THE STARS OF WESTERN CUBA

SAILING FROM CHARMING CIENFUEGOS TO LEGENDARY HAVANA
SEVEN NIGHTS ABOARD THE VARIETY VOYAGER

JANUARY 14–21, 2017 • FROM $4,995 PER PERSON (AIRFARE IS ADDITIONAL)

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THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
DEAR CAROLINA ALUMNI AND FRIENDS,

A spellbinding mosaic of colors and cultures, Cuba beckons with ever-changing scenery and fascinating heritage. Join fellow UNC alumni and friends to experience the best of this bucket-list destination, a long-isolated country where jewel-toned vintage cars roll past towering baroque churches, historic plazas buzz with music and life, and lush forests give way to glittering white-sand beaches.

Set sail aboard the 72-guest Variety Voyager, a beautifully designed mega yacht, on a voyage that highlights Cuba’s shining stars—the iconic cities of Havana, Cienfuegos, and Trinidad—and hidden gems. Immerse yourself in the captivating history of Havana, the nation’s vibrant capital. Admire stunning bay vistas at Cienfuegos, the “Pearl of the South,” and stroll cobbled streets framed by pastel mansions in Trinidad, one of the best-preserved Spanish colonial settlements in the Americas. From exploring a turtle sanctuary on Cayo Largo, an island paradise of white sands and turquoise seas, to hiking through Guanahacabibes National Park, with its tropical forests and rich birdlife, enjoy access to unforgettable experiences and off-the-beaten-path sites you won’t find on the typical tourist’s itinerary.

This journey includes enriching shore excursions designed to connect you with locals from all walks of life, such as artists, musicians, and naturalists. Space is limited and sure to sell out quickly, so sign up now to take advantage of this incredible offer.

Don’t miss the opportunity to trace Cuba’s unspoiled coastline from the comfort of a state-of-the-art yacht.

Yours at Carolina,

Douglas S. Dibbert ’70
President
UNC General Alumni Association

SPACE ON THIS CRUISE IS LIMITED.
BOOK NOW!

FOR RESERVATIONS AND INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE UNC GENERAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION TOLL-FREE AT 877.962.3980 OR CALL GO NEXT FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: 952.918.8950 OR 800.842.9023
TRAVEL INSURANCE

We strongly suggest purchasing travel insurance. Travel insurance information will be sent to you by the UNC General Alumni Association with your confirmation letter.

OPERATOR/PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT

Go Next, Inc. (hereinafter GN), located at 6000 West 78th Street, Suite 345, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55439-2538, in return for full payment by you of the amounts specified, is responsible for arranging to transport, accommodations and other services specified as included in this brochure as and to the extent you have selected them, and subject to the following terms and conditions. Unless expressly specified as included by this brochure, services, taxes and fees are not included.

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GN reserves the right to change the itinerary or trip features at any time and for any reason, with or without cause, and GN shall not be liable for any loss of any kind as a result of such changes. Ship schedules, ports of call, hours of arrival and departure, and sightseeing events are subject to change or cancellation without prior notice. GN reserves the right to change a fuel supplement, without prior notice even if the cruise fare has been paid in full.

PAYMENT: A deposit in the amount shown on the reservation form and a signed agreement for each person is required to secure reservations. Final payment is due as shown on the reservation form. If space is fully booked, your payment will be processed immediately and you will be confirmed or, with your authentication, your name placed on a waiting list. ALL CHECKS AND CASH ORDERS ARE TO BE MADE PAYABLE AS INDICATED ON THE RESERVATION FORM. CONFIRMATION IS SUBJECT TO RECEIPT BY GN OF DEPOSIT AND A SIGNED AGREEMENT.

PRICES: GN RESERVES THE RIGHT TO INCREASE any amount in the EVENT OF ANY INCREASED SECURITY OR FUEL RELATED SURCHARGES, OR FARE INCREASES IMPOSED BY THE AIRLINE OR CRUISE LINE THAT MAY BE IN PLACE AT THE TIME OF TICKETING OR TRAVEL, FOREIGN OR DOMESTIC TAX INCREASES, OR ADVERSE CURRENCY EXCHANGE FLUCTUATIONS, AFTER JANUARY 01, 2016. GN RESERVES THE RIGHT, IF NECESSARY OR ADVISABLE, TO SUBSTITUTE VESSELS OR HOTELS, BUT IS NOT OBLIGED TO DO SO.

