

Cost is based on double occupancy. Single occupancy arrangements are offered at additional cost of \$295. A \$200 per person deposit and enrollment form are required no later than March 1, 2016. This deposit is refundable until March 1, 2016, excluding a \$100 cancellation fee. Non-refundable final payments are due no later than March 1, 2016; cancellations received after this date are non-refundable. Travel/trip cancellation insurance is strongly recommended. For more information call Travel Insured at 800-243-3174 or visit travelinsured.com. Holbrook Travel’s agency number is 15849.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A passport is required for International travel. Passports are recommended to be valid for at least 6 months after the date of entry. Please note that there are special requirements for entry for U.S. citizens or residents that hold a Cuban passport or were born in Cuba.



Member of the citrus cooperative shows off his trees at the "UBPC 30 de Noviembre" near Caimito, Artemisa. (2002)



UF graduate students examine organic rice at the "CPA Camilo Cienfuegos" sugarcane cooperative near Bahia Honda, Artemisa. (2006)



Country road along edge of the citrus cooperative, "UBPC 9 de Abril" near Coralillo, Artemisa. (2002)



Havana. (2014)



Grapefruit harvest, "UBPC 9 de Abril" cooperative near Coralillo, Artemisa. (2002)

FLIGHTS

The flight schedule that is being used for this tour is currently the following (charter flights are subject to change). All times listed are local. Services in Miami are on own.

XAEL Charters:

Date	Flight	Departure City	Arrival City	Check-in Time	Departure Time	Arrival Time
05/16/2016	MQ9532	Miami	Havana	3:50 a.m.	7:50 a.m.	9:00 a.m.
05/20/2016	8I427	Havana	Miami	7:45 a.m.	11:45 p.m.	12:45 p.m.

Subject to change depending upon the charter service provider preferences or best option.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Sandy Schmidt or Andrea Holbrook are available for questions about the program.

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