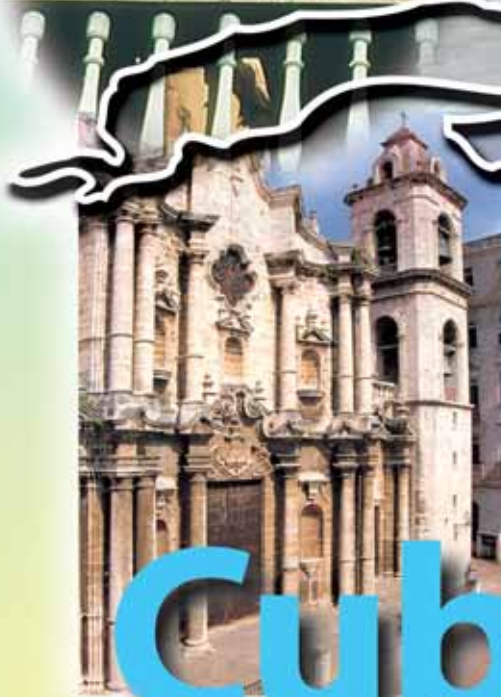




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Cuba



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## ATTENTION DIRECTOR OF ART & DESIGN

### Group - link programmes to Cuba

- Our Art & Design programme offers contact and links with local schools, pupils and teachers as well as a full investigation of the subject areas.
- Art in Cuba has changed dramatically since the 1959 Revolution, and it continues to transform. Art making has shifted from an expression of the utopian dream to a more individual message. Artists no longer create artwork for the state; now they have a self-reflective approach. Many forms of contemporary art coexist in Cuba, made by the self-taught and the formally trained. Perhaps this new independence is the result of influences from outside Cuba, the effect of the competitive marketplace, or just a sense that change was needed.
- Artists moved from the street to their own studios, working for the public, not for the nation. Remembering why Cuba is different remains important; in this global age, changing societies often undervalue what makes them distinctive. Culture has been an important part of the Revolution, and as Cuba continues to evolve, its culture must not go unnoticed or forgotten.
- Our staff in Cuba and in the UK have specialised knowledge of organizing educational tours and can visit your school to brief pupils and staff planning the trip.
- As our service is tailor-made please feel free to contact me to discuss your preferences and dates for a group visit to Cuba. Please note we provide full risk assessment support documentation and hold public liability insurance cover of £5,000,000.

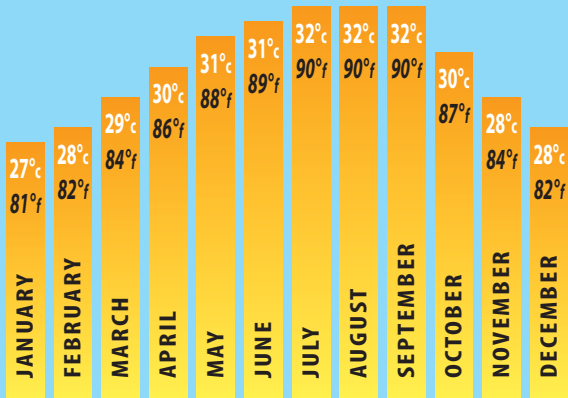
We look forward to being of service.

Gordon Burnett  
Managing Director



Catch this unique Island before it changes





AVERAGE TEMPERATURES IN CUBA

A SILENT cultural revolution began in Cuba at the end of the 1970s. A new generation of visual artists emerged that had been trained during the revolutionary period. These artists set out to free their art from the bureaucratic and ideologically based impositions determined by the government, which had put an end to the more liberal atmosphere of the 1960s. When Cuba entered the Soviet bloc in the 1970s, the Soviets put pressure on Cuba to curtail artistic freedom. But in the 1980s, after several years of rejection, the new artists finally succeeded in making their presence felt. The exhibition Volume I, which opened in Havana in January 1981, has remained a milestone as the first appearance of the "new Cuban art."

There is so much going on in the city that it's not difficult to stumble across world-class performances in ballet and music wherever you visit. A few hours in the Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes, is a must for anyone visiting Havana. There are a growing number of independent, commercial galleries and visiting these is one of the best ways to understand Cuba's many paradoxes, as well as a great way to meet interesting, informed (and usually English speaking) Habaneros. With influences from Spanish and American visitors, especially contemporary Cuban art is now internationally hot.

## ART & DESIGN PROGRAMME TO CUBA (Havana and Vinales)

**DAY 1** | Departure from London on the scheduled airline services of Virgin, Cubana or similar. Transfer on arrival to the Hotel Inglaterra or similar in the old city of Havana.

**DAY 2** | Sightseeing tour of Old Havana in the morning and modern Havana in the afternoon including modern art gallery. Lunch at local restaurant. | **Overnight in Havana.**



### PROGRAMMES

The programmes are flexible and can be amended in discussion with you in order to accommodate your own requirements regarding content, meetings, visits, cities and levels of accommodation.

