



## Education and Excellence in the African Diaspora in Cuba *November 18 – 26, 2019*

### Monday , Day 1      Arrival and Orientation (D)

**Morning Arrival in Jose Marti International Airport.** We ask that the group arrive by 2 pm .

4:00pm    Group Check in

6:00pm    **Welcome Meet and Greet with a Welcome Mojito.**

6:30 pm    **AAREA Orientation Meeting & Briefing-** engage in an overview of our delegation together in Cuba.

8:00 pm    Welcome Dinner at El Cimarron Paladar <https://www.elcimarron-cuba.com/paladar>

### Tuesday Day 2                      History and Orientation to 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*). Here you will understand the history and the current political economy of Cuba.

**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.

Lunch in old Havana at Hemingway's old dive the Bodequita del Medio . continue

City Tour.

3:00pm Historian, Speaker - **the History of the French Revolution in Cuba, and Cuba's solidarity with Africa.** We will also learn about the 1812 Aponte Rebellion in Cuba and the Struggle against Atlantic Slavery.

5:00pm Break to rest or explore on your own.

Evening Dinner is free tonight but we will make a reservation so we can share with each other. Tonight we will be joined by Nancy Morejon. Hear about her career as a Cuban educator and writer. *In 1986 she won the Cuban "Premio de la crítica" (Critic's Prize) for Piedra Pulida, and in 2001 won Cuba's National Prize for Literature,<sup>[3]</sup> awarded for the first time to a black woman.* [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nancy\\_Morejón](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nancy_Morejón)

### Wednesday Day 3                    The Revolution and Education                    (B,L)

9:00am Briefing and overview of the Cuban public education system with a representative of **MINED-the Ministry of Education.** Here we will learn about education as guaranteed by the state, and the history of education/pedagogy since 1959.

11:00am We learn about the history of the Literacy Campaign in Cuba with an informative visit to **the Literacy Museum.** This museum documents how Cuba educated its entire population and the programs that it inspires around the world today.

1:00 pm Lunch at El Aljibe and our **City Tour of Modern Havana** by bus continues.

3:30 pm **Exchange with ISA the Fine Arts School and with students there or another performance arts school**

5:00 pm Evening and dinner are **free tonight but we will make a reservation so we can share with each other.**

10:00 pm **Recommended option:** Enjoy live jazz at the **Zora y El Cuervo**

### Thursday, Day 4                    Excursion to Matanzas                    (B,D)

8:30am Check out of hotel

9:00 am Exchange with **Gloria Rolando,** AfroCuban film maker to discuss national identity, ethnicity and the AfroCuban roots in Cuban Culture. She will also share about the Hatian Diaspora in Cuba. We will see Gloria's short Dialogues with my grandmother.

<http://www.afrocubaweb.com/gloriarolando/gloriarolando.htm>

11:00 am **Visit to the community arts program the Callejon de Hamel.**

1:00pm After lunch we are off for the provinces of **Matanzas** known for its Afro-Cuban culture and legacy is called the "City of Bridges" or the Athens of Cuba. We stop at the **Bacunayagua Bridge** on way to Matanzas town. Visit to the



11:00am Visit to **ELAM, the Latin American Medical School** and exchange with students.  
12:00 pm Free time for lunch and shopping at the San Jose De Almancenés Crafts market.  
3:30pm Tour the **University of Havana** meeting with **Norma Vassallo** to discuss **gender in education**.  
5:00pm Visit to **Icaep** for an exchange on **US/Cuban Relations**.  
8:00pm **Farewell Dinner** at San Cristobal Paladar.

**Tuesday, Day 9** **Hasta Luego!** **(B)**

9:00am Check out of Hotel and transfer to Jose Marti International Airport for our departures back to USA.

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