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Voyages to the Dominican Republic and Cuba beginning April 2016.
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Fathom is a new kind of cruise that combines your love of travel with your desire to make a difference.

A Fathom cruise is a whole different kind of travel. Travel that can make a difference not only in your life, but also in the lives of the people you meet along the way.

The adventure begins in Spring 2016 with separate round-trip voyages from Miami to two of the Caribbean’s most desired destinations: the Dominican Republic and Cuba. In the Dominican Republic, you’ll work side by side with local residents in existing programs that focus on improving the lives of children, families, and communities. In Cuba, you’ll participate in an ongoing cultural exchange program that gives you a chance to interact with the Cuban people, one on one.

Your one-week journey as a Fathom traveler will be part of an ongoing initiative that will bring hundreds of travelers week after week to the same communities. You’ll build on the contributions of the travelers who came before you. You’ll help prepare the way for the travelers who come after you. And you’ll realize that, yes, even a week out of your busy life really can have a cumulative impact on the wider world around you.

You can’t get from shore to shore—from problem to solution—with a single stroke. Thousands of strokes together cover the distance.

On your Fathom™ journey, the five water filters you make won’t end the water crisis; the four hours you spend teaching English to a student won’t make him fluent.

But, combined with the work of thousands of other Fathom travelers, your contribution can be the difference in creating deep, lasting change in a nation of need.
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Make Your Own Kind of Impact

The Dominican Republic is a country of great beauty. But it’s also a country of great need, with some 40% of its residents living below the poverty line and many still in need of basic services such as clean, piped water.

Fortunately, the country also has a strong and deep-rooted infrastructure for transformation. As a Fathom traveler, you’ll work alongside established impact partners and local residents on projects as varied as reforestation efforts, bringing clean drinking water to local communities, improving English skills to help create new employment opportunities, or participating with women’s co-ops in efforts to improve the economic well-being of Dominican families.

In your free time, there are tropical beaches to sink your bare toes into. Restaurants, bars, and shops to explore. A coastline and mountains to hike, or just to wander. To be sure, your commitment to having an impact is the mission that’s brought you here. But you’ll soon realize that the serene beauty of this place is going to have an impact on you, too.

Read about it on the next few pages. Think about it. If you can see yourself in these stories, if you’re excited about the possibilities, then please – join us.

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Student English Learning

As you say “good morning,” the young faces looking back at you are alert, anticipatory, and wreathed in smiles. You were a little nervous earlier: What if they don’t like me? What if they don’t care about learning English in the first place? But your doubts vanish in an instant when you see those smiles.

One icebreaker game later, the students break into small groups to work with you and other Fathom travelers on simple vocabulary lessons and conversation. The learning, on both sides, continues at lunch in the homes of community members. Then, after a giggle-filled game of musical chairs, your students settle down for the afternoon with paper, markers, and crayons to create posters imagining what their perfect community would look like. The posters quickly fill with clean beaches, green parks, colorful houses, happy schools, and happy faces. And each group gets the chance to show off their creations with a presentation, in English, that shares their visions of what they want their community to be.

True, they may only have learned a few new words today. But, with the next wave of Fathom travelers, they’ll learn a few more. And a few more after that. And the bright future they envisioned on those posters will be a little closer to coming true.

WHY IT MATTERS:

English proficiency is the largest driver of employment success in the Dominican Republic economy, and individual sessions are one of the most effective tools for language learning. Students participating in these programs will have increased opportunities for higher education and for stable incomes throughout their lifetimes.

Clean Water Access

It’s a little cloudy this morning, with maybe a hint of impending rain. Here on the shores of the clear blue Caribbean, it’s hard to imagine that more than three million people in the Dominican Republic still have no access to piped water. But that’s your task for the day: to help bring safe, clean drinking water to the people of a Dominican community.

If you’re a parent, your kids are going to love this, because it essentially means they get to play in the dirt. In fact, if you’re a kid at heart, you’re going to love that part, too. You begin your morning working side by side with local ceramic artisans, as you gather and sift the raw materials you’ll need to make individual clay water filters. As the day goes on, you help to mold the clay, load it into the kiln for firing, and test the newly made filters. Then, at the end of the day, you join in delivering the finished filters. More local families than ever now have a safe source of clean drinking water. Because of you.

WHY IT MATTERS:

Waterborne illness is a leading contributor to infectious disease. Access to safe drinking water is a priority need in underserved communities.
Supporting Local Entrepreneurs

Back home, chocolate comes in wrappers and big, shiny boxes. Here, it starts out as a seedling and grows into a sustainable source of income. And in your hands, right now, is one of those seedlings, being prepared for transplant to a local cacao nursery.

