



# A REVOLUTIONARY PERSPECTIVE ON EDUCATION

JULY 14, 2017 in Miami, Florida & JULY 15-23, 2017 in Havana, Cuba

## EXPERIENCE CUBA

Join Florida International University and The University of New Mexico for a 9-day trip to Cuba in which we'll focus on educational practice and philosophy on the island. We'll visit museums with stunning collections, meet with grassroots organizations working on literacy, environmental science, and the humanities, interact with k-12 teachers and administrators, tour university campuses and meet with professors, and dialogue with community members about the role of society and culture in education. Through these exchanges we will explore themes of literacy education, alternative learning models, teacher education, culturally relevant pedagogy, and civic engagement and social responsibility. We will explore various districts in and around Havana as part of the planned itinerary, and free evenings will allow participants additional time to explore on their own. The program kicks off on July 14, 2017 in Miami, FL, with a one-day educational training session led by FIU Cuban Studies experts. In addition to bringing all participants together, the session will provide a basic foundation on Cuba and contextualize the issues and topics that will be examined while abroad.

# ITINERARY

(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)



## THURSDAY, JULY 13: Travel

- Arrival in Miami for non-Florida participants
- No scheduled programming

## FRIDAY, JULY 14: Pre-Departure

- Convene in Miami for one-day educational training session led by FIU Cuban Studies experts
- Lunch provided
- Dinner on your own; evening free

## SATURDAY, JULY 15: Welcome

- Arrival in Havana
- Welcome lunch at Paladar Casa Blanca (included) and orientation with local coordinators
- Check-in at Hotel Bosque; dinner on your own; evening free

## SUNDAY, JULY 16: Exploring the City as Text

- Explore Habana Vieja, the oldest historical district of Havana; walk along Plaza Vieja, Mercaderes Street, Plaza de Armas, and the Cathedral
- Lunch at Paladar San Cristobal (included)
- Tour Vedado Downtown, the Anti-imperialist Tribune, the Monument to the Maine Battleship, University of Havana, and Columbus Cemetery
- Drive to Miramar and visit the Miramar Trade Center
- Return to hotel
- Optional group dinner at El Cocinero Paladar (cost not included) and optional visit to the Fábrica de Arte Cubano (FAC), an old cooking oil factory that has been restored and is now the venue for concerts and exhibits of vanguard art in Cuba (cover cost not included; one-way transportation included)

## MONDAY, JULY 17: Perspectives in Education:

### From Nation to Neighborhood

- Meeting with the Cuban Institute of Friendship with the Peoples (ICAP)
- Tour the University of Havana
- Visit to Barrio Habana, a community initiative that serves children, youth, and elderly through engaging programming
- Return to hotel
- Explore civic education initiatives through meeting with Espiral, a grassroots organization dedicated to working with young people on environmental issues and sustainable development through Freirean practices; discussion of various pressing issues with college students and young professionals
- Dinner on your own; evening free

## TUESDAY, JULY 18: Trends in Higher Education and Civic Engagement

- Visit the Literacy Campaign Museum and meet with Director Luisa Campos from the Pedagogical University, along with former participants of the literacy campaign
- Overview of the Cuban educational system
- Explore art as a means of community empowerment through visit to the home and art studio of ceramist and painter José Fuster
- Lunch at the art studio (included)
- Discussion of comparative education in Cuba and the US
- Dinner on your own; evening free

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 19: Community Literacy, Art, and Advocacy

- Meeting with professor of the Yo, sí puedo program
- Visit to Callejón de Hammel, a street cultural center by painter and muralist Salvador González Escalona, whose internationally known artwork deals with the roots and influences of African religions in Cuba. Meet with Elias Assef, specialist on Afro-Cuban religion and general manager of Gonzalez Escalona's gallery
- Lunch at Paladar La California (included)
- Visit to the community project El Niño y la Niña, which uses education as a tool for defending children's rights and reducing their vulnerabilities
- Return to hotel for conversation with Junior High School Principal Mayrel Suarez
- Dinner on your own; evening free

## THURSDAY, JULY 20: Practicing Education

- Meeting with professor for the teaching of reading and writing
- Visit to the Scale Model of Old Havana
- Lunch at El Mesón de la Flota (included) in Old Havana
- Visit to the art project, Muraleando, which provides art programming to the community
- Dinner with Cuban educators, who will engage in informal conversations with small groups about their experiences (cost not included)

## FRIDAY, JULY 21: Alternative Learning Models: Education, Ethics, and Sustainability

- Drive to Artemisa (1.5 hours)
- Visit Las Terrazas, a UNESCO-recognized biosphere reserve and national park that houses a community of 1,000 people
- Enjoy coffee at Café de Maria
- Visit to the daycare center "Mi Terracita" and discussion of alternative learning models
- Lunch at Casa del Campesino (included)
- Return to Havana; dinner on your own; optional cultural activities

SATURDAY, JULY 22: Cultural Preservation and Community Programming

- Visit the Fine Arts Museum and observe community art workshops for students and families;
- Visit the Arts and Crafts Market
- Lunch on your own and free time to explore Old Havana
- Return to the hotel
- Presentation and discussion with Okan-Tomi, a grassroots company that explores and reworks Afro-Cuban dances and musical traditions to educate for diversity
- Farewell dinner and party (included)

SUNDAY, JULY 23: Departure for US

## IMPORTANT DEADLINES

**April 14, 2017:** \$500 non-refundable deposit due along with required paperwork

**May 12, 2017:** Balance of full payment due along with signed risks and conditions form.

## ABOUT THE SPONSORS

This education-focused People-to-People program is offered jointly by the Kimberly Green Latin American and Caribbean Center (LACC) at Florida International University and the Latin American & Iberian Institute (LAI) at The University of New Mexico.

## FOR MORE INFO OR TO APPLY

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### **PRACTICING EDUCATORS RECEIVE A SPECIAL RATE OF \$2,195.**

The sponsoring institutions have partially subsidized the program in order to make the trip more financially accessible for practicing educators. This includes administrators, teachers, educational aides, or librarians of private, public, or charter K-12 schools and faculty within a College of Education or Teacher Education program.

This subsidy is made available with the support of the institutions' U.S. Department of Education Title VI National Resource Center grants. As a result of grant guidelines, non-educators are not eligible for this subsidy and must pay the complete program fee of \$2,695. For more details or questions about individual eligibility, contact your respective institution.

Space is limited. Individuals are encouraged to reserve their space as soon as possible. Priority will be granted to educators, but all are eligible to participate.

### THE PROGRAM COST INCLUDES

- Accommodations at Hotel Bosque in Havana (based upon double occupancy)
  - single occupancy available for additional \$200
- Breakfast and either lunch or dinner every day
- Transportation to/from airport in Havana
- Ground transportation for all programmed activities in Cuba
- Entrance fees for programmed activities (unless otherwise indicated)
- Guides and translation for programmed activities
- Health insurance

### THE PROGRAM COST DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Domestic roundtrip airfare to/from Miami
- Roundtrip airfare from the US to Cuba\*
- Cuban airport departure tax
- Expenses in Miami, including transportation to and from mandatory one-day session on July 14, 2017
- Meals not included in the program
- Drinks, tips, etc.
- Optional and/or unscheduled activities (including transportation for those activities)

*\*please note that summer flights to Cuba can sell out far in advance and may be subject to price spikes depending on availability. Please contact us to discuss when and how to make your flight reservations as soon as you have provided your deposit. Program fees will not be refunded if you are unable to reserve airfare to Cuba.*