Cuba
by Land and by Sea
An Extraordinary People-to-People Experience
with Carleton Professor Alfred P. Montero
aboard the Exclusively Chartered, Deluxe Small Sailing Ship
LE PONANT
January 19 to 28, 2018
Dear Carleton College Alumni and Friends:

I invite you to join Al Montero, Carleton Professor of International Relations, to explore the breadth of Cuba in depth—from east to west, by land and by sea—while interacting daily with friendly and inquisitive Cubans from all walks of life who are quick to smile and talk openly with you about their day-to-day lives, culture, work, and family traditions. Gain insight into the lasting influence of Spain; the glamorous landscape that once attracted celebrities, gangsters, movie stars, writers, artists, and heads of state; the legacy of Fidel Castro; and the island’s emerging future. Experience Cuba’s vivid culture and its irresistible zest for life.

Delight in all that Cuba has to offer while experiencing seafaring in its most timeless form: beneath 16,000 square feet of billowing white sails, aboard the exclusively chartered, three-masted Le Ponant. Enjoy a refined yet casual lifestyle onboard this intimate, deluxe sailing ship featuring only 32 staterooms—all ocean-view. Le Ponant is able to call in smaller ports that are inaccessible to larger ships, making this combination of sea and land travel the best and most comprehensive way to see Cuba.

Enjoy a six-night cruise aboard Le Ponant, followed by three nights in Havana’s comfortable Meliá Habana Hotel. Along the way, Prof. Montero will offer a series of onboard lectures and informal discussions about such topics as the history of the Cuban Revolution, the economy and how it has changed, and U.S.-Cuba relations. Explore Havana, with its iconic Malecón and beautifully restored Old City and fortifications, a UNESCO World Heritage site. See the historical center of Cienfuegos, settled in 1819 and built in a neoclassical style; explore the 16th-century colonial town of Trinidad; and visit Santiago de Cuba’s San Pedro de la Roca castle—all UNESCO World Heritage sites. Admire the misty Viñales Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage site replete with lush green tobacco fields and striking karst formations; and visit the dynamic city of Santa Clara in Cuba’s heartland.

This travel program offers a full schedule of events, all of which involve significant people-to-people exchanges with Cubans who reflect their island’s unique rhythm of daily life and are eager to share with you their triumphs, challenges, experiences, and cultural perspectives. With enough early registrations, Carleton travelers will enjoy an exclusive charter of the 32-stateroom vessel, so I hope you will take advantage of the Early Booking Savings and reserve your cabin today!

Sincerely,

Sarah Ladner Maris ’85
President, Carleton College Alumni Association

For more information on other Alumni Adventures, please visit go.carleton.edu/adventures.

Alfred P. Montero is the Frank B. Kellogg Chair of International Relations and Director of Advising and Faculty Diversity Recruitment at Carleton College in Northfield, MN. He is also the senior editor of Latin American Politics and Society, a leading peer-reviewed journal on the political economy of the Latin American region. Prof. Montero’s current research program focuses on the evolution of economic policies, and especially industrial and innovation policies in South America. Prof. Montero teaches courses on comparative and international political economy, Latin American and West European politics, comparative democratization, authoritarianism and corruption. Prof. Montero led Alumni Adventures programs in Cuba in both 2012 and 2013.

Cover photo: Admire Havana’s stately 20th-century monument Capitolio Nacional.

Vibrant batas cubanas (traditional dresses) reflect Cuba’s Spanish and African roots.
Welcome to the vivacious and remarkable island of Cuba, where history is rich, and exploration, discovery and tenacity run deep through a culture steeped in a blend of European, African and Asian influences. When Christopher Columbus first landed in Cuba in 1492, he was met by the indigenous Taíno peoples. Diego Velázquez de Cuéllar followed on Columbus’ second voyage and settled the tropical island. During the heyday of seafaring pirates, it became a smuggler’s haven, and even slavery during the early 1800s’ sugarcane industry boom left its own indelible mark. Cuba is lively and artistic, and its residents are among the most charming and welcoming people in the world. During this specially designed itinerary spanning Cuba by land and by sea, learn the secrets of their proud country through exclusive PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS:

♦ **Hear it from the Experts!** An experienced, English-speaking Cuban host will accompany you throughout the program and discuss historical, cultural and contemporary Cuba. Interact with lifelong residents and local experts including musicians, artists, farmers and academics.