Or maybe you’re at the next step in the process: replanting the seedlings at the nursery itself, where kitchen scraps donated by local families have been converted into organic fertilizer to nourish the growing plants. Or maybe, instead, you’re standing in the shade of a full-grown tree, harvesting the melon-sized pods and helping to collect the beans inside for fermentation and drying in the sun. No, they aren’t edible just yet, but a traditional Dominican lunch is waiting for you, prepared by local women to be shared with your fellow travelers and community members.

After lunch, you follow the beans on the next step of their journey: becoming chocolate. As you help clean, roast, and grind the beans for conversion into some of the Dominican Republic’s finest artisanal chocolate, you’re also helping increase production, facilitate the opening of new markets, and create employment opportunities for even more local women. And yes, of course, taste-testing is an integral part of the process.

Building Better Foundations

In the poorer communities of the Dominican Republic, there’s nothing chic about an earthen floor. A dirt floor is muddy in the rainy season, dusty in the dry season, and a disease-breeding health hazard in any kind of weather.

Today, for one family, that’s about to change. Your team and the family members are already busy, clearing furniture out of the living space, mixing cement for a hygienic new floor, preparing the exterior walls for painting in the homeowners’ favorite shade of blue. You spot a broken chair, and you reach for the tools you need to fix it. The next-door neighbors show up to help, and so does the family down the street. Because they know that, one day soon, their turn is coming too.

Meanwhile, other teams of Fathom travelers and community volunteers are building mosquito screens for neighboring houses, digging latrines to improve sanitation, replacing leaky water-wasting faucets, or planting fruit trees as part of a pride-building community beautification project that also has long-term nutritional benefits. And, even though these few days won’t transform an entire community overnight, they’ll become the building blocks for the travelers who come after you.

WHY IT MATTERS:

Potential of up to 1,000 households and 4,000 participants with positive material initiatives impacted in five years. In one year, these community gatherings have the potential to help residents cover up to half of their monthly bills such as rent, utilities, and groceries. The long-term economic impact helps communities tap into a sustained source of tourism income traditionally overlooked before.

WHY IT MATTERS:

In the homes of poorer communities, the common basic dirt floors are a genuine health risk. In addition to the hazards of dust and waterborne illness, these floors are impossible to clean, which means that anything spilled on the floor or tracked into the house, however unhygienic, tends to stay put.

WHY IT MATTERS:

Prevent the flooding and standing water that occurs in dirt-floored homes during the rainy season, thus reducing the prevalence of waterborne disease and damages to property.

By the end of the first year, 50 homes will have new cement floors.
Recycling for Profit

You recycle. These days, most of us do. But usually that’s the end of our involvement.

Here, it’s the beginning. On a bright Dominican morning, surrounded by the members of a women’s community co-op, you’re feeding locally collected paper into a shredder in preparation for pulp extraction and blending. A little later, you’re holding a tray that contains exactly the right amount of pulp for what, when it’s rolled and dried, will become a new piece of usable artisan paper.

In an afternoon workshop, recycled paper becomes colorful bead jewelry, decorative objects, bound books, or even a marketable new product you’ve created using your own graphic design skills. As you work side by side with the co-op members, you notice that they’ve learned a few English words they didn’t know before, just by communicating one on one with you. You visualize the difference that their increased output and new English skills will make in their ability to market their products and increase their incomes.

And you realize that art is one of those things that transcends language barriers and national boundaries, bringing people closer together even as it helps improve their lives and cultures.

Aid in the recycling of waste from nearby neighborhoods and companies while allowing income opportunities for local artisans.

In the long term, monthly income of each association member nearly doubles.

WHY IT MATTERS: Presently unemployed or underemployed local residents are able to transition to self-supporting entrepreneurs. Community-driven economic initiatives empower and sustain communities.

WHEN YOU WORK WITH THE WOMEN OF THE REPAPEL COOPERATIVE, YOU’RE DOING MORE THAN HELPING THEM EARN AN INCOME. YOUR TIME AND ENERGY CAN BE THE DIFFERENCE THAT TRANSFORMS THEIR SENSE OF PERSONAL POWER—HOW THEY SEE THEMSELVES IN THEIR FAMILIES, THEIR COMMUNITIES, AND THE WORLD.

