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CUBA: THROUGH THE EYES OF THE PEOPLE

An Insider's View of Havana, Cienfuegos & Trinidad



March 19 to 26, 2016

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Dear Alumni, Parents, and Friends,

With the advent of normalized relations between the United States and Cuba, more Americans than ever are interested in visiting this enigmatic island during this period of momentous change. We are delighted to once again offer an exploration of the exciting art, remarkable architecture, and unique culture of Cuba, with special entrée to the country's arts community.

Professor Jerrilynn Dodds will be joining the tour as our faculty host. She has traveled to Cuba for the last decade, and has led numerous study groups to Cuba and is eager to share her knowledge with you.

Begin in Havana, staying at the Hotel Parque Central in the atmospheric old city, which we will discover on a walking tour. Learn from experts in Cuban economics and history, visit the Museo de la Revolución, and meet leading artists at a private reception at the Ludwig Foundation for the

Arts. Take a curatorial tour of the Cuban art collection at the National Museum of Fine Arts, and engage with professors and students at the Instituto Superior de Arte (ISA), the country's leading art school. Visit Sarah Lawrence students currently spending a semester abroad in Havana and hear their impressions of the country.

On an overnight excursion to the southern coast, admire the neoclassical buildings of seaside Cienfuegos, the only Cuban city founded by the French. Meet the members of the world-renowned choir Cantores de Cienfuegos before a private performance, and spend a morning chatting with artists and craftspeople in nearby Trinidad, one of Cuba's many UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

I hope you will join us for this unique immersion in the many celebrated arts of Cuba!

Sincerely,



Cheryl Cipro
Director of Alumni Relations
Regional and Special Programs

TRAVELING WITH YOU



Jerrilynn Dodds, Dean of the College from 2009–2015, is now a professor of the History of Art at Sarah Lawrence. She is also a museum curator, consultant, and lecturer at The Metropolitan Museum of Art. Before coming to Sarah Lawrence, she was Distinguished Professor of Art History at City College of the City University of New York, and has also taught at Columbia, Harvard University, and MIT. Dodds is a prize-winning documentary filmmaker and distinguished author. Her books include *Architecture and Ideology in Early Medieval Spain* and *NY Masjid: The Mosques of New York*, among many other publications. Dodds is a graduate of Barnard College and received her MA and PhD from Harvard University. ■

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Photos: Andrzej Wrocek (left) and RiveraNozario (right)



Art for sale in Old Havana (left), Instituto Superior de Arte (center), and along the Malecón (right), Havana

March 19
Saturday

MIAMI / HAVANA

Depart Miami this morning on a regularly scheduled chartered flight to Havana. Upon arrival at the José Martí Airport, transfer to the Hotel Parque Central for lunch and check-in. Later in the afternoon attend an introductory lecture by Professor Jerrilynn Dodds. This evening the students and director from the Sarah Lawrence College in Havana program will join us for dinner at a *paladar*, a privately owned restaurant often located in the owner's home.

March 20
Sunday

HAVANA

Depart on a morning walking tour of Old Havana focusing on the four main squares: Plaza de Armas, Plaza de San Francisco de Asís, Plaza Vieja, and Plaza de la Catedral. Conclude with lunch at a restaurant near the cathedral. In the afternoon, visit the Museo de la Revolución, in the former Presidential Palace. The museum vividly describes Cuba's history from colonial times to the founding of the current government. A lecture on Cuba's current realities by a former ambassador and deputy minister for foreign affairs has been arranged in the early evening. Dinner is at leisure.

March 21
Monday

HAVANA

The morning begins with a briefing on Cuba's economy by a researcher of the Center for Economic Studies of the University of Havana. Then drive through the vibrant Vedado neighborhood to Cuba's leading art school, the Instituto Superior de Arte (ISA), for an opportunity to interact with professors and students and see their work. Enjoy lunch at the home and studio of artist Jose Fuster in the village of Jaimanitas, where he has decorated more than 80 houses with ornate murals and domes. In the late afternoon stop at the historically renowned Hotel Nacional before a private concert at the Church of San Francisco de Paula, with an opportunity to chat with the performers. Dinner is at leisure.

