

**HotHouse People-to-People Travel to Cuba**  
**APPLICATION FORM**  
**FIRE FESTIVAL / SANTIAGO DE CUBA / JULY 3-10, 2023**

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**Quote: \$3,125.00/per person in DBL accommodations / SGL room supplement: +\$300.00**

**Includes:** Cuban visa & travel affidavit / accommodations as listed/ all breakfasts / meals listed as included / transportation to all events and experiences in the itinerary / Fire Festival Accreditation / all events and experiences listed in the itinerary

**Excludes:** international flight in and out of Cuba / meals listed as not included / gratuities / expenses of a personal nature

**Please see last page for ITINERARY**

## **BASIC INSTRUCTIONS**

Please complete all pages and send back electronically in one email to [hothouse3.0@gmail.com](mailto:hothouse3.0@gmail.com)

- **ONE PDF** ( Send back all merged pages into 1 PDF) of the application

- A Photocopy of your passport

**Applications are accepted on a first- come/ first- serve basis and trip size is limited**

## **PAYMENT**

- 1/2 of the quoted fee is due at time of application. Checks can be made out to HotHouse and sent to 5555 N. Sheridan Road Apartment 1107 Chicago, IL 60640. Do not write words "Cuba" or "Havana" on any payment – see last page for fee breakdown
- The balance of payment will be due on May 15, 2023 by 5pm cst
- After application and complete payment has been collected by HotHouse, the applications will be forwarded to our travel agent who will book your flights as a separate fee. You will pay the travel agent directly for your airfare.
- Additionally each applicant will be requested to bring cash to cover incidental expenses. At this time, there are no banking relations between Cuba and the US and all incidentals will be paid in cash.
- Incidental expenses include meals and beverages not included in our plan, souvenirs, and personal purchases.

## **Cancellations and Refunds**

- Cancel by or on May 15, 2023 – 75% refund
- Cancel by or on May 30, 2023 – 50% refund
- Cancel by or on June 15, 2023 – 25% refund
- Cancel on or after June 16, 2023 or – 0% refund
- Airfare refunds contingent upon airline policy

**In addition to this application, we must receive a photocopy of the information page of your passport**

Full Name (as on passport):		
First	M.I.	Last
Home Address:		
STREET		
CITY	STATE	ZIP
Birth Date:		Birth Place:
Passport Number:		

<b>Expiration Date (must be valid for six months after entry to Cuba)</b>	
Can we use this address to mail your travel documents? YES _____ NO _____	
If not, tell us where you want us to mail your travel documents:	
_____	
Citizenship:	Occupation:
Telephone <i>include area code</i> : Daytime:	Evening:
Email:	
Mother's Maiden Last Name:	
Gender:	F                      M                      Other (preferred)
If not a U.S. citizen, # of Alien Registration Card or Visa:	
Exp. Date	
Single Room	
Double Room (if double room, please indicate with whom you will be sharing):	
_____	
Do you speak Spanish?	Level of Skill ?
<b>About you</b>	
How did you hear about this opportunity?	
_____	
Please describe briefly, why you wish to travel with HotHouse on this trip and what you hope to get out of the experience	
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Have you traveled to Cuba previously?	
If yes, under what circumstances. With whom? When?	
_____	
<b>Do you do any kind of social justice activism as a regular practice? If yes, what are your primary connections to organizing?</b>	
_____	
_____	
<b>Travel to Cuba can be challenging for people with mobility concerns. Most facilities and transportation are not accessible. Do you have any physical impairments or any need for assistance in your activities? Please describe.</b>	
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_____	

Do you have any special health, medical or dietary needs? Please describe.
Cuba has very strict laws regarding drug use. Do you agree to abide by all Cuban laws including not bringing any form of narcotic or contraband drugs including vapor inhalers and/or edibles on the trip? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Additional:</b> HotHouse organizes People-to-People Cultural Exchange as part of it's programming mission. We request that all participants in our groups participate in at least one preparatory session, respect the suggestions of the group leader and consider the RESPECT guidelines (attached) for travel to Cuba.
<b>Agree:</b>

**VISA INFORMATION\*:** All travelers must have a valid passport and a Cuban visa. You are responsible for having proper documentation on your person to enter Cuba as well as to re-enter the United States and proper documentation to travel via a third country (if necessary) to Cuba. The Cuban Government retains the right to grant or deny visas.