That same transformation just might happen to you on your Fathom impact cruise.
Fun, Dominican Style

There’s a reason the Dominican Republic is by far the most popular destination in the Caribbean. In fact, there isn’t just one reason; there are dozens of them. Powder-white beaches and high mountain waterfalls. Outdoor adventures and excursions. The eclectic mix of Colonial architecture and traditional Caribbean culture. Evenings of dining on local specialties and dancing to infectious island rhythms, as the sun sets low over the sea and the friendly Dominican people extend you a genuine “Bienvenido.” Welcome.

So bring along your intentions, your commitment, and your desire to make a difference. But, whatever you do, don’t forget to bring along your sense of adventure.

They say getting there is half the fun. But this is also a journey with a serious purpose. So be prepared for some of both.
Out and About on the Island: Recreational Shore Excursions

BEGINNER SCUBA DIVING

This beginner course is an introduction to scuba diving, where you’ll learn the basic safety guidelines and skills required to do a dive with an instructor. You’ll meet your instructor for a briefing, be fitted with equipment, and take a lesson at a pool. After the pool lesson, you’ll go on a shallow dive at Three Rocks, a favorite dive site for first-time divers. Please note that the minimum age for this course is 12 years old and that, if you’re pregnant or have neck or back problems, you won’t be able to participate.

PUERTO PLATA TRADITIONS AND LOCAL FLAVORS

Leaving the pier, you’ll drive along the Malecón, Puerto Plata’s broad oceanfront boulevard, to your first stop: the Fuerte San Felipe, a colonial-era fortress located on a small peninsula in the bay. After visits to the Cathedral San Felipe and the Plaza Independencia (the city’s former central park), your tour will move on to Don Fernando’s Ranch. Here, you’ll walk through plantations of coffee, cacao, bananas, mangos, and sugar cane, and among a variety of exotic flowers and plants, as you learn about the elaborate processes of making Dominican coffee, cacao, and rum.

LA ISABELA: COLUMBUS HISTORY AND FOLKLORE

Your journey starts with a brief overview of the history of Puerto Plata as you make your way to the long-abandoned town of La Isabela, founded by Columbus in 1493 and named after his patroness, Queen Isabella. At the La Isabela museum, you’ll learn how the indigenous Taino people, now extinct, lived and prepared their meals. The museum also features their utensils and tools used for hunting and fishing, as well as replicas of their straw-roofed huts and examples of their crops. Afterward, in the national historic park, you’ll visit the historical town, the reconstructed church, and the ruins, including the colonial-era cemetery and the remains of Columbus’ residence.

MUSEUMS, ARTS, AND FUERTE SAN FELIPE

Take a walk through the heart of Puerto Plata and admire its colorful Victorian architecture. Then get ready for your taste buds to join in the admiration as you move on to the Brugal Rum distillery, home of one of the Dominican Republic’s more popular and internationally acclaimed rums. Afterwards, take a guided tour of historic Fuerte San Felipe, the city’s colonial-era fortress, then end your tour with a walking visit to local art galleries and the Cathedral San Felipe.

TWO-REEF SNORKEL BY CATAMARAN

Explore the waters of the Dominican Republic’s north coast on board a modern 75-foot catamaran. Whether you’re a beginner or a more experienced snorkeler, we’ll provide you with professional equipment and professional help, so that you can enjoy the colorful underwater worlds of Three Rocks Reef and Sosua Bay to their fullest. Your trip will also include lunch on board, as well as an attentive crew dedicated to creating an unforgettable experience for you.

ZIP LINE TOURS

To see the Dominican Republic from yet another perspective, head out to a nearby nature adventure park in the rural community of Imbert. The zip lines range from 105 to 2,500 feet in length and carry you high above canyons, mountains, and wide open plains at speeds of more than 35 miles an hour. This is an exhilarating adventure, the only one of its kind in the Dominican Republic, and suitable for both beginners and intermediate zip liners.
Your Journey to the Dominican Republic

As you travel from Miami to the Dominican Republic, onboard orientation and training will prepare you for the varied activities waiting for you on shore. During your outbound voyage, you’ll be introduced to Dominican-inspired cuisine, get to know your fellow travelers, and have plenty of free time for relaxing and recharging.

On the island, a variety of impact activities will allow you to harness your own particular skills and passions to make the most meaningful contribution during your time on shore. And, although this calendar will give you some idea about what a typical week’s itinerary might look like, you’ll soon discover that there’s nothing typical about this experience at all.

A SAMPLE DAY ON BOARD:

6–9 AM • Leisure time on board for yoga, morning meditation, a workout at the gym, a healthy breakfast, or just a cup of coffee by the pool

9–11 AM • Attend a workshop on “How to Create and Tell Amazing Stories” Learn techniques from experts in storytelling and creative, solution-focused thinking to help you capture your story more effectively along the journey.

