

CUBA FOR EDUCATORS

Day 1

Havana

- 10:15 AM** Depart from home city airport.
- 1:45 PM** Arrive to **Jose Marti** International airport in Havana. Group will be met at airport by a Uniropa tour coordinator who will accompany clients on a twenty minute bus ride to **Saratoga** hotel, a five star accommodation in the heart of Old Havana.
- 4:30 PM** Enjoy upon arrival a reception at the Mezzanine where cold drinks will be provided.
- 6:30pm** Welcome dinner at **Mirador Saratoga**.

Evening free for personal exploration. Opportunity to walk the very safe streets of Old Havana and hear music everywhere you go.

Day 2:

Historic Havana & Cuban Education

- AM** Each morning a buffet breakfast is included in this hotel.
- 9:30 AM** Bus transfer from Saratoga hotel to the **US Embassy**.
- 10:00 AM** Presentation on Cuban politics and economics at the U.S Embassy
- 12:30 PM** Lunch at **Comedor de Aguiar** at the **Hotel Nacional**.
- 2:15 PM** Pick up the group at Comedor de Aguiar
- 2:30 PM** Afternoon walking tour of Habana Vieja.

Visit **Plaza de Armas**, a scenic tree-lined plaza formerly at the center of influence in Cuba. It is surrounded by many of the most historic structures in Havana as well as important monuments.

Visit **Plaza de San Francisco**, a cobbled plaza punctuated at the center by

the Fuente de los Leones and surrounded by buildings dating from the 18th century, dominated by the baroque **Iglesia y Convento de San Francisco** dating from 1719.

Visit **Plaza de la Catedral** and the **Catedral de San Cristobal de la Habana** with its two mismatched towers framing a baroque façade and a main altar made of Carrara marble inlaid with gold, silver, onyx and carved wood.

3:00 PM Visit to primary school **Angela Landa** in Plaza Vieja.

4:30 PM Visit to the **University of Havana**. We will tour the campus led by the Historian of the University and Professor of Law **Delio Carrera** who will lecture on Cuban University Educational system.

6:00 PM Remain of the afternoon free for personal exploration

7:30 PM Optional dinner at La Guarida.

Day 3:

US – Cuba Relations

9:00 AM Leave the hotel to the Institute of International Relations.

9:30 AM **Discussion on US- Cuba relations.**

Hosted by Prof. Carlos Alzugaray from the Instituto Superior Relaciones Internacionales (Institute of International Relations). Our discussion will focus on the history of US-Cuban relations as well as current issues facing both countries. Dr. Alzugaray has held a variety of high ranking positions in the Cuban government including Ambassador to Belgium and Luxembourg and Head of the Cuban Mission to the European Union.

11:00 AM Foreign Investment in Cuba. Meeting hosted by the **Chamber of Commerce of Cuba.**

1:00 PM Lunch on your own

2:30 PM Artist studio visits: **Raul Cordero / Marot / Los Carpintero**

7:00 PM Leave the hotel for dinner at **El Aljibe**

10:00 PM **OPTIONAL** - visit to the famous **TROPICANA** night Club

Day 4:

Havana

9:00 AM Visit **Partagas** cigar factory where you will learn how cigars are made.

10:30 AM Meeting with **Ernst and Young & Associates Ltd.** Mr. Mathew Pickles (British) will discuss the practical aspects of a foreign owned consulting firm operating in Cuba as well as the challenges faced by foreign businesses seeking to do business in Cuba. Lecture will be held in the conference room of the Capitol building.

NOON Visit to **Bocoy Rum** factory

1:00 PM Windshield tour of modern Havana including **Revolution Square** and Miramar district the former upper class neighborhood before the Revolution.

2:00 PM Cold drinks and finger food luncheon with foreign correspondents at Havana's Yacht Club – "**Club Havana**" the former Havana Biltmore Yatch & Country Club before the Revolution.

4:00 PM Remain of the afternoon free to explore Havana on your own or visit the famous open-air handicraft market of Old Havana where you can purchase all sorts of crafts and souvenirs done by local artisans.

8:30 PM Spanish Ballet performance at Gran Teatro de la Habana.

Day 5:

Hemingway & Varadero Beach

9:30 AM Leave the hotel on private coach to Varadero. We stop en route to visit **Ernest Hemingway's** former estate, **Finca la Vigia**. The house is exactly as Hemingway left it just prior to the Revolution. Visitors are allowed to walk around the house.

Stop at **Bacunayagua** bridge.

Arrive to Varadero early evening. Check in at **Melia Las Americas**. Three

nights accommodation in all inclusive.

Day 7:

Varadero

- AM/PM** Free day of personal exploration – Enjoy the beach or stroll the local markets
- 7:00 PM** Dinner at the famous Dupont Mansion (brief tour of mansion pre dinner)

Day 8:

Departure

- 10:00 AM** Depart for Havana international airport.
- 12:00 PM** Arrive to Jose Marti international - Pay Cuban Departure Tax
- 2:45 PM** Leave Havana
- 6:20 PM** Arrive home city

Includes:

- Accommodation four nights at Saratoga hotel w/ breakfast
- Accommodation three nights at Melia Las Americas in All Inclusive
- Two double rooms free of charge at Saratoga hotel for tour leaders.
- Program coordination and assistance
- Bilingual guide
- Extra guides for walking tour in Old Havana and Art Studio Visits
- Transportation in 55 seater bus w/ air conditioned according to program
- Extra bus service for Art Studio visits
- Welcome dinner at Saratoga hotel
- Lunch at Comedor de Aguiar at Hotel Nacional
- Speaker Dr. Delio Carreras
- Speaker Prof. Carlos Alzugaray
- Meeting with the Chamber of Commerce of Cuba
- Art Studios visits
- Pool reception at Saratoga hotel
- Partagas cigar factory
- Boco Rum factory
- Cocktails and finger food at Club Habana
- Dinner at El Aljibe
- Hemingway's State Finca Vigia
- Dinner at Dupont Mansion

Not included

- Tropicana
- Gratuities (porters, restaurants, guides, etc)
- Departure tax (25.00cuc Cash)