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Aircraft and cruise line boarding privileges are limited to persons whose full payment and signed agreement have been received by GN and whose names are on the manifest given to the carrier before departure. All persons must also present proof of age with at least six months validity beyond their re- date when boarding. Improper documentation, inadequate proof of identity, inadequate proof of age for children under 2, or any other reason may result in denial of boarding privileges. The air carrier and cruise line reserve the right to decline, accept or retain any person on the flight or cruise at any time within their sole discretion. If you are denied boarding privileges, you forfeit all monies paid and will be assessed any non-refundable costs.

PROGRAM OPERATION: Variety Cruises operates this people-to-people program to Cuba under a general license issued by the U.S. Department of the Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control. People-to-people travel dictates that all participants follow a full-time schedule focusing on educational opportunities and meaningful cross-cultural connections.

GO NEXT LAND PACKAGES/SHORE EXCURSIONS: Tours are operated in the various ports of call by local tourist service companies arranged by Variety Cruises. They are not under the control of GN. Cancellation penalties may differ from the cruise program related penalties.

NOTICES: Any complaints or claims against GN must be made in writing and received by GN within 90 days after scheduled termination of the trip. Any action or suit against GN must be commenced within 1 (one) year after scheduled termination of the trip or forever barred.

The rights and remedies relating to cancellations made available under this agreement are in addition to any other rights or remedies available under applicable law. However, we offer any refunds under this agreement with the express understanding that the receipt of that refund by you waives all other remedies.

While Go Next makes every effort to adhere to the specifics shown in this brochure, all information contained herein is subject to change. Go Next is not responsible or liable for typographical errors, omissions or mistakes.

INSURANCE: Travel insurance is available and can provide coverage for unforeseen circumstances that could disrupt your trip. See panel above for details.

INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS ONLY: International travel involves stringent identification and documentation requirements. Be sure you are familiar with them sufficiently in advance and early in your planning.

ADVISORY: When you are traveling outside of the United States, please be aware that significantly different health, safety and legal standards may prevail. You should plan and act accordingly and exercise good personal judgment for your own health and safety at all times when abroad. If you have special medical or physical requirements, you should investigate your destination(s) beforehand and ensure the care and conditions you need will be available.

REFUNDS AND CANCELLATIONS: If you change plans or cancel, your refund (if any) will be limited to the receipt of written cancellations from you, the following cancellation fees will be applied (indicated in days prior to initial flight departure) in addition to any applicable airline cancellation fees.

Cruise Program Cancellation Fees:
120 days or more = $300 per person
119-90 days = 25% of total fare
89-60 days = 50% of total fare
59-0 days = 100% of total fare, no refund

Any requests for cancellation must be communicated to GN in writing. Applicable refunds, if any, will be made within 14 days after the cancellation.

HEALTH: Any physical or mental condition requiring special medical attention or equipment must be disclosed in writing to GN at the time the participant makes a reservation. GN may reject the reservation of any person who, in the opinion of GN, is unfit for travel or might be a danger to themselves or incompatible with others on the trip. Participants requiring special assistance, including without limitation those who permanently or periodically use a wheelchair, must be accompanied by someone who agrees to provide the required assistance. GN reserves the right to terminate the participation of any participant whose conduct or condition materially inconveniences other participants.

THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS OF ANY KIND (INCLUDING MEDICAL EXCEPTIONS) TO THESE POLICIES. No refunds will be made for any portion of the arrangements we have made for you that are not actually utilized by you. Refunds are subject to扣除 from these policies for the services we arrange as described in this brochure.

California Seller of Travel Registration No. 2072280-40, Washington Seller of Travel Registration No. 602-390-725, Iowa Seller of Travel Registration No. 427.
I/WE PREFER GO NEXT CORRESPONDENCE VIA: ☐ Email ☐ Mail

PLEASE MAKE MY/OUR RESERVATION FOR THE STARS OF WESTERN CUBA PROGRAM

PLEASE NOTE: Airfare and airport transfers are not included.

Stateroom/Suite category requested: 1st choice _____________ 2nd choice _____________ Bed request: ☐ Twin (2 beds) ☐ Double

Single and Triple accommodations are an additional cost and subject to availability.

All passengers must travel with a passport valid at least 6 months beyond their return date.