12–1 PM • Educational Impact Activities Join in the story of a vibrant group of independent Dominican entrepreneurs, learn the story of a locally owned business, or enjoy an intimate dinner at one of many world-class local dining destinations.

2–3 PM • Educational Impact Activities Engage in panel discussions, interactive workshops, or just a cup of coffee by the pool.

3–6 PM • Educational Impact Activities

7–8:30 PM • Attend keynote event Learn more about Fathom’s vision and the cumulative impact from previous trips, and enjoy Dominican music and entertainment on deck.

8:30–9:30 PM • Enjoy the voyage back to Florida

A SAMPLE DAY ON SHORE:

9–10 AM • Gather and depart from Amber Cove Meet up with other travelers taking part in the same impact activity, and join your guide to board small buses for the trip to the activity site.

10 AM–12 PM • Share your knowledge of English Work with local students in a friendly, conversational small-group setting to help them improve their English skills and increase their chances of finding well-paid employment.

12:30–1:30 PM • Have lunch at a nearby community center Join your fellow Fathom travelers for a quick meal of traditional Dominican fare prepared by women in the surrounding neighborhood.

1:30–4:30 PM • Option A: Work alongside Dominican entrepreneurs Participate in the story of a vibrant group of independent women who come together to form a successful collective that produces some of the Dominican Republic’s best artisanal chocolate.

1:30–4:30 PM • Option B: Relax at the pool or on the beach Bring your towel and relax in a private cabana at Amber Cove’s own pool. Or head to the beach, where you can rent snorkels, fins, and other water sports equipment.

4:30–5 PM • Travel back to Amber Cove

5–9 PM • Night on the town Take a short shuttle ride into town for some lively music and entertainment, or enjoy an intimate dinner at one of many world-class local dining destinations.
It’s never too soon to start sharing the world with your children, or to start teaching them by example about the value of making a difference. A number of Fathom impact activities are purposely family-friendly, with opportunities for children eight years old and up to participate, broaden their horizons, express their creative side, and have some fun in the process.

In the Dominican Republic, they can literally play in the dirt, working to make clay water filters or plant seedlings for reforestation efforts. They can help recycle paper and create simple beads for a jewelry-making co-op. They can learn how cacao becomes chocolate, and how that chocolate helps Dominican families earn a living. They can learn about Cuban art, music, history, culture, and everyday living from the Cuban people themselves, not just from books or videos. They can meet Dominican children in classroom settings and other community activities, where they can even offer something adult travelers can’t: connection with their young Caribbean counterparts on a peer level.

The fact that this is a cruise makes things even simpler for busy parents. You’ll be sleeping in the same place every night. You won’t have to worry about where to go for dinner or how to entertain the kids for the evening. Your next day’s activities are already on the calendar. Because the basic planning has already been done for you, you can put your energy into what matters: spending this time with your children. As you watch them function in new environments, as you talk with them about their adventures of the day, you’ll realize that your kids aren’t just growing in stature: They’re growing in empathy. And in their understanding of the wider world around them.

And they’re learning that, despite their surface differences, people everywhere are pretty much the same.
Onboard Adventures

Start your mornings with sunrise yoga. Or sleep in for a few sweet minutes longer, if you’re not a sunrise kind of person. Then fill a plate from the breakfast buffet, take your final cup of coffee out on deck, and watch as the sunlight glints from a passing ship out on the far horizon.

Ahead of you, days filled with brand-new adventures are waiting on shore. And there’s a lot you can do right now, at this moment, to get prepared for them.

When you stepped aboard on Sunday afternoon, your impact guide was waiting to greet you – and to make your Fathom experience more personal for you, even before your ship set sail. By now you’ve met the smaller group of travelers assigned to your guide, you’ve started getting to know them one on one, and already you’re feeling a shared sense of purpose for the week ahead.

Because this is no ordinary cruise, this will be no ordinary day. You’re about to be welcomed into a new culture, where the customs, languages and lifestyles you’ll encounter during your adventure will be different from the ones you left back home. During your time on board, three core workshops of about an hour each will prepare you and your group for the nuances of your impact journey onshore, as well as helping you integrate the week’s experience into your life going forward. Other onboard programs of your choice will help you dive even deeper into the culture of your destination country.

Core Workshops

CORE WORKSHOP 1: How to be a Fathom Traveler
This first day’s core workshop is the key to your entire Fathom experience. Here’s where you and your fellow Fathom travelers, working together, will begin to build the all-important awareness and empathy that will support you during your impact activities for the week. You’ll learn what to expect, how to understand your role, and how to fit comfortably into new situations and understand the differing cultural norms of the country you’re about to visit.

