



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

International travel arrangements provided by LAKING & RHOADES TRAVEL: serving Barrie & area for more than 50 years! Cuban program provided by YAI and the University of Matanzas.

TRAVEL PACKAGE PRICE of \$_____ INCLUDES:

- Return Airfare (direct flight to Varadero from Toronto)
- 8 day / 7 night all-inclusive stay at Sun Beach Resort in Varadero
- Airport transfer

CUBA INTERCHANGE PRICE of \$_____ INCLUDES:

- Every excursion listed in itinerary
- Expert lectures from University of Matanzas Professors
- Dedicated Translation
- Air-conditioned motor coach in country transportation

*Based on air fares, land tariffs and currency exchange rates as of June 20, 2018 and a minimum of 20 participants. Please note the possibility of increases or decreases in departure taxes prior to departure. Any increase must be borne by the individual participant. **Subject to flight schedule.

APPLICATION, PAYMENT & BOOKING CONDITIONS:

1. All aspects related to the 'travel component' – airfare, all-inclusive accommodation at a Varadero resort, etc. – will be paid through Laking & Rhoades Travel.
 2. All 'in-country' tour and tournament costs will be paid via cheques paid to YAI Inc.
 3. Please have passport and credit card ready when you contact John Laking.
- It is the responsibility of all participants to ensure that they have a valid passport and that no additional travel documents are necessary. Laking & Rhoades Travel is not responsible for inadequate travel documents. Both Laking & Rhoades and YAI reserve the right to make changes in the itinerary when necessary for the convenience and safety of tour participants. Any extra cost in the unlikely event of itinerary changes must be borne by the individual participant.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

Laking & Rhoades Portion
Non-Refundable Deposit: \$
Final Payment: \$

YAI Portion
One Payment: \$

PAYMENT AND CANCELLATION:

Payment Schedules are indicated in the body of the email(s) provided with your invoice(s). If at any other time you need a reminder of your payment schedule do not hesitate to ask.



YOUTH AMBASSADORS INTERNATIONAL PRESENTS:



CUBAN CULTURAL IMMERSION EXPERIENCE

Immerse yourself in Cuba's extraordinary culture as you partner with a University of Matanzas student and participate in a wide range of activities designed to allow you to experience much of what this beautiful island has to offer: history, music, politics, dance, economics, art... and, most significantly, rising to the challenge of becoming:

WHAT'S DIFFERENT ABOUT YAI:

- Cuban University Student Partners
- University of Matanzas Professors
- YAI Rep is an educator, program designer & veteran Cuba expert
- Translator & Cuban Leaders on site with group 24/7
- Cuban experiences interpreted & explained by new Cuban friends
- Your Needs + Your Wishes = Your Trip uniquely designed

TRAVELERS NOT TOURISTS!

All travel and accommodation arrangements are provided by Laking & Rhoades Travel – industry leaders in Central Ontario for 50 years

Cuban program designed and provided by YAI. Cuban hosting provided by the University of Matanzas.



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YouthAmbassadorsInternational.com

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RESPONSIBILITY AND JURISDICTION:

Laking and Rhoades Travel and their agents act only as agents for the passengers with respect to services supplied to passengers by others, including but not limited to transportation, hotel and restaurant services, on the express condition that they are not liable for any failure in such services, or injury, loss or damage, delay or inconvenience arising out of or in connection with any defect in any vehicle or any act, omission, accident or error in providing such transportation, hotel, restaurant or other services. There is no refund for unused portions of the tour. In case of an accident occurring during the land portion of any tour, the passenger must submit any claim therefore only to the competent judicial authorities of the jurisdiction where such accident occurred, to be determined exclusively in accordance with the laws of such jurisdiction. By accepting the coupons and tickets and utilizing the services, the passenger agrees that Laking and Rhoades Travel nor any affiliated or subsidiary companies or representatives shall be liable for any loss, injury or damage to the passenger or belongings or otherwise in connection with any accommodations, transportation or other services or resulting directly from any occurrences beyond its control including breakdown in equipment, strikes, theft, delay or cancellation or changes in itinerary or schedules, etc. Laking and Rhoades Travel and its agents reserve the right to refuse to accept or retain any person as a member of this tour. The right is reserved to withdraw any or all of the tour or portions thereof. All tour services including, but not limited to hotel accommodations, restaurants, guide services and transportation are furnished by independent contractors.

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BUILDING TRAVELLERS, NOT TOURISTS!

Youth Ambassadors International provides unique, high quality academic programming – experiential and exploratory; meaningful and memorable; challenging and creative; interactive and international – YAI students are travelers, not tourists!

Academic Lectures – University of Matanzas Professors present lectures on core academic topics selected by your teacher. Translator will be provided.

Interchange Component – visiting students will be matched with Cuban University students on as close to a 2:1 ratio as is possible. They will build their friendships through a series of activities where they work together – dance, music, tours, trips to markets, etc.

Meaningful Tours – whether it be Havana, Matanzas, Varadero or a small rural plantation, the Canadian students will be guided by real experts – Cubans who will share their life experiences in a way that is both knowledgeable and relevant.

Cultural Immersion – Music, Art, Dance, all that gives Cuba its distinct flavour will be yours to explore and your Cuban partners will lead the way. You truly are Canada's Youth Ambassadors to these Cubans and you'll have an opportunity to share our culture with the Cuban students. All of these interactions will lead to our final event... **Canada – Cuba Cultural Festival** – It's a fantastic final night that will last forever for everyone involved!

Becoming travelers = building friendships

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Tour: Havana's Revolutionary Square



Cultural: Evening at the Plantation



Cultural: Learning to Dance



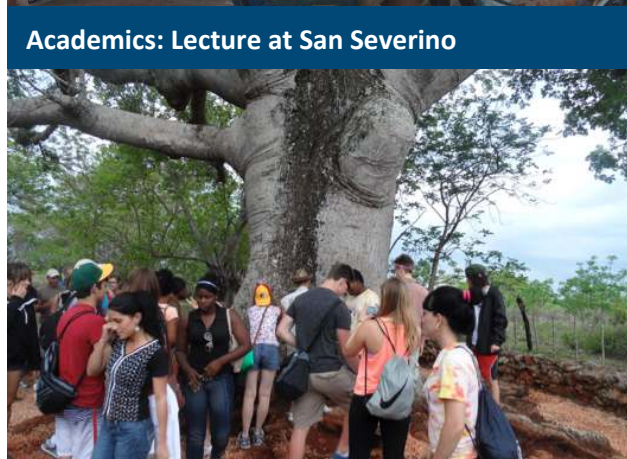
Tour: Bellamar Caves



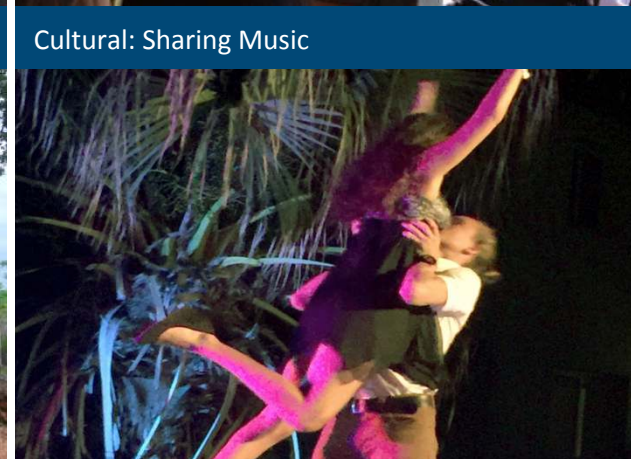
Academics: Lecture at San Severino



Cultural: Sharing Music



Tour: Coffee Plantation Tree Ceremony



Cuba-Canada Cultural Festival



Varadero Beach



A Traditional Cuban Meal



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DAY 1 - THE ADVENTURE BEGINS! Check into our rooms at their Foreign Student Housing Facility at the University and then join our hosts on a walking tour of their school and its facilities. Introductory Session: "Meet the Real Cuba" led by YAI Founder Dave Morrison. The University is directly across the street from the sea, our Cuban friends will join us on an excursion to the beach. Experience our first Cuban meal. In the evening our Cuban friends will present a performance at the "Official Welcome Ceremony"

DAY 2 - WE'RE WHERE? WHEN WHAT? A University of Matanzas Professor will present a Lecture/Discussion about the History of Cuba. Ask questions to understand the Cuban perspective. Then, a Cuban dance lesson! Followed by a conversational Spanish lesson. Lecture/Experience of Cuban Culture. Find your Cuban Partners. The selection process is hilarious then, take time to get to know your 'Cuban Best Friend'.

DAY 3 - EXPLORING MATANZAS: "THE ATHENS OF CUBA" Explore the wonderful City of Matanzas! Our host for the day, Professor Orozco who is the 'Culture Czar' of Matanzas. Explore the city with many stops including: A local elementary school, San Severino Fortress, Afro-Cubano Religion Museum, Che Guevara Memorial Mural, Monserrat & Lookout Point, Teatro Saulto, Liberty Park & more! A fun-filled evening with either the Orishas Ceremony or 'Candy Night' back at the University.

DAY 4 - BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS TAKES TIME Start the day with an Education Professor who will lead a comparative discussion of our two education systems. An Immersion Language Session working with your Cuban hosts. Partners Time: you may choose to visit the local beach, play games, take a hike, etc. At 4:30 board the bus for an extraordinary experience at Las Dionisias (coffee plantation). In addition to a tour we will have a typical dinner there and enjoy a great performance.

DAY 5 - FEELING THE ARTS & PREPPING FOR HAVANA A morning of Exploring the Arts! An Art Professor will lead us through the unique characteristics of Cuban art and then teach you to apply the techniques yourself. Get your feet into the 'arts groove' with a dance lesson! Your Canadian leaders will lead a discussion about the experience and expectations for tomorrow's expedition to Havana. Enjoy a classic dinner, and then our Cuban friends present the "Cuba Night" performance.

DAY 6 - HAVANA: TRAPPED IN TIME A full day and evening of tours and activities led by our local expert – and former Program Leader – Boris Nieves Guitierrez. Visit Old Havana, Revolutionary Square, John Lennon Park, Hemingway's bar (one of them) and more. Free time to explore Old Havana as well as Havana's massive tourist market. Visit to the Fortress which has a museum, walk the ancient walls and a unique ceremony. Dinner at El Bodegon Restaurante in the fortress and see the famous 'Cannon Ceremony'.

DAY 7 - VARADERO: EXPLORE WITH YOUR PARTNERS Visit the World Famous Varadero Beach and tour the entire Varadero Peninsula! Visit a Secondary School and meet Cuban students your own age. An afternoon of free time to enjoy the main village of Varadero with endless Beaches, Markets, Restaurants, and Activities. A special Goodbye Dinner at a unique restaurant. Back at the university, the final "Cuba-Canada Cultural Festival"!

DAY 8 - HOMEWARD BOUND AS TRAVELLERS NOT TOURISTS It's time to go home whether we want to or not! Say goodbye to your new friends, and board the motorcoach to the airport for your flight home.