



## Black Publishers and Writers Delegation

### **34<sup>TH</sup> HAVANA INTERNATIONAL BOOK FAIR- A PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE DELEGATION**

**WITH W. PAUL COATES**

February 13 - 20, 2026

Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>

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Please plan your arrival in Havana by 2pm. We will arrange 2 group transfers today after you collect your bags and pass through customs. You will meet your professional guide. We recommend flight AA 2705 departing Miami at 10:25 am and arriving at 12 noon.

- 2:00 pm Check-in to the hotel Gran Muthu (5 star).
- 5:00 pm Orientation and Meet and Greet Session with Paul Coates, your Cuban guide and your AltruVistas program director. At this time you will also receive your Book Fair credentials and be welcomed by the poet Nancy Morejon.
- 8:00pm Welcome Dinner with special invited guest Zuleica Romay from the Casa de las Americas.

Meals Included : Dinner

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### Saturday, February 14

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Am	Breakfast (on your own buffet style at the hotel from 7-10 am).
9:00am	Depart for Cabana Fortress to participate in the inaugural activities of the 34 <sup>th</sup> Havana International Book Fair (pending program).
12:30m	Lunch on your own at the fair.
3:00pm	Explanation of the history and development of Havana by an architect/urban planner, explanation of the social and political effects on the development of the Cuban Capital (Miguel Coyula requested).
4:30pm	Enjoy a guided Walking City Tour of Havana, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Delegates also have time to engage with Cubans at their art studios, galleries and markets where participants will meet with Cuban artists and find out first-hand how artist negotiate between the tourist market, a socialist economy, and new opportunities for individual entrepreneurship. Visit the four major historical squares of Cuba. Learn from the City Historian about massive efforts to restore Old Havana buildings, attract tourism and new investment, and improve social services for local residents.
7:00pm	Dinner at a paladar in Old Havana
Eve	Optional cultural activities and recommendations will be shared by our guide.
	Meals Included: Breakfast, Dinner

### Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>

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9:00am	Exchange with local Cuban and international authors at the Book Fair.
Lunch	On your own at the fair.
2:00pm	Enjoy a guided tour of the Fidel Castro Center followed by a visit to the Langston Hughes Bust.
4:30pm	Meeting with UNEAC to learn about the promotion of authors in Cuba.

- 6:00pm | Break
- 7:30pm | Dinner
- 9:45pm | Enjoy live Cuban Jazz at La Zora y El Cuervo
- Meals Included: Breakfast and Dinner

### Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup>

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- 8:00am | Breakfast
- 9:00am | Check out of the hotel. Before we leave for our 2-day excursion we will learn about Cuban Education and the Literacy Campaign as we visit the Literacy Museum.
- 10:30am | Depart for Matanzas. Known for its AfroCuban culture and legacy, it is called the “City of Bridges” or the Athens of Cuba”. We stop at the Bacunayagua Bridge on way to Matanzas town where we will have lunch.
- 2:30pm | Visit a bookmaking workshop the Ediciones Vigia to exchange with local artists and writers, and the la Casa del Escritor de Matanzas.
- 4:00pm | Travel to Varadero, famous for its stunning beaches. Check into our hotel and enjoy the resort amenities including dinner.
- Meals Included: Breakfast. Lunch, Dinner

### Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>

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- 9:00am | Learn about the history of La Ruta Esclava at the Castillo de San Severino as we walk through this fort and learn about the Slave Route and the legacy of slavery in Cuba. This fort was declared a National Monument in 1978 and is a UNESCO World Heritage site. We will also visit the museum.
- 11:00am | Enjoy a performance of Orisha dance with AfroCuba.
- 12:30pm | Lunch

- 2:00pm Exchange with the community at the Project of La Marino, a restorative and Afro-descendant community cultural project. We will be joined by a representative of ICAP, the Cuban Institute with Friendship of the Peoples, to discuss US/Cuban international relations.
- 4:00pm Free time afternoon at the resort with dinner at your leisure.
- Evening Group Discussion Circle
- Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

### Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>

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- 9:00am Enjoy a leisurely morning at the resort.
- 12:00pm Check out of our hotel and enjoy lunch at hotel.
- 2:30pm Upon arrival in Havana we will exchange with authors at the Casa de las Americas, followed by an intimate exchange with Cuban authors.
- 5:00pm Check into our Havana Hotel.
- Eve Free for dinner and other cultural activities.
- Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch

### Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>

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- 9:00am Exchange with Cuban filmmaker Gloria Rolando. Among her best-known works are Cuba, My Footsteps in Baraguá (1996), a history of the West Indian community in eastern Cuba, Eyes of the Rainbow (1997), a film about Assata Shakur, and a three-part series on the 1912 massacre of members of the Partido Independiente de Color (Independent Party of Color). She will talk about race and gender in Cuba, and answer your questions about filmmaking.  
At the Casa de Amistad.

11:00am	Free time for shopping at the San Jose de Almancen Craft market, and lunch on your own in Old Havana.
2:30pm	Donation drop and visit to geriatric health clinic or “Casa de Abuelos” in old Havana. Exchange with the Karibuni community development program.
4:30pm	Return to the hotel and rest.
5:30pm	Wrap up Circle
6:45pm	Pick up in Classic Cars for a Cruise to Revolution Square and the Malecon.
8:00pm	Farewell Dinner with special guest from the Instituto del Libro.
	Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner

Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup>

Hasta Luego

8:00am Breakfast

Am tba Transfer to the Jose International Airport

Meals Included: Breakfast

- *The 34th edition of Havana’s International Book Fair in 2026 will be dedicated to the centenary of Commander-in-Chief Fidel Castro Ruz, "who left us his imperishable work and his example."*

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