The intention of the interactive one-hour workshop is to help you prepare for the unique challenges and opportunities of your entry into another culture – not as an outsider looking in, but as an insider looking ahead to a brighter, more sustainable future for the people whose lives you’ll touch. You aren’t walking into their lives as a hero; you’re walking in as another human being, willing to join them in facing the challenges they experience every day, and willing to become part of the solution.

CORE WORKSHOP 2: DR/Cuba Orientation
This one-hour workshop is intended to give you a cultural and historical overview of your destination and its people: how they developed and evolved, how they live their daily lives, and how you, as a Fathom traveler, can have the right kind of genuine, lasting impact. You’ll also gain new insights into cultural norms and customs. Who to tip, for instance. When to shake hands. How to avoid unintentionally offending a new friend. You’ll emerge from the workshop equipped to step into a new environment with comfort, and with the confidence of understanding the culture of your host country and your role as a welcomed visitor.

CORE WORKSHOP 3: Fathom, You & Beyond
One of the most important things to remember about your Fathom experience is that the journey isn’t over just because the week has come to an end. This final one-hour core workshop, as your ship heads back to Miami, is intended to help you process what just happened – and what it means for you, in the long run. Is this something you want to carry forward into your own community and share with your friends? Are you so energized by your Fathom adventure that you’re ready do the whole thing all over again, and bring your friends next time? What can you do to stay connected to the impact you’ve had during the past week? The emphasis of this workshop will be on synthesizing the experience, integrating what you feel right now into your life going forward, and learning to tell the story of your Fathom journey so that you can communicate it in ways that continue to make a difference.

BEYOND THE CORE: Travel Farther, Right on Board
The core workshops are your essential preparation for your impact experience. But, during your days on board, you’ll also have lots of additional opportunities to immerse yourself more fully in your destination country and its culture.
Beyond the Core

And don’t think “classroom,” “lecture,” or “PowerPoint presentation.” You’re on a ship, remember? You’re supposed to be having fun. Which means that even the onboard activities with a specific impact purpose are designed to be interactive, informal, and free-spirited occasions for shared experiences and self-expression. Here are some examples of what we mean:

• Join small groups of fellow Fathom travelers for elementary Spanish classes, as you learn the essential words and phrases you’ll need to communicate with your new-found friends.
• Participate in an interactive workshop on how to teach English as a second language.
• Take classes in photography, storytelling, chocolate-making or, if you’re feeling particularly ambitious, all three.
• Learn some new Dominican and Cuban dance steps.
• Take advantage of talks, films and workshops to get you further oriented to the concept of impact travel and the culture of the people you’re about to meet.
• Explore Fathom’s new partnership with Ashoka, who have been pioneers and innovators in social impact for more than 30 years. By helping you and your fellow travelers work together in gaining the skills you need to collaborate on complex social problems, Ashoka’s unique Changemaker workshops will focus on unleashing the changemaker, and the greatness, in you and in everybody around you.

Of course, you’ll still have ample time to bask in the sunshine, read a good book, take a dip in the pool, and feel the warm Caribbean breezes in your hair. This is your cruise, and it’s your choice. Because we genuinely want your Fathom voyage to be the most memorable cruise experience of your life.

And then there are the evenings – ah, yes, the evenings. Maybe you’ll take in a Cuban or Dominican movie. Treat your taste buds to a rum tasting, a cocktail class, or time with friends in the lounge. Play some dominos or trivia games with your kids. Pick up a microphone and show off your karaoke skills. Or track down the DJ and dance the night away.

It’s your journey. It’s your adventure. We’re just here to help you make the most of it.

The purpose of life is to live it, to taste experience to the utmost, to reach out eagerly and without fear for newer and richer experience.
For mindful travelers, Fathom offers a truly historic opportunity: a chance to help build new bridges to a rich and vibrant culture that, until now, hasn’t been open to U.S. travelers by sea for more than 50 years.

As a Fathom traveler, you'll immerse yourself in the culture, history, and day-to-day lives of the Cuban people. You'll visit places you've only seen in photographs, and places you've never seen at all. And you'll harness the power of human connection as you interact, one on one, with the artists, musicians, small-business owners, students, and others who make up the fabric of Cuban society.

Fathom is proud to be among the first cruise ship companies to be granted U.S. approval for round-trip travel between the U.S. and Cuba. Your Fathom itinerary is authorized under current people-to-people guidelines as set forth by the U.S. government, which allow travel to Cuba for the purpose of engaging in activities that support the Cuban people. If you're serious in your desire to immerse yourself in another culture, there's never been a better time to make it happen.