♦ **Savor** authentic Cuban cuisine in family-operated *paladares*—privately owned, in-home restaurants.

♦ **Learn** more about preservation efforts in Old Havana, tobacco and organic farming in the Viñales Valley and Cuba’s social welfare system in Santa Clara.

**U.S./Holguín, Cuba/ Santiago de Cuba - Day 1**
Depart the U.S. Upon arrival in Holguín, meet your host and begin your immersion into Cuban daily life. Transfer to Santiago de Cuba and embark *Le Ponant*. Enjoy the Captain’s Welcome Reception this evening.

**PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE CULTURAL ENRICHMENT:**
♦ Visit the La Granja La Cieba near Holguín to meet a multigenerational family living and working at the farm and enjoy a light lunch.

**Santiago de Cuba - Day 2 and Day 3**
Cuba’s second largest city is perhaps the island’s most vibrant and culturally rich, with its lively music and attractive colonial architecture.

On the panoramic city tour of Santiago de Cuba, see Céspedes Park including historic City Hall, where Fidel Castro announced victory of the Cuban Revolution in 1959, and 15th-century Casa de Diego Velázquez, the oldest standing house in Cuba. Visit the expansive Cementerio Santa Ifigenia, the grandiose final resting place of former president Fidel Castro; Cuban national hero and important Latin American literary figure José Martí; Emilio Bacardí Moreau, known for his namesake rum; and Compay Segundo, guitarist of the Buena Vista Social Club. See the original Bacardi rum factory, first opened in 1868, and enjoy a traditional Cuban rum tasting.
Visit the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Castillo San Pedro de la Roca (El Morro), a 17th-century fortress built to protect the important port of Santiago de Cuba Bay. In the lush Jardín de los Helechos, walk among more than 350 species of ferns and 90 types of orchids. View imposing Revolution Square and historic San Juan Hill, a pivotal site during the Spanish-American War.

**People-to-People Cultural Enrichments:**
- Enjoy a colorful performance and tour at the Casa de la Trova, a vibrant, multifaceted institute that celebrates Afro-Cuban music, dance and culture.
- Tour the Basílica de Nuestra Señora del Cobre and visit La Virgen de la Caridad (Our Lady of Charity), the patron saint of Cuba, a brilliant shrine and Cuba’s most sacred pilgrimage site which Pope Francis visited. Interact with Cuban pilgrims, and hear the captivating legend behind this revered shrine.
- Enjoy a performance by an all-female Cuban vocal quartet.

**Cruising the Caribbean Sea - Day 4**
Enjoy onboard discussions and time at leisure while cruising the Caribbean Sea.

**Trinidad - Day 5**
Developed from the wealth of the sugar industry in the 19th century, UNESCO World Heritage-designated Trinidad retains much of its colonial charm, with terra-cotta tiled roofs, pastel-hued houses, cobblestone streets and ornate tiled courtyards. Walk through 18th-century Plaza Mayor and visit the neoclassical Palacio Cantero, showcasing the history of Trinidad’s residents.

Attend the Captain’s Farewell Reception on board this evening.

**People-to-People Cultural Enrichments:**
- Enjoy lively rumba and salsa performances at the Palenque de los Congos Reales, an outdoor music center devoted to traditional Cuban music and dancing.
- Visit the authentic Casa Chichi, a multigenerational pottery workshop established in 1892 that still uses clay sourced from Cuba’s caves.

**Cienfuegos for Santa Clara - Day 6**
Known as the “Pearl of the South,” the UNESCO World Heritage-designated colonial harbor city of Cienfuegos was founded in 1819 by French settlers from Louisiana and Bordeaux while located in a Spanish territory, which makes for a fascinating blend of history and local culture today. This morning, visit the eclectic Teatro Tomás Terry, which hosted its first opera in 1890.

From Cienfuegos, travel to Santa Clara, the gateway to Cuba’s historically and agriculturally rich central region. Long associated with Ernesto “Che” Guevara, Santa Clara has been shaped by the most prestigious university outside Havana and features one of the country’s most spectacular grand colonial theaters. See the beautiful Teatro La Caridad, constructed in 1885 and one of the Eight Grand Theaters of the Cuban Colonial era, where famed musicians such as Enrico Caruso once performed. See the impressive Che Guevara Monument and walk through the comprehensive History Museum of the Revolution.