**DAY 3** | AM. Visit to Art College for workshop with teachers and students. Introduction to Cuban art. PM. Visit to the Museum of the Revolution. | **Overnight in Havana.**

**DAY 4** | Visit to the Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes, including the Palacio de Bellas Artes which spans five centuries of Cuban art with an extensive collection from the 20th century. | **Overnight in Havana.**

**DAY 5** | Departure for Vinales. Located in the Verdant Valley with dramatic limestone outcrops is the village of Vinales. These limestone hills, or mogotes, rise up from the valley floor and are covered in lush vegetation. The region is very fertile and an important crop, for both Vinales and Cuba, is tobacco. Plantations stretch into the valleys and the air is heavy with the pleasant aroma of tobacco leaf waiting to be processed into world famous Havana cigars. | **Overnight in Los Jazmines Hotel.**

**DAY 6** | Visit to the cigar factory of Pinar del Rio, Indian Cave and tobacco plantations. Lunch at Palenque de Los Cimarrones. (You have to pass a cave under a mogote (a limestone monolith) for about 150 metres and then you will find the restaurant, which has been designed following the traditions of African slaves that lived in this part of the valley last century). | **Overnight at Los Jazmines.**

**DAY 7** | Return to Havana. Visit Art School to see how art is taught in Cuba. Farewell dinner with teachers and students. | **Overnight in Havana.**

**DAY 8** | Departure to Havana Airport for overnight flight back to the UK.

**DAY 9** | Arrive London.

**NB: AIR TRAVEL TIMINGS AND PROGRAMMES DETAILS MAY VARY • AIRCRAFT TYPE UNKNOWN AT TIME OF PUBLICATION**

### Minimum Group Size

We quote for any group size with a minimum of 10 persons travelling and have no upper limit on numbers.

### Sample Cost Per Person

From £995 per person in low season for a group of 30 persons travelling between January and June (but excluding outbound travel during the Easter period) and from September to mid December.

### Cuba Tours Prices include

- Return flights on scheduled air services to Havana of either Virgin Atlantic direct, Iberia via Madrid, Air France via Paris, or Cubana via Holguin.
- Tourist class hotel accommodation based on 2-bedded rooms with private bathroom and toilet.
- Meals as specified.
- Excursion programme including entrance costs and local guides as conditioned coach transportation.
- Services of full time English speaking guide whilst on tour in the cities.
- Cuban tourist card (like a Visa).
- 1 Free Leader Place for every 10 paying persons.
- Half Price leader place for every 5 paying persons. Additional adults can travel at student rate.
- Groups of 20 or more receive 1 complimentary single room and any additional single rooms must be paid for as indicated.
- UK departure and security taxes are included.

### Excluded

- Cuba Departure Tax payable at airport on leaving currently the equivalent in local currency of about £14 per person in cash.
- Insurance - optional cover available on request.
- Single room supplement £16 per person per night.

### Validity

All prices quoted are subject to re-confirmation and availability on receipt of firm booking with specific dates, itinerary and numbers.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**Accommodation:** Interchange tours are based on tourist class hotels located close to city centres or otherwise conveniently located for access to other historic cities of Cuba. Accommodation is based on taking breakfast at the hotel and either lunch or dinner during the day sometimes in the hotel or in a suitable local restaurant depending on the programme.

**Interchange:** Interchange was established in 1973, organising professional interest group tours world-wide but with a particular focus on the former Soviet Union, China and Cuba. From the moment we start to co-operate you will receive personal attention. We aim to build on our excellent record of repeat business and develop an itinerary to suit the needs of your group.

**Consumer Protection:** The air holiday in this leaflet is ATOL Protected, since we hold an Air Travel Organiser's Licence granted by the Civil Aviation Authority. Our ATOL number is ATOL 2429 (G Burnett trading as Interchange). In the unlikely event of our insolvency, the CAA will ensure that you are not stranded abroad and will arrange to refund any money you have paid to us for an advance booking. For further information, visit the ATOL website at [www.atol.org.uk](http://www.atol.org.uk). We reserve the right to change the information in our leaflet. This leaflet is issued on the sole responsibility of the Tour Operator. It is not issued on behalf of and does not commit the Airline(s) mentioned therein, or any Airline whose services are used in the course of the tour. The liability of any Airline involved in the carriage of passengers and their baggage shall be limited by the terms and conditions of carriage of the Airlines.

**Health:** There are no compulsory vaccinations at the moment but Polio, Tetanus, Typhoid and Hepatitis A are recommended. We also recommend that you consult your doctor or contact the Health Advice for Travellers on the the Health Literature Line on telephone number **0800 555777**.

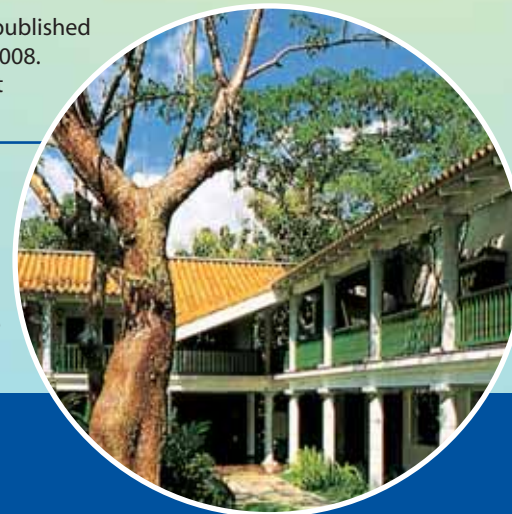
**Climate:** Cuba is warm and sunny all year round and it is possible to swim all year. The rainy season runs from June to October but the rain comes in short, refreshing bursts before the sun comes out again. The hurricane season is usually in September, but in the past quarter century tourism has remained largely unaffected by any serious adverse weather conditions.

**Currency and Airfares:** Local costs are based on the £1 = US\$1.97 as published in the Financial Times on 11th April 2008 and airfares as at 11th April 2008.

**Enquiries and Bookings:** Please ring, email or write to Gordon Burnett who will be pleased to discuss your requirements in greater detail.

### A Selection of Schools who have used our Travel Services:

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Bishop Challoner School, Kent • Sheffield High School  
Edgbarrow School, Bracknell • The Ashcombe School, Dorking  
Djanogly CTC, Nottingham • Northampton High School  
Presdales School, Hertfordshire • Queen Mary's College, Basingstoke  
Nicholas Breakspear School, St Albans



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