With your help, Fathom's ongoing program of cultural, artistic, and humanitarian exchanges can create new bonds between the people of the U.S. and Cuba, support increased economic activity, and encourage the Cuban people to share their stories more completely with the world.

Cultural Immersion Days at Sea

Even at sea, your Cuban cultural experience will travel with you, helping you to deepen your connection to the country and its people. As your voyage takes you from port to port, you'll have the opportunity to practice your Spanish, take part in interactive workshops and discussions, watch Cuban films, and listen to expert speakers. You'll dine from Cuban-inspired menus. You'll revel in evenings of Cuban music and dance under a wide Caribbean sky.

The experience continues on your return journey, too. As you reflect with wonder on the week just past, you'll also be looking toward the future. On-board discussions and activities will focus on strengthening your new understanding of the Cuban people and their culture. And on-board workshops will give you the tools you need to continue your journey of discovery.
Ports of Call

Havana

Cuba’s colorful capital is probably best known for the Spanish-influenced architecture of Old Havana. But its historic castles, fortresses, cathedrals, mansions, and public buildings vie for attention with the city’s lively music and entertainment scene, an eclectic and sophisticated mix of museums, art galleries, music, dance, and open-air festivals that take full advantage of the island’s sunny Caribbean climate.

Cienfuegos

The coastal city of Cienfuegos, the center of Cuba’s sugar, tobacco, and coffee trades, is known to Cubans as the Pearl of the South. Near the entrance to the city’s spectacular natural bay stands the great stone fortress of Castillo de Jagua, built in 1745 to protect the city against pirate attacks.

Santiago de Cuba

The distinctly Caribbean spirit of Santiago de Cuba is evident in every aspect of the city’s cultural life. Cuba’s second largest city is home to the popular festivals of Carnaval and the Fiesta del Fuego, as well as to many of the country’s most famed musicians and artists and some of its most visited historic sites.

Two Days in Havana

During a walking tour of Old Havana, you meet business owners and workers and see, first-hand, why current restoration efforts in this UNESCO World Heritage site are crucial to both the city’s cultural pride and its economic future. At the Museo de la Revolución, the former Presidential Palace, your tour focuses on more recent history: preserved here are Batista’s presidential office, the vehicles and planes used during the 1950’s and the yacht that brought Fidel Castro from Mexico to Cuba. This afternoon also provides an opportunity to hop in a Classic American Car as you travel between activities.

In the city’s eastern district, you visit the UBPC Vivero Organopónico, one of Cuba’s most successful urban organic farms. Farther afield, you explore one of Ernest Hemingway’s favorite retreats: the nearby fishing village of Cojimar, setting for The Old Man and the Sea. Also on your itinerary for your two days in Havana are visits to Hemingway’s former home, dance lessons to some of the island’s most popular rhythms, and a first-hand look at the production of the island’s arguably most famous export: the fabled Cuban cigar. You’ll also have free time in the evenings to visit local night spots and hear the music of local jazz groups, dance bands, or Cuba’s famed Buena Vista Social Club.

A Day in Cienfuegos

Immerse yourself in the 19th-century French Colonial architecture of the city’s UNESCO World Heritage site. Enjoy private performances by the world-renowned cappella Choir of Cienfuegos and the local chamber music ensemble, learn the basics of a few local dances, and meet afterwards with the musicians to learn more about their lives, training, and roles as music professors at area schools. Your day in Cuba’s most cosmopolitan city also includes lunch at one of the privately owned restaurants or private homes known as paladares.

A Day in Santiago De Cuba

Your final port is Santiago de Cuba, capital of the Spanish colony of Cuba from 1522 until 1589 and still the island’s most important city after Havana. Today you step deep into the city’s colonial past as you tour the UNESCO World Heritage site of Castillo de San Pedro de la Roca. The coastal fortress, constructed in 1537 for the protection of the port city, holds the country’s most complete and best-preserved examples of Spanish-American military architecture and artifacts.

The more recent past is represented at the location of the Battle of San Juan Hill, where you visit the watchtower, get an up-close view of the cannons used during the battle, and view the memorial dedicated to those who lost their lives. Also on your day’s itinerary are other local landmarks, including the country’s tallest heroic statue in Antonio Maceo Revolution Square and the red-domed towers of the Basílica de Nuestra Señora de la Caridad del Cobre, Cuba’s most sacred pilgrimage site.
**A Sample Day On Board**

6-9 AM • Leisure time on board for yoga, morning meditation, a workout at the gym, a healthy breakfast, or just a cup of coffee by the pool.

