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SJSV Chamber to host unique cultural, travel exploration of Cuba in May

A once-in-a-lifetime travel and cultural discovery opportunity to Cuba is now available to SJSV Chamber members and other members of the Silicon Valley community.

The chamber is hosting a nine-day visit called "Discover Cuba" that will travel to island destinations including Havana, Cienfuegos (Pearl of the South), Trinidad, Playa Giron and the Hemingway Farm, among many destinations. The excursion will run May 22-30. Cost is \$3,799 and includes food, lodging and travel and roundtrip air fare from Los Angeles International Airport.

Designed to be an excursion exploring the culture and history of Cuba, the trip will offer many people-to-people interactions at public markets, cooperatives, museums, churches and other civic institutions. There will even be salsa dancing lessons.

"The trip is a very unique opportunity to legally explore Cuba and discover an island rich in cultural treasures," said Matt Mahood, the chamber's president and CEO. "The tour company, Chamber Explorations, is licensed by the U.S. Department of the Treasury to conduct these tours and they do a fantastic job for chambers around the country."

Pat Dando, former SJSV Chamber chief executive, will serve as the delegation's travel host. View more trip details at sjchamber.com or contact Lina Guzman at linag@sjchamber.com or 408-291-5278.

The SJSV Chamber of Commerce is a nonprofit business association representing nearly 1,500 employers and 250,000 employees throughout the greater Silicon Valley. Its mission is to create a strong local economy, provide premier business connections and visibility, represent the interests of business to government, promote the community and initiate political and community action. For more chamber information, visit sjchamber.com.