March 22
Tuesday

HAVANA

Attend an informal morning rehearsal of the Contemporary Dance Company of Cuba at the Teatro Nacional, located adjacent to the Plaza de la Revolución. Then drive to vast Colón Cemetery. With its many monuments commemorating Cuban heroes, statesmen, and novelists, the cemetery is sometimes called the largest sculpture park in Cuba. Lunch is at leisure. In the late afternoon visit Sarah Lawrence College students at their living quarters in Havana. Continue to the Ludwig Foundation for the Arts where we will have a presentation on Cuban art and a chance to discuss the arts with invited local guests, including several young emerging artists. The Foundation President will host a cocktail reception and buffet dinner on the penthouse terrace.



Mosaic by Jose Fuster Jaimanitas (left) and Trinidad (right)

March 23
Wednesday

HAVANA

Join Professor Dodds for a lecture before a curatorial tour of the Cuban art collection at the National Museum of Fine Arts. Lunch is at leisure. In the afternoon explore the Feria de la Artesanía (crafts market) located at the former port side warehouse Almacenes de San José, or stroll past the colonial-style buildings on Calle Obispo, the main shopping street in Old Havana. In the early evening we have been invited to a private, after-hours tour and reception at the Ceramics Museum, followed by dinner at a *paladar*.

March 24
Thursday

HAVANA / CIENFUEGOS

Depart for Cienfuegos, a 19th-century neoclassical city founded by settlers from Bordeaux, France. A walking tour before lunch includes the main square, the 19th-century Tomás Terry Theater with its magnificent wooden décor, and a local artist's workshop. Spend the afternoon at the Cienfuegos Botanical Garden, featuring more than 2,000 plant species. Continue to the Hotel Jagua, overlooking the spectacular Bay of Cienfuegos, for check-in. Later, we have been invited to meet with the world-renowned choir Cantores de Cienfuegos and enjoy a performance prior to dinner.

March 25
Friday

CIENFUEGOS / TRINIDAD / HAVANA

Drive this morning to Trinidad, one of Cuba's UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Visit the main plaza and museums, and pass beautifully decorated colonial homes. There will be leisure time to explore this historic city and meet local artists and craftspeople before lunch. Return to Havana and the Hotel Parque Central in the late afternoon. Our farewell dinner will be at a *paladar*.

March 26
Saturday

HAVANA / MIAMI

After breakfast transfer to the airport for the flight back to Miami.



Fishermen at sunset

TERMS & CONDITIONS

PROGRAM RATE \$5,595 per person, double occupancy SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$735 (very limited availability)

Rate Includes

- Round-trip flight Miami/Havana/Miami via regularly scheduled charter flight
- Seven nights hotel accommodation in Cuba, as per itinerary
- Buffet breakfast daily, four lunches, and six dinners. Bottled water and coffee/tea with all meals; local beer/wine at welcome and farewell dinners.
- Escorted sightseeing via private motorcoach per itinerary, including services of bilingual national guide throughout the trip
- Airport/hotel/airport transfers for all participants
- Basic gratuities for local guides and drivers
- Taxes, service and portage charges
- Cuban visa fee (for non-Cuban born participants), Cuban departure tax and limited Cuban health insurance policy (for travelers under age 80)
- Pre-departure material, reading list, luggage tags

Not Included in Rate Airfare between home city and Miami; passport fees; beverages other than bottled water and coffee / tea with meals and wine with welcome and farewell dinners; personal items and expenses; trip cancellation insurance; excess baggage; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.

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FIRST PARTICIPANT

NAME IN FULL AS ON PASSPORT	MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME	
HOME ADDRESS		
CITY	STATE	ZIP
TELEPHONE (HOME)	(BUSINESS)	
FAX	E-MAIL	
PASSPORT NUMBER	EXPIRATION DATE <i>(must be valid for six months after entry into Cuba)</i>	
CITIZENSHIP	OCCUPATION	
DATE OF BIRTH	<input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F GENDER	PLACE OF BIRTH

SECOND PARTICIPANT

NAME IN FULL AS ON PASSPORT	MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME	
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FAX	E-MAIL	
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Accommodations

Hotel Room Preference Double Twin Single (at a supplement of \$735) I wish to share a room with _____

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Enclosed is my check payable to *Academic Arrangements Abroad*. Credit card (for deposit only; final payment must be made by check).

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I/We confirm that I/we have fully read and agree to the *Terms & Conditions* of this program, including the page on Cuba Travel Restrictions.

I/We agree to the balance due by check, 120 days prior to departure.

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