GUEST 1: Full Name (as it appears on your passport)

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Passport Number ____________________________ Place of Passport Issuance ____________________________

Passport Issue Date / / Passport Exp. Date / /

Mother’s maiden name ____________________________

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SIGNATURES REQUIRED BY EACH PERSON TRAVELING INCLUDING PARENT/GUARDIAN FOR MINOR CHILDREN: I/We have read, received a copy of, understand, and accept the terms and conditions stated in the Operator/Participant Agreement.

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DEPOSIT AND FINAL PAYMENT: A deposit of $950 per person is due with your reservation application. Make checks payable to Go Next. Deposits may also be made by credit card. Full payment is required by September 16, 2016. Reservations received after this date must be accompanied with full payment.

Please reserve _____________ space(s). Enclosed is my/our deposit for $ _____________.

All FINAL payments are required to be made by check or cash.

I/We authorize Go Next, Inc. to charge my/our deposit for $ ____________________________

SIGN HERE X

Billing address same as above

Billing Address (if different from above) ____________________________

Card Number ____________________________ Security Code Exp. Date ____________________________

Making a deposit or acceptance or use of any vouchers, tickets, goods, or services shall be deemed consent to and acceptance of the terms and conditions stated in the applicable Operator/Participant Agreement, including limitations on responsibility and liability.

Tour participants who are not members of the General Alumni Association must join the Association ($45 for singles; $55 for couples) or pay a $45 surcharge to participate. Please pay by separate check made payable to the General Alumni Association and mail with this reservation form.
THE VARIETY VOYAGER yacht is modern in style and classic in method. With sleek lines and ample deck space, she navigates the seas she was designed to travel with ease and grace. Stunningly appointed with warm fabrics, marble details, and luxury amenities, this beautifully designed vessel offers her guests an intimate and incomparable yachting experience.

Celebrate each day’s adventures aboard the Variety Voyager, combining contemporary elegance with relaxed charm. Take a captain’s view of the sparkling sea, treat yourself to delicious cuisine in the glass-enclosed dining room, enjoy a refreshing cocktail at the outdoor Oceans Lounge, and—with no more than 72 passengers and a crew of 32—delve into some of the most spectacular destinations on earth. From quaint Cienfuegos and Trinidad to cosmopolitan Havana and the idyllic island of Cayo Largo, experience the stars of western Cuba the way you were meant to—in a personal style that was made for you.
CRUISE ITINERARY

JAN 14: CIENFUEGOS, CUBA
Arrive in Cienfuegos, the “Pearl of the South.” In the afternoon, board the Variety Voyager and share a Welcome Orientation and dinner with fellow travelers. **Overnight on board in Cienfuegos.**

JAN 15: CIENFUEGOS, CUBA
The only Cuban city founded by French settlers, Cienfuegos spreads around a lovely natural bay. Before lunch, set out on a walking tour of the UNESCO-protected city center, home to the Government Palace (City Hall), San Lorenzo School, the Bishopric, and the Ferrer Palace. Visit a graphic arts workshop, offering insight into the transformative power of art in the lives of Cubans. Sample the authentic flavors of Cuba at Los Laureles, where you will enjoy lunch. Then experience the city’s thriving music scene with a performance by the award-winning Chorus of Cienfuegos. Before returning to the yacht, take advantage of free time to discover more of Cienfuegos’ highlights. **Cruise overnight to Casilda (the port for Trinidad).**

JAN 16: CASILDA/TRINIDAD, CUBA
Spanish colonial beauty reaches a pinnacle in wonderfully preserved Trinidad, a timeless little town that boasts 500 years of rich history and architectural majesty. Today, explore this UNESCO World Heritage Site. Mingle with artists in their studios, including young female artists who are working to change the status of women in Cuban culture. View beautiful paintings, sculptures, and antiques at the Romantic Museum, housed in the gorgeous Palace of the Count Brunet, or perhaps browse the Architecture Museum. **Cruise overnight to Cayo Largo.**

JAN 17: CAYO LARGO, CUBA
Board a tender to head ashore on Cayo Largo, an isolated island of white-sand beaches, mangroves, and salt pans. At a local clinic, interact with doctors and nurses for a fascinating perspective on Cuba’s healthcare system. Then learn about local conservation efforts at the Sea Turtle Breeding Center. After an early lunch at the Cayo Largo Marina, spend time snorkeling at a nearby coral reef before basking on the flawless sands of Playa Sirena, celebrated as one of Cuba’s most stunning beaches. **Cruise overnight to María la Gorda.**

JAN 18: MARÍA LA GORDA/GUANAHACABIBES NATIONAL PARK, CUBA
This morning, disembark via tenders and travel to a local school to learn about Cuba’s education system, particularly in the rural areas of the country, and engage with children and their teachers. Next, connect with naturalists at Guanahacabibes National Park, one of the country’s largest nature reserves. Awash with a striking array of orchids and epiphytes, this UNESCO Biosphere Reserve is a haven for butterflies, hummingbirds, and yellow-headed warbler. Cap off your excursion with a BBQ lunch on the beach. **Cruise overnight to Havana.**
JAN 19: HAVANA, CUBA
Sail into the Bay of Havana in the early morning. After breakfast on board, visit Havana, Cuba’s magnificent capital city. Follow in the footsteps of Ernest Hemingway as you travel by motor coach to Finca Vigía, the mansion where Hemingway lived for two decades and wrote some of his most famous literary works. For lunch, stop at Finca El Divino, one of the area’s finest restaurants. Here you’ll witness a short presentation that showcases Cuba’s sustainable urban agriculture. Continue to the neighborhood of renowned ceramicist and painter José Rodríguez Fuster, known as the “Picasso of the Caribbean.” See how his creative vision has transformed the local area into a colorful, artistic landscape. Following a tour of one of Cuba’s largest cigar factories, delight in free time to browse Havana’s largest craft market. This evening, head to a local paladar (privately owned restaurant) for dinner and entertainment by the Buena Vista Social Club. Overnight on board in Havana.

JAN 20: HAVANA, CUBA
Today, engage with dancers, musicians, and performers of the Habana Compas Dance Group. Then admire the charming sights of “Habana Vieja” (Old Havana), a UNESCO World Heritage Site filled with exquisite Spanish colonial buildings, unique art studios, and graceful plazas. Enjoy a Farewell Lunch at a local paladar nestled in the heart of Old Havana before spending the afternoon at leisure. Prior to dinner, Carpe Diem, a dynamic Cuban trio, will provide a special performance on board the Variety Voyager. Overnight on board in Havana.

JAN 21: HAVANA, CUBA
After breakfast, disembark and transfer (on your own) to the airport for your return flight home.

Itinerary is subject to change.

PARTICIPANTS SHOULD BE IN GOOD PHYSICAL CONDITION. This program involves light hiking and walking tours with more than a moderate amount of walking on cobblestone streets, stairs, and uneven ground. Excursions can include moderate to strenuous walking up to 2.5 miles, primarily over natural and uneven surfaces. Many shore excursions require guests to climb in and out of small boats to tender ashore. All guests must be able to ascend and descend a ladder to embark and disembark the ship when tendering.

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Variety Cruises may modify the cruise itinerary up to and during the voyage. All cruise accommodations and shore excursions are arranged by Variety Cruises, which may use other suppliers or providers to render services. The agreement in this brochure is the exclusive and entire statement of the agreement between you and Go Next, Inc. It should be read carefully.
PROGRAM INCLUSIONS:

- 7-night voyage aboard the 72-guest Variety Voyager
- Full schedule of people-to-people educational exchange activities that result in meaningful interactions with locals
- Select complimentary expert-led shore excursions
- 20 Meals: 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches, and 7 dinners on board and at local Cuban restaurants and inviting “paladares”
- Complimentary beer, wine, and soft drinks with meals
- Complimentary beverages including coffee, tea, and mineral water
- Private Go Next reception including hot and cold canapés and beverages
- An experienced Go Next Program Manager
- Smart-casual attire throughout your journey—no formal wear required
- Attentive service from a caring staff to ensure a remarkable voyage
- Local English-speaking guide
- Comprehensive pre-departure information
- Cuban travel insurance covering medical repatriation expenses only, as required by the Cuban government, valid only during your stay in Cuba

NOT INCLUDED:

Airfare between home and Cuba (may require scheduled and/or charter flights), airport transfers, passport fees, port charges of $470 per person, gratuities for local Cuban guides and drivers, onboard gratuities, Cuban visa, Cuban departure tax, and hotels en route (if required for flights).

Price are per person, double occupancy. Airfare and airport transfers are additional.