**People-to-People Cultural Enrichments:**
- Attend a musical performance and meet the musicians of the Orquesta de Cámara.
- In a typical senior citizen community center, learn more about social welfare in Cuba and enjoy conversations with its residents and staff, who will introduce you to a longtime Cuban dance tradition, the danzón.
- Enjoy lunch in a paladar.

**Cienfuegos/Havana - Day 7**
Disembark this morning in Cienfuegos. Once a trading port for sugar cane, coffee and tobacco, the city was built in a neoclassical style from the wealth of these industries, and its original grid layout plan is an incredible example of early urban planning.

En route to Havana, visit Finca Vigía, the former home of Ernest Hemingway, who was affectionately called “Papa” by locals. Here, he wrote *The Old Man and the Sea,* based on a local fisherman, and *For Whom the Bell Tolls.* Accommodations for three nights are in the Meliá Habana Hotel.

**People-to-People Cultural Enrichment:**
- Enjoy lunch in a local paladar.

The Basílica de Nuestra Señora del Cobre, located just outside of Santiago de Cuba, is Cuba’s most sacred religious pilgrimage site.
Havana - Day 8
Cuba’s capital, the early-20th-century “Paris of the Caribbean,” remains arguably one of a kind, mixing impressive urban architecture and culture with an earthy, informal vibe and a lively arts and music scene, while retaining a distinctly vintage feel bolstered by the prevalence of 1950s American-made automobiles fondly called “Yank tanks” by the locals who painstakingly maintain them.

In a private, antique American-made car, cruise along the iconic Malecón (oceanfront promenade) in Old Havana to the Spanish colonial core of Habana Vieja, a UNESCO World Heritage site. This colorful neighborhood of winding cobblestone streets, pastel-hued houses and picturesque squares is filled with architectural beauty, including Plaza de Armas, the site where San Cristóbal de la Habana was founded in 1514.

Visit the downtown district of Vedado, a fascinating mix of old and new. See the University of Havana, the pre-revolutionary Capitolio reminiscent of the U.S. Capitol, the legendary Hotel Nacional de Cuba and Revolution Square, where Fidel Castro gave his famous hours-long May Day speeches.

People-to-People Cultural Enrichments:
◆ See an invigorating performance by dance and percussion group Habana Compás.
◆ Enjoy a walk through Old Havana with a focus on the preservation and evolution of art and architecture.
◆ Enjoy lunch and dinner each in local paladares.

Havana/Pinar del Río and Viñales Valley - Day 9
The striking Viñales Valley in Cuba’s westernmost province of Pinar del Río is designated a UNESCO World Heritage site. Known for its natural beauty, the valley is a much-photographed 270-square-mile plain surrounded by limestone karst hills called mogotes. The farmland here is among Cuba’s richest, and the ancient agricultural practices produce robust coffee and some of the world’s best tobacco, products central to Cuban history and identity.

People-to-People Cultural Enrichments:
◆ Meet a traditional tobacco farmer and cigar-roller in Vuelta Abajo, the country’s tobacco heartland. Spend time with his family as he welcomes you into his home to sample Cuban coffee.
◆ Tour an organic farm, enjoy an enriching discussion with the farmer and share a homestyle lunch with his family.
◆ In the historic town of Pinar del Río, visit a community art project where creativity is fostered in young people with Down syndrome.

Havana/U.S. - Day 10
This morning, transfer to the airport for your return flight to the U.S.

Miami Hotel Pre-Program Option
Arrive in Miami the day before your flight to Cuba. Enjoy overnight accommodations in the DOUBLETREE MIAMI AIRPORT HOTEL, a complimentary welcome drink, Cuba briefing and a convenient shuttle to the airport for your flight to Cuba. Pre-Program Option is available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

Farmers grow much of the world’s premium cigar tobacco in the fertile Viñales Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage site, in the agricultural province of Pinar del Río.

Musicians showcase their expressive talents to passersby on the streets of Trinidad.
DE LUXE, EXCLUSIVELY CHARTERED, SMALL SAILING SHIP MY LE PONANT

The intimate, three-masted, deluxe LE PONANT offers an unforgettable and captivating sailing experience—seafaring in its most traditional form. When the 16,000 square feet of majestic sails are unfurled, the ship's sleek lines and elegant beauty evoke the Golden Age of Sail. A harmonious alliance of nautical tradition and great style, this small ship is designed to cruise into the most secluded harbors where larger vessels cannot reach, and the refined yet casual lifestyle on board is manifest in the warm charm of each Stateroom and in the crew's impeccable service.

