



## Los Rios Community College Cuba Delegation

### *Education, Culture and Community in Cuba*

April 4 – 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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#### April 4, 2020

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| 2:00 pm | Please plan your arrival in Havana by 2 pm if you would like to take our group transfer to the hotel. Or arrive on your own and taxi to your hotel. |
| 4:00 pm | Check in to your 3 star hotel the Hotel Copacabana.   |
| 6:00 pm | Orientation and Meet and Greet Session.   |
| 8:00pm  | Welcome Dinner at San Cristobal Paladar   |

**Meals Included :** Dinner

#### April 5, 2020 :

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| 9:00a  | Explanation of the history and development of Havana by an architect/urban planner, explanation of the social and political effects on the development of the Cuban Capital (Miguel Coyula requested). |
| 11:00m | Visit to the <b>Bellas Artes Museum for an overview of Cuban Contemporary Arts.</b>  |

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- 12:30m Lunch in Old Havana, at the **Figaro**, then visit to the **Arte y Corte project**, one of the new efforts in economic self employment, sponsored by Office of the Historian.
- 2:00 pm Walking tour of Old Havana and visit to the Taller Graffica. 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.
- 4:00pm We end our City tour with a visit to Central Park, as we explore the new **Capitolo and the Gran Teatro** named after Alicia Alonzo.
- 6:00pm Break to debrief, swim or relax.
- Dinner and Evening free for your own exploration– we recommend the **The Fabrica del Arte** if it is open.
- Meals Included :** Breakfast, Lunch

### April 6<sup>th</sup> 2020 :

- 9:00 am Engage with ICAP, **the Cuban Institute for Friendship with the People** for a discussion on the current relationship between the US and Cuba. They will address the issues associated with the explanation of the critical elements of the constitution project and to emphasize the characteristics of the election process in Cuba.
- 11:30am Learn about the history of the revolution at the **Museo de la Revolucion.**
- Lunch **At Hemingway's old dive**, La Bodeguita del Medio.
- 2:00pm Learn about the promotion of Cuban arts and writers, with **UNEAC-The Union of Cuban Writers and Authors.**
- 4:00pm Visit to **Revolutions Square then we will visit the studio of Cuban Photograper Roberto Salas.**

Dinner and Evening free like for cultural activities like live jazz at the Jazz at **La Zora y El Cuervo**.

**Meals Included :** Breakfast and Lunch

### April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 :

9:30 am **Tour the University of Havana** and then exchange with a professor or Cuban art or history .

11:00am Visit to the **Literacy Museum** to learn about Cuba's mass literacy programs.

12:30pm **Lunch at Jardin de los Milagros**

2:30pm **Meeting with a representative of MINED, the Ministry of Public Education**, to exchange about the Education System in Cuba.

4:00pm **Visit to a local community development project, like Nicolas Guillan.**

6:00pm Dinner and Evening are free for cultural activities.

**Meals Included :** Breakfast and Lunch

### April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 :

9:00am Day Free for personal research and exploration and we will not have our guide or bus.

10:00am Enjoy meeting a local **Cuban author (Zurelys López Amaya** or another to be invited) to talk about Cuban literature today **and Cuban poet Nancy Morejon.** (at the hotel).

Today we also recommend that you visit and support local Cuban artists and crafts persons with a visit to the San Jose de Almancenés Faire.

**Meals Included :** Breakfast

**April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 :**

- 9:00am Today we enjoy a day excursion to the stunning **Viñales Valley, in the province of Pinar del Rio**. On arrival in Viñales we will visit the center and the garden of Soledad and lunch in the organic farm El Paraiso with view over the valley (typical farmers kitchen with several options). In the afternoon we will walk in the valley of Viñales passing by the beautiful mogotes and exchange with tobacco farmers.  
Drop off at the hotel. Evening free for cultural activities.
- 6:30 pm **Meals Included :** Breakfast, Lunch

**April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 :**

- 9:00am Visit and exchange at **Institute of Philosophy-El Grupo América Latina: Filosofía Social y Axiología**, for a discussion on methodologies of popular education and participatory action research (IAP) and their contributions to social movements in Cuba, Latin America, and Caribbean.
- 11:00am **Visit to the Fototeca**, to explore about contemporary Cuban photography.
- 1:00pm **Lunch at Hemingway's Floridita.**
- 2:30 pm Walk down Obispo street to visit the **Librería Victoria and Memorias Librería.**
- 4:00pm We finish our day exchanging with local artists and musicians. If our delegation is small we will enjoy time with a local community arts project like Murraleando and if it is larger than 15 we will have a private concert with a local Cuban band like Grupo Mezcla or Haydee Soul.
- 6:00pm **Free time**
- 8:00pm **Farewell dinner**  
**Meals Included :** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

8:00am | Breakfast

9:00am | Check out and depart for the airport.

**Meals Included :** Breakfast

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