Cuba
New Year's in Cuba

Professor Anne Eller
Assistant Professor of History
Dear Yale Travelers,

Spend New Year’s with Yale and experience the vibrant and dynamic island of Cuba on our family-friendly program, December 28, 2019-January 2, 2020. Cuba is the perfect destination to excite and enlighten with its many layers of history and architecture, and its resilient, expressive culture. Punctuated by the ever-present Cuban music, dance, and visual arts, we’ll experience the island’s heritage through activities to engage the whole family.

From Spanish colonial contests, to the heady developments of the twentieth century, to the revolution itself in 1959, our close neighbor is a complex and cosmopolitan nation with a diverse political history. Now, more than thirty years after the downfall of the Soviet Union, Cuba enters a post-Castro era and many believe it’s only a matter of time before its social, environmental, and cultural landscape change forever.

On this extraordinary journey, we’ll unravel the richness of Cuban society, meeting local residents and professionals from all walks of contemporary Cuban life offer a unique and comprehensive perspective into daily life on the island. Professor Anne Eller will be our intellectual guide, bringing an expertise on Latin American and Caribbean history and politics. Her research on Cuba, Spain and other Caribbean nations gives her a unique perspective on the many sights, sounds and stories you will experience on this trip.

I know you’ll enjoy the camaraderie of discovering this island nation with fellow Yale alumni and lifelong learners. Call 203-432-1952 today to hold your space for New Year’s Cuba. It is sure to sell out fast!

Warmest wishes from Yale,

Lauren Summers
Senior Director
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Highlights

Conversations with local residents and professionals from all walks of contemporary Cuban life offer a unique and comprehensive perspective into daily life on the island.

Take an in-depth look at Havana, with its splendid examples of Spanish colonial architecture, said to be the finest in the Americas.

Marvel at Cuba's most famous landscape with a full day excursion to the Valle de Vinales, with its jungle covered summits dropping down limestone cliffs to verdant valleys.
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### Upcoming Trips

**Sicily by Sail**

October 10-18, 2019

Professor Rob Nelson

**Yale Week in the Italian Lakes**

September 10-18, 2019

Professor Craig Wright

**Japan’s Basho’s Road to the North**

October 11-23, 2019

Professor Ed Kamens
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WELCOME PHONE CALL
Friday, December 6 (tentative)
Join the Yale group at 4pm Eastern for a pre-trip welcome call with Professor Anne Eller in order to learn more about what to expect and to ask questions.

ARRIVE HAVANA
Saturday, December 28
Upon arrival, enjoy lunch at Macondo, a lovely private restaurant.

After lunch, visit Ernest Hemingway’s home which has been lovingly preserved by the Cuban government, with his books on the tables and many of his favorite photographs on display.

After checking in to the Parque Central Hotel, enjoy an introductory lecture by Yale Professor Anne Eller.

Mingle over cocktails and hors d’oeuvres on the hotel rooftop, followed by a welcome dinner at the hotel. (L/D)

HAVANA
Sunday, December 29
This morning, enjoy a walking tour of Old Havana led by an architectural historian. Stop to admire the city’s many squares, its cathedral, and talk with local residents. View a scale-model of Old Havana which serves as an excellent introduction to the layout of the city.

Attend a rehearsal of the Camerata Romeu, an all-women stringed orchestra.

Walk through the Plaza Vieja, a stunningly beautiful old square.

Visit the iconic Hotel Nacional and enjoy lunch outside on the beautiful grounds of the hotel.

After lunch, visit the Museo de Bellas Artes, Cuban Collection accompanied by a curator of contemporary art.

End the day at the Callejon de Hamel, the site of a huge multidimensional Afro-Cuban mural. Accompanied by a Santeria practitioner, enter a Santeria home and learn more about the Santeria religion.

Enjoy dinner this evening El Ajibe. (B/L/D)

HAVANA
Monday, December 30
Depart for a full day excursion to the west part of Cuba, with its jungle-covered summits dropping down limestone cliffs to verdant valleys.

Continue on to the Valle de Vinales, Cuba’s most famous landscape, located in the province of Pinar del Rio. The province’s mountainous landscape is riddled with caves, some running for many kilometers, in which Ciboney burial and cave paintings have been found.

Enjoy a visit to a tobacco farm to learn more about the growing of tobacco and the economics of the tobacco industry in Cuba.

Enjoy a wonderful lunch at a beautiful organic farm with breathtaking views.

After lunch spend some time exploring the town of Vinales before departing for Havana.

This evening, enjoy dinner at leisure. (B/L)

HAVANA
Tuesday, December 31
Morning visit to the Presidential Palace, now known as the home of the Revolutionary Museum which illustrates the history of the Cuban political development. Nearby is the Granma Memorial, which preserves the vessel that brought Fidel Castro, Che Guevara, and other revolutionaries from Mexico to Cuba.

Continue on to the Plaza San Francisco to watch a performance.
of the only Cuban theater company made up by children, La Colmenita - the Small Beehive.

Enjoy a roast pork lunch followed by a baseball game with a local youth Cuban baseball team.

End the afternoon with a private salsa class.

Depart the hotel for a New Year’s Eve Dinner at Moneda Cubana located on the Plaza de la Catedral. (B/L/D)

HAVANA

Wednesday, January 1

Morning viewing of the documentary film La Maestra which tells the stories of the youngest women literacy workers who went to the mountains and valleys across the island to teach. Visit with one of the women featured in the film and understand how she and the others found themselves deeply transformed in the process.

After the discussion, watch an exciting and diverse private performance of a dance group.

From here, visit the home and studio of artist José Fuster for a private lunch. Fuster has turned his neighborhood into one enormous piece of mosaic art.

After lunch drive to Marianao to learn about a project called Angeles del Futuro (Angels of the Future) in which children aged between 7-15 years are trained in circus skills.

Enjoy a farewell dinner at La Guarida this evening. This well known restaurant served as the setting for the film Fresa y Chocolat. (B/L/D)

RETURN TO THE U.S.

Thursday, January 2

Return flight to the USA. (B)

Included meals indicated each day as B/L/D = Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner.

What is Included:

• Program of lectures and discussions with Professor Eller.
• Accommodation on twin sharing basis as per the itinerary.
• All meals listed in the program. One drink with each included meal and wine at welcome and farewell dinners.
• Bottled water on transportation in a deluxe motor-coach with air-conditioning.
• Services of a local Cuban guide and Distant Horizons tour manager.
• Sightseeing and excursions listed.
• Roundtrip airport transfers for a group arrival and departure.
• All gratuities.
• A Cuban visa for all non-Cuban born citizens.

What is Not Included:

• Airfare to and from Havana - please note scheduled flights from the USA to Cuba include the health and evacuation insurance required by the Cuban Government which typically provides $25,000 worth of medical coverage and $7,000 worth of evacuation.
• Airport transfers for individual arrivals and transfers.
• Departure taxes.
• Travel insurance.
• Expenses caused by factors beyond our control like airplane delays, roadblocks, vehicle malfunctions, political disturbances, lost luggage, etc.
• Items not listed and expenses of a personal nature like laundry, telephone/fax calls, alcoholic beverages, camera/video camera fee at monuments, medical
Program Cost

Trip cost based on double occupancy: $5190

Child cost (12 and under): $4890

Single Supplement: $1,140 (limited availability)

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Note: Itinerary subject to change. Some excursions in this program involve a significant amount of

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