Each of the 32 ocean-view Staterooms features a window or porthole, private bathroom with shower, one fixed queen bed or one queen bed convertible into two twin beds, individual climate control, satellite flat-screen television, complimentary Wi-Fi, direct-dial telephone, safe, minibar, dressing table, hair dryer and plush robes.

Meals feature superb international and Cuban specialties and each is served in a single, unassigned seating. Breakfast and lunch can be enjoyed alfresco in the indoor-outdoor Le Diamant Panoramic Restaurant, and dinner is served in the elegant, wood-paneled Karukéra Restaurant. Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages are available throughout the cruise.

The comfortable public areas showcase the ship's tasteful sophistication favoring life in the open air. There are two lounges, a library and expansive open-air decks that extend the full length of the vessel, and there is an observation platform just above sea level for viewing marine life. Fully equipped Zodiacs are used to facilitate landings. There is a doctor on board the ship.

The ship's guest-to-crew ratio of less than two to one allows the courteous, English-speaking crew to provide attentive, professional service, and they are always delighted to answer your questions about their sailing maneuvers. LE PONANT will certainly captivate anyone who steps aboard its gleaming timber decks.

MELIÁ HABANA HOTEL

Located in Havana’s quaint Miramar district, near the Gulf of Mexico coast, the MELIÁ HABANA HOTEL provides comfortable, air-conditioned accommodations and modern amenities and services. It offers guests an array of dining options, two outdoor pools, a piano bar, live evening entertainment, cigar sommelier service, state-of-the-art fitness center, and salon and massage services.
Included Features

◆ Comprehensive 10-day People-to-People Program
◆ Carleton College faculty leader Alfred Montero
◆ Six-night cruise on board the deluxe, exclusively chartered, small sailing ship Le Ponant
◆ Deluxe, ocean-view, air-conditioned Staterooms, each with a private bathroom.
◆ Captain’s Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
◆ Breakfast, lunch and dinner each day, featuring superb international and Cuban specialties served at single, unassigned seatings.
◆ Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages are available throughout the cruise.
◆ Complimentary Wi-Fi available throughout the ship.

Exclusive People-to-People Hosted Excursions and Cultural Enrichments in:

Holguin
◆ Visit to La Granja La Cieba to meet a multigenerational family living and working at the farm.

Santiago de Cuba
◆ Music and dance performances by local groups.
◆ Visit to the 17th-century Castillo de San Pedro de la Roca (El Morro), a UNESCO World Heritage site.
◆ Walk through the impressive Cementerio Santa Ifigenia.
◆ Interaction with local Cubans during their pilgrimage to Our Lady of Charity shrine in the Basílica del Cobre.
◆ Lunch in a local paladar.

Trinidad
◆ Guided walk through the colonial city of Trinidad, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
◆ Spirited performance of rumba and salsa dancing at the outdoor Palenque de los Congos Reales.
◆ Visit to the 19th-century Casa Chichi pottery workshop to observe pottery-making by traditional Cuban methods.

Cienfuegos
◆ Visit to the eclectic Teatro Tomás Terry.
◆ Performance by Orquesta de Cámara and interactions with the musicians.
◆ Full-day excursion to Santa Clara, including visits to the Che Guevara Monument, the History Museum of the Revolution and a senior citizen community center for a conversation with elder Cubans, with lunch in a paladar.

Havana
◆ Accommodations for three nights in Havana’s comfortable Melia Habana Hotel.
◆ Breakfast daily, two dinners and a reception in the hotel.
◆ Dinner in a paladar in Old Havana.
◆ Architectural walking tour of Old Havana, a UNESCO World Heritage site, with lunch in a paladar.
◆ Visit to the 16th-century Plaza de Armas.
◆ Excursion to the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Viñales Valley for a cigar-rolling demonstration and refreshments with the tobacco farmer’s family, and an interactive tour of organic crops, including a homestyle lunch with the organic farmer’s family.
◆ Visit to a community art project for young people with Down syndrome in Pinar del Río to interact with volunteers.
◆ Musical performance by Cuban dance and percussion music ensemble Habana Compás.
◆ “Cruise” along Old Havana’s Malecón in a private, vintage American-made car.
◆ Visit to Finca Vigía, the former residence of Ernest Hemingway.