**\*Very Important: persons born in Cuba, no matter what your current citizenship, will require additional documentation. Please inform us if this is applicable at the time of application.**

**PAYMENTS:** Payments to HotHouse and /or designated travel agent can be sent via certified check, cashier's check, bank transfer, or via credit card (Visa or MasterCard only) (or Pay Pal to HotHouse only) (with addl. service fee).

Payments to travel agent via credit card may incur additional surcharges.

**U.S. AUTHORIZATION TO TRAVEL:** Our travel agent can only make arrangements on behalf of individuals authorized to travel by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Department of the Treasury. This office authorizes certain persons to travel by issuance of "specific licenses" and also authorizes certain categories of persons to travel without need to obtain a specific license. Please see below the information we must receive from you in order to determine whether you are authorized to travel to Cuba.

#### **CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY:**

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We recommend you have your own travel insurance to cover unexpected cancellations.

**Above charges do not include cancellation charges imposed by the airlines for any connecting flights to/from your point of departure to Cuba. HotHouse and / or travel agent are not responsible for any charges incurred if your flight to/from Cuba is late for any reason. HotHouse and/or travel agent accepts no responsibility for the issuance or denial of licenses by the Office of Foreign Assets Control nor for the issuance or denial of visas by Cuba.**

#### **RESPONSIBILITIES**

HotHouse and/ or Travel Agent and its employees, shareholders, officers, directors, successors, agents, and assigns, neither own nor operate any person or entity, which is to, or does, provide goods or services for these

trips or tours. Because HotHouse and /or Travel Agent does not maintain any control over the personnel, equipment, or operations of these suppliers, HotHouse and Travel Agent assumes no responsibility for and cannot be held liable for any personal injury, death, property damage, or other loss, accident, delay, inconvenience, or irregularity which may be occasioned by reason of (1) any wrongful, negligent, willful, or unauthorized acts or omissions on the part of any of the tour suppliers, or other employees of agents, (2) any defect in or failure of any vehicle, equipment, instrument owned, operated or otherwise by any of these suppliers, or (3) any wrongful, willful, or negligent act or omissions on any part of any other party not under the supervision or control of the Operator (4) sickness, weather, strikes, hostilities, wars, terrorist acts, acts of nature, local laws or other such causes. All services and accommodations are subject to the laws and regulations of the country in which they are provided. Neither HotHouse nor Travel Agent are responsible for any baggage or personal effects of any individual participating in the trips arranged by HotHouse and/ Travel Agent. Individual travelers are responsible for purchasing a travel insurance policy, if desired, that will cover some of the expenses associated with the loss of luggage or personal effects.

### LIABILITY RELEASE STATEMENT

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read the disclaimer stated above and I hereby release and discharge HotHouse and or Travel Agent, its agents, employees, officers, directors, shareholders and successors from and against any and all liability arising from my participation in this trip. I agree that this release will be legally binding upon myself, my heirs, successors, assigns and legal representatives; it being my intention to fully assume all risk of travel and to release HotHouse and Travel Agent from any and all liabilities to the maximum permitted by law.

Signature			
Name			
Dates of travel			
Address (Street)		City	State Zip

### CERTIFICATION OF TRAVEL TO CUBA UNDER A GENERAL LICENSE

I understand that I must keep full and accurate records of the transactions I engage in related to this travel for 5 years from the date of the transaction.

I have read the section of the Cuban Assets Control Regulations, 31 C.F.R. Part 515 that is checked off below (for a complete list of the requirements and restrictions for travel to Cuba (go to <http://www.ecfr.gov> ) and I certify that I satisfy all the conditions for traveling to Cuba identified in that section of the regulations OR I have provided HotHouse with a copy of my specific license.

I understand I must also have a valid Cuban entry document to travel.

SIGNATURE		NAME (please print)	
DATES OF TRAVEL		ADDRESS – Street	
TEL / EMAIL		CITY, STATE, ZIP	

**SECTION OF THE REGULATIONS / GENERAL LICENSE THAT AUTHORIZES MY TRAVEL TO CUBA:**  
**§ 515.565 Educational activities.**

(b) **General license for people-to-people travel.** The travel-related transactions set forth in [§ 515.560\(c\)](#) and such additional transactions as are directly incident to educational exchanges not involving academic study pursuant to a degree program are authorized, provided that:

- (1) The exchanges take place under the auspices of an organization that is a person subject to U.S. jurisdiction and that sponsors such exchanges to promote people-to-people contact;
  - (2) Travel-related transactions pursuant to this authorization must be for the purpose of engaging, while in Cuba, in a full-time schedule of activities intended to enhance contact with the Cuban people, support civil society in Cuba, or promote the Cuban people's independence from Cuban authorities;
  - (3) Each traveler has a full-time schedule of educational exchange activities that will result in meaningful interaction between the traveler and individuals in Cuba;
  - (4) An employee, paid consultant, or agent of the sponsoring organization accompanies each group traveling to Cuba to ensure that each traveler has a full-time schedule of educational exchange activities; and
  - (5) The predominant portion of the activities engaged in by individual travelers is not with a prohibited official of the Government of Cuba, as defined in [§ 515.337](#), or a prohibited member of the Cuban Communist Party, as defined in [§ 515.338](#).
- (6) In addition to all other information required by [§ 501.601 of this chapter](#), entities sponsoring travel pursuant to the authorization in this [paragraph \(b\)](#) must retain records sufficient to demonstrate that each individual traveler has engaged in a full-time schedule of activities that satisfy the requirements of [paragraphs \(b\)\(1\) through \(5\)](#) of this section. Individuals may rely on the entity sponsoring the travel to satisfy their recordkeeping requirements with respect to the requirements of [paragraphs \(b\)\(1\) through \(5\)](#) of this section. These records must be furnished to the Office of Foreign Assets Control on demand pursuant to [§ 501.602 of this chapter](#).

## **Itinerary**

This following is a fluid itinerary, and some events might shift around the Fire Festival Committee confirms events and locations.

### **Day 1 / 3 July 2023 – Chicago – Miami – Holguin – Santiago de Cuba**

SUGGESTION/Depart ORD / AA-2341 / ORD-MIA / 5:05am - 9:11am

SUGGESTION/Depart MIA / AA-1491 / MIA-HOG / 10:36am - 12:30pm

Arrival in Cuba via Holguin

Meet & Greet

Lunch in Holguin / INCLUDED

Drive to Santiago de Cuba

Check-in at private properties (Santiago de Cuba)

Dinner in Santiago de Cuba / INCLUDED

Opening Fire Festival Activities

### **Day 2 / 4 July 2023 – Santiago de Cuba**

Breakfast / Included

Panoramic Historic Tour of Santiago de Cuba

Lunch in Santiago de Cuba / INCLUDED

AfroCuban Culture and Religion at Casa Fernando Ortiz

Dinner in Santiago de Cuba / NOT INCLUDED

Casa de la Trova Santiaguera

### **Day 3 / 5 July 2023 – Santiago de Cuba**

Breakfast / Included

Presentation of Afrocubanism by Reinaldo

Lunch in Santiago de Cuba / INCLUDED

Fire Festival Activities

Dinner in Santiago de Cuba / NOT INCLUDED

Tambor Experience / Private Event

### **Day 4 / 6 July 2023 – Santiago de Cuba**

Breakfast / Included

Fire Festival Activities

Lunch in Santiago de Cuba / NOT INCLUDED

Fire Festival Activities

Dinner in Santiago de Cuba / NOT INCLUDED

Tumba Francesa Experience / Private Event

### **Day 5 / 7 July 2023 – Santiago de Cuba**

Breakfast / Included

Check-out at private properties (Santiago de Cuba)

Drive to Guantanamo

Lunch in Guantanamo / INCLUDED

Visit town communities / Yateras

Check-in at hotel (Guantanamo)

Dinner in Guantanamo / INCLUDED

Haitian Cultural Center

### **Day 6 / 8 July 2023 – Santiago de Cuba**

Breakfast / Included

Visit other Guantanamo town communities

Lunch in Guantanamo / INCLUDED  
Afternoon at leisure for explorations  
Dinner in Guantanamo / INCLUDED  
Changui at private home / Private Event

**Day 7 / 9 July 2023 – Santiago de Cuba**

Breakfast / Included  
Check-out at hotel (Guantanamo)  
Drive to beach in Santiago de Cuba  
Beachtime and picnic lunch / picnic lunch INCLUDED  
Check-in at private properties (Santiago de Cuba)  
Dinner / NOT INCLUDED  
Fire Festival Closing Activities

**Day 8 / 10 July 2023 – Santiago de Cuba – Miami - Chicago**

Breakfast / Included  
Check-out at private properties (Santiago de Cuba)  
Drive to SCU Airport  
SUGGESTION/Depart SCU / AA-1532 / SCU-MIA / 11:25am - 12:54pm  
SUGGESTION/Depart MIA / AA-1058 / MIA-ORD / 3:30pm - 5:50pm