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“In Canoe from the Amazon to the Caribbean”

Sustainable Development and Cultural Exchange in Cuba

June 22- July 1, 2018

Friday June 22 **Arrival and Orientation** **(D)**

am Check in for Departure from USA
2:00m Transfer for the group from Jose Marti International Airport.
4:00PM Transfer to Hotel Inglaterra (to be requested- or to your casas particulares).
Enjoy a small break to check in, shower, and rest.
6:00 PM **Orientation Meeting & Briefing-** engage in an overview of our delegation together in Cuba. We will review health and safety issues, petty crime, culture and group dynamics in Cuba!
7:30PM **Welcome Dinner at San Cristobal, with invited guests for FANJ.**



Saturday June 23 **Historical Overview of Cuba** **(B,L)**

9:00 AM **Invited Speaker** to hotel to give a historical overview of the development of Havana (Requested architect and urban planner **Miguel Coyula**).
11:00 AM 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. Historian's massive efforts to restore Old Havana buildings, attract tourism and new investment, and improve social services for local residents. See buildings and homes in different stages of reconstruction, meet with neighborhood residents. Learn about how tourism impacts economic good.

3:00-4:00 PM Free for the Symposium and its activities.
Dinner and evening are free for personal exploration.

7:30pm Dinner at a local paladar with special guest **Documentary Film Maker Gloria Rolando** she will share a recent documentary of her Hatian grandmother 's story.

Wednesday June 27th (B, L)

9:00AM Morning free.

11:00AM Free for the Symposium and its activities.

1:00PM Lunch

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Dinner and evening are free for personal exploration.

Thursday June 28th (B, L)

9:00AM **Exchange with a representative of CITMA, the** Ministerio de Ciencia Tecnología y Medio Ambiente, to learn about Cuba's efforts to promote sustainable development. We'll learn about shared marine ecosystems with the US, concerns around climate change and local environmental pressures and conservation efforts by the Cuban people. We'll also discuss how communities in habitat reserve areas and mountainous and coastal zones are involved in environmental and habitat protection.

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Friday June 29th (B,L)

8:30am Enjoy a day excursion through Pinar del Rio Province to scenic **Vinales Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage Site** since 1999. Encircled by mountains and interspersed with dramatic rocky outcrops, traditional agricultural techniques, particularly of tobacco, are still practiced here. The quality of this cultural landscape is enhanced by the vernacular architecture of its farms and villages where a rich multiethnic society survives, illustrating the cultural development of the islands of the Caribbean and Cuba. In the late morning, we enjoy a guided walking tour through the farms in Vinales Valley. We'll meet with different farmers, including tobacco farmers, and their families to learn about Cuban agriculture and small scale farming. Following the tour, we'll have lunch in the town of Vinales. In the afternoon, we'll have a briefing with the town historian in Vinales to learn about rural development in this beautiful



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