Enhanced Travel Services

◆ Transfers and luggage handling aboard for participants whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
◆ Visa fees.
◆ All excursions and visits, as outlined above, with an experienced, English-speaking local host.
◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
◆ Hospitality desk aboard the ship.
◆ Complimentary bottled water in your Stateroom aboard ship and on excursions.
◆ The services of an experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Director throughout the program.
◆ Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information.
◆ Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Thomas P. Gohagan & Company.
An Extraordinary People-to-People Opportunity

Enjoy this unique and comprehensive exploration of Cuba by land and by sea, which provides an unprecedented people-to-people opportunity engaging Cubans from all walks of life—artists, architects, tobacco farmers, tradesmen, cigar rollers, senior citizens, paladar owners, religious pilgrims, musicians, dancers—and U.S. travelers with one another to openly share their values, insights and interests. Experience firsthand the true character and traditions of residents of the Caribbean’s largest and most complex island by special arrangement and U.S. Treasury-approved license. See the UNESCO World Heritage sites of Santiago de Cuba’s Castillo de San Pedro de la Roca (El Morro), Trinidad, Cienfuegos, the Viñales Valley and Old Havana; and visit Santa Clara and Pinar del Río. Immerse yourself in an intimate travel experience that explores history, art, culture, professions, trades, religion and cuisine to better understand how the Cuban people live and discover our shared interests.

Walk through Plaza de Armas at the entrance to Old Havana and engage local architects to learn about preservation efforts in Havana. Meet musicians from the Palenque de los Congos Reales music center in Trinidad, who will perform traditional and popular Cuban music and dance. Travel into the agricultural core of the country to interact with local organic and traditional tobacco farmers. Converse with elder Cubans in a typical senior citizen community center. Experience this unique journey and learn more about local Cuban culture and customs as you se enamora de la gente de Cuba (fall in love with the people of Cuba).

Habana Compás musicians and dancers exemplify the lively tradition of musical expression in Cuba.
Singles are available in category 5 at $13495* and in category 3 at $14995* on or before September 7, 2017.

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* Taxes are an additional $495 per person and are subject to change.

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**Cuba by Land and by SEA Reservation Form**

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**Preferred Name(s) on Badge(s)**

Please make my/our reservation(s) in Stateroom Category:

1st Choice ____ 2nd Choice ___

- Double occupancy (two twin beds).
- Double occupancy (one queen bed).
- Single accommodations.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

Please make my/our reservation(s):

- Miami Pre-Program Hotel Option
  - Double at $245 per person.
  - Single at $395 per person.
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- I/We want to book my/our air from

  (fill in departure city)

To Holguín, Cuba, via Miami with return from Havana at additional cost to be advised.¹

- Economy Class
- Business Class

¹ Flight schedules to Cuba are subject to change and availability and airfare is nonrefundable. Currently, most flights to Holguín depart from Miami, therefore, we strongly recommend you plan to arrive one night early in Miami. We recommend you book your domestic and international air concurrently.

**Enclosed is my/our check(s) for $__________ as deposit.**

**I/We authorize you to charge my/our deposit of $__________ to:**

- Visa
- MasterCard

**Card Number Exp. Date**

**Signature as it appears on credit card**

All FINAL PAYMENTS are required to be made by check or wire transfer by October 16, 2017.

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**Carleton College Alumni Adventures**

**CUBA BY LAND AND BY SEA**

**Reservations Close:**

- July 24, 2017

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**Bound Arbitration Agreement**

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**Deposit and Final Payment: Payment**

- Deposit of $800 per person and $100 per person Miami Pre-Program Hotel Option.
- By reserving and depositing on this program, I/we agree to the Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement as printed on the outside back cover of this brochure.
- Make checks payable to CAA Cuba 1/18.
- Due: Sept. 7, 2017
- Add $100 per person Miami Pre-Program Hotel Option.

**Additional Cost:**

- $100 per person Miami Pre-Program Hotel Option.
- $1000 for reservations made after September 7, 2017.

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The streets of Cuba are a treasure trove of American classic cars lovingly and innovatively restored.

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