9-11 AM • Cultural awareness and Ashoka Changemakers break-out sessions

Small-group discussions on encouraging independent economic activity, using art to create a vital cultural bridge, and how to unleash the greatness in everyone.

12-1 PM • Lunch on the Conservatory’s outdoor deck

Enjoy a Cuban-inspired menu that focuses on nourishing and sustainable foods. Take time to recharge so you’ll feel great all day long.

1-2 PM • Visit the spa

Make time to take care of your mind and body with a massage or a choice of other spa services.

2-3 PM • Cuba On-Board Film Festival

Immerse yourself in Cuba’s cinematic history, from the Golden 60s to today.

3-6 PM • Fathom Interactive Festival

Engage in panel discussions, interactive workshops, and solution-focused thinking sessions with leading social impact partners and entrepreneurs.

7-8:30 PM • Head to the Ocean Grill for a Cuban-inspired dinner

Explore cuisine as a window into the culture of the Cuban people. Cuban recipes, prepared by the Adonia’s expert chefs, make this a truly memorable food, beverage, and service experience.

8:30-9:30 PM • Attend keynote event

Learn more about Fathom’s vision and the cumulative impact from previous trips, and enjoy Cuban music and entertainment on deck.

**A Sample Day On Shore**

8-9 AM • Gather and depart from the Adonia.

Rise and shine as we sail into Havana. Enjoy breakfast on board and then prepare for your full day on shore.

9:30-11:30 AM • Old City Walking Tour

Start your day with a walking tour of Old Havana where you’ll get acquainted with a town that has excitement round every corner. You will get to take a stroll down the Prado to the Capitol which is almost an exact replica of the one that stands in Washington D.C. Next visit Old Havana’s four main squares: Plaza Vieja, San Francisco de Asis Square, Plaza de Armas and the Cathedral Square.

11:45 AM-1:15 PM • Dine Like a Local

Enjoy a traditional Cuban lunch at a local restaurant.

1:30-4:00 PM • A Walk in Hemingway’s Footsteps

Head to the town of Cojimar where Hemingway used to spend his days. The local staff will show you around and share pictures and stories of Hemingway and how he spent his days hanging out and fishing with the locals. Next walk down to the Marina where Hemingway kept his boat and interact with fishermen and muscles of the town. Hear about the little fishing village just across the water and how Hemingway came to be part of that close knit community. Enjoy some traditional Cuban music from local musicians while visiting the memorial dedicated to Hemingway.

4:15-5:00 PM • Revolution Square and Classic Cars

Visit Revolution Square which is both a symbol of Cuba’s history and the place where it is still being made. Here, Castro has addressed millions of Cubans on many occasions. This afternoon also provides an opportunity to hop in a Classic American Car as you travel between activities. Interact with your local driver and learn how they keep these beauties up and running and looking like new. Round out the afternoon with a visit to the Colon Cemetery to view the myriad of magnificently sculpted mausoleums and chapels and learn the story behind the most visited tombstone in all of Cuba, that of Amelia Goyri de la Hoz – known to Cubans as “La Milagrosa” (The Miraculous Woman) – before returning to the ship.

6:15-9:00 PM • A Night in Havana

Explore on your own or sign up for one of our optional evening excursions.

**Your Journey to Cuba**

As Cuba welcomes U.S. travelers by sea for the first time in more than half a century, you’ll feel the excitement in the air from the moment you step on board your ship. Cuban movies, music, and cuisine will all be part of your time at sea, as you learn more about the remarkable people you’re about to meet.

Your time on the island is intended to be a true cultural immersion experience – part learning, part sharing, and lots of pure enjoyment – as you get to know the Cuban people face to face. This calendar of a typical week’s itinerary will give you some idea of the possibilities.
Your Home at Sea

The 704-passenger Adonia, refurbished in 2011 and scheduled to be refreshed again in March 2016, will serve as a comfortable home base throughout your trip. With restaurants, lounges, bars, pools, a spa, a state-of-the-art gym, and all the other amenities of a 21st-century passenger ship, you’ll never lack for opportunities to relax. Thoughtfully prepared Cuban- and Dominican-inspired meals will nourish your body. And, of course, there’s the infinite mystery of the wide open sea around you. So your spirit gets some much-needed nourishment, too.

In addition to its built-in amenities, which include on-board medical care if it’s needed, the Adonia was purposely chosen for this journey because it’s small enough to let you get genuinely acquainted with your fellow travelers: the people who share your commitment to meaningful travel, the people you’ll be working alongside during your time on the ground. And, for the Fathom voyager, that could be the most important amenity of all.

Adonia deck plans

30,277 tons, Bermudan Registry
First entered service in 2001
Scheduled refurbishment March 2016
Operating capacity: 704 travelers and 373 crew
These deck plans are applicable for Fathom sailings to Dominican Republic and Cuba starting April 2016.

CABIN NOTES
- Cabin has one additional bed in the form of a single sofa bed
- Cabin has two additional beds in the form of upper Pullman berths
- Cabin has one additional bed in the form of upper Pullman berth
- Cabin has an armchair instead of a sofa
- Cabin has a desk chair instead of a sofa
- Cabins with interconnecting doors
- All adapted cabins have a shower only

Note: All upper berths in twin cabins are accessible via a ladder. When upper berths are in use, lower berths cannot be converted to a double.
The base price of your trip includes a comfortable cabin for every night of your trip. It’s one of the great advantages of shipboard travel: unpack once, and you’re done. So you can spend the next seven days concentrating on more important things.

**Your Home on Board**

Add a little extra luxury to your journey.

Air-conditioned suites have two lower beds that can be converted to a queen-size bed. In addition to a shower, sink, and toilet, bathrooms have a whirlpool bath and include bathrobes and slippers for use during your cruise. A separate lounge area has a sofa, chairs, table, writing desk, mini-stereo, TV, radio, telephone, refrigerator, and tea/coffee-making facilities. There are also a safe and a hair dryer. Suites feature magazine and newspaper selection, a fruit bowl, mineral water, flowers, daily canapés, and a special Fathom welcome gift on arrival.

Don’t just look out at the view; step into it, on your own private balcony.

Air-conditioned balcony cabins have two lower beds that can be converted to a queen-size bed. Floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors lead to a balcony with recliner chairs and table. Bathrooms have a shower, sink and toilet. Every cabin has a sofa or chair, table, writing desk, TV, radio, telephone, refrigerator, tea/coffee-making facilities, a hair dryer, and a safe.

These roomy cabins are the perfect balance between comfort and economy.

Air-conditioned outside cabins have two lower beds that can be converted to a queen-size bed. Bathrooms have a shower, sink and toilet. There are also a writing desk, TV, radio, telephone, safe, tea/coffee-making facilities, hair dryer, and ample wardrobe and drawer space. All outside cabins have either a window or a porthole. Single outside cabins have one extra-wide single bed.

Economize in style, with a cozy and beautifully designed space to rest your head.

Air-conditioned, mirrored inside cabins have two lower beds that can be converted to a queen-size bed. Bathrooms have a shower, sink and toilet. There are also a writing desk, TV, radio, telephone, safe, tea/coffee-making facilities, hair dryer, and ample wardrobe and drawer space. Single inside cabins have one extra-wide single bed.

We believe making a dent in the universe should be the most fun you’ll ever have. Join us.

The minimum age for children on Fathom trips is eight years old at time of sailing. Visit fathom.org for more details about family groups and travelers under 21.

For full terms and conditions, please refer to fathom.org. If you cancel your trip, there is a related cancellation fee: more than 90 days before departure: no fee. 90 to 76 days: fee is deposit. 75 to 46 days: 50% of fare. 45 to 31 days: 75% of fare. 30 days or less: 100% of fare.
Your Journey Home

All too soon, your time on the island is over, and everyday life is waiting for you back home. But you aren’t saying goodbye to anything, not really. You’ve made new friends. You’ve helped prepare the way for future travelers. You’ve gained a whole new perspective on what it means to make a real difference in somebody else’s life. And you’ll carry the memory of this week with you for a long, long time to come.

Back at sea, the reflections on the water echo the reflections in your mind. How far can those Dominican students go with their new English skills? Did you really just see a Cuban cigar made by hand? Did you really stand on the same shores where Ernest Hemingway once walked? How will increased incomes, better work opportunities, and new ties to the wider world continue to impact the lives of the people you’ve met? And what can you do, from this point forward, to keep making that kind of difference in the world around you?

On your cruise back to Miami, you keep the experience alive with traditional music and dance performances. You take a cooking class, to learn to prepare your new favorite dishes. You decide to put together a short documentary or an album to take home with you. You share your experience and insights, not just for the benefit of your fellow travelers, but also for the benefit of the travelers who’ll be following in your footsteps. You participate in a workshop to learn how you can continue your impact journey back home in your own home community.

And you realize that this journey isn’t really over.

As a matter of fact, it’s only begun.

You’ve made new friends.
You’ve helped prepare the way for future travelers.
And you’ve learned what it means to be part of making a difference.