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Auburn University Cuba Agenda at a Glance

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Friday, April 22, 2016

Your Auburn University leaders will arrive in Miami on Friday evening and stay at the Marriott Miami Airport by the Miami International Airport. Your registration fee includes your overnight stay in Miami.

6:00 pm – Dr. Rick Cook (Office of Vice President, Auburn University Outreach), Dr. Chippewa Thomas (Director of Faculty Engagement Auburn University), and Dr. Ralph Elliott (Vice Provost & Prof Economics, Clemson University) will be in the lounge at the Marriott Airport Miami hotel, followed by a ‘Dutch Treat’ dinner at the hotel.

Saturday, April 23, 2016 (L & D, provided)

Check out from the Hotel

4:00 am – Group takes the shuttle to the Miami International Airport. A Cultural Explorations travel manager will meet with you at the terminal G, in front the Dunkin Donuts

7:00 am – Depart Miami International Airport (flight 3129)

8:00 am – Arrive to José Martí International Airport

10:00 am – Visit to Fusterland

Fuster has made a major contribution over 10 years of work of rebuilding and decorating the fishing town of Jaimanitas in the outskirts of Havana, where he lives.

Jaimanitas is now a unique work of publi art where Fuster has decorated over 80 houses with ornate murals and domes to suit the personality of his neighbors, he

has built a chess park with giant boards and tables, The Artists' Wall composed of a quilt of dozens of tiles signed and donated by other Cuban artists, a theatre and public swimming pools.



11:00 am – Short Panoramic City Bus Excursion to the Revolution Square

The **Revolution Square** is a public square in the city of Havana, one of the largest in the world with 72 thousand square meters. In it we find the Monument to Jose Marti sculpted by Juan Jose Sicre and facing each other have the Interior Ministry



with the famous image of Che Guevara taken by photographer Korda made a sculptural relief work of Enrique Avila. In 2009 the work (the same artist and technical specifications) opened to Camilo Cienfuegos , another great hero of the Cuban Revolution .

12:00 pm- Lunch at Paladar La Guarida

Find an exclusive atmosphere inside this splendid edifice from the early 20th century. La Guarida is considered by many to be one of the best paladars in all of Cuba

3:00 pm Check-in at Hotel Nacional and Exchange Your Currency

The Hotel Nacional de Cuba is considered a symbol of history, culture and Cuban identity. The guns that made up the old Santa Clara Battery are on exhibition at the garden, they were declared part of the World Heritage Site. The Hotel Nacional de Cuba was declared a National Monument and it was inscribed in the World Memory Register. With its privileged location in the middle of Vedado, the center of Havana, it stands on a hill just a few meters from the sea, and offers a great view of the Havana Harbor; the seawall and the city.



The Hotel stands out due to its refined elegance and its ancient splendor, which since 1930 has attracted a large number of personalities from the arts, science and politics, such as British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, artists Frank Sinatra, Ava Gardner, Johnny Weissmuller, Maria Félix, Jorge Negrete, Rick Cook, and scientist Alexander Fleming.

6:00 pm - Welcome Cocktail Reception at Hotel Nacional

7:30 pm - Welcome Dinner at HM7

In a comfortable and elegant atmosphere HM7 combines cuisine with the more unusual dishes of international cuisine. The service, decor, atmosphere, food and drinks are carefully chosen in this exclusive site Paseo Street. With a privileged view of the city and the sea you have the opportunity to enjoy the sunset, just splendid that height from Habana Mía 7 is located.

Optional Late Evening

Jazz Night in Havana Jazz Café Club or Zorra y el Cuervo Jazz Café



Sunday, April 24, 2016 (B, L, & D Provided)

7:00 am - 7:45 am – Breakfast at Hotel

Join us for breakfast with a refreshing atmosphere at one of the hotel's restaurants.

8:00 am - 9:30 am – Meeting at Santi Spirit Room

“The Normalization of Relations between Cuba and United States: The Havana Agenda”

Speaker: Dr. Carlos Alzugaray Treto (*Miembro, Asociación de Escritores, Unión de Escritores y Artistas de Cuba*) Cuban diplomat and educator. Carlos has studied at the International Division of Sophia University in Tokyo, Japan, and at the University of Havana. He has a Bachelor's degrees in Diplomacy and History of Cuba; a Master's degree in Contemporary History and a Ph.D. in Historical Sciences, all from the University of Havana. His Ph.D. dissertation was on the Eisenhower Administration's policy towards the Cuban Revolution 1958-1961.



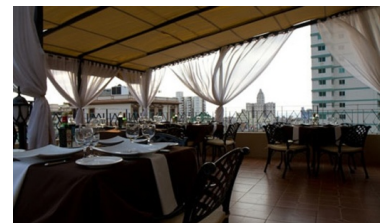
10:30 am - Visit H. Upmann Cigar Factory –

Cuban cigars are well known as the finest in the world. Learn about how the cigars are made and experience them for yourselves.



12:00 pm – Lunch at Café Laurent Paladar

You will sense the echoes of the glamorous Havana of the 50's in this updated art deco penthouse with panoramic views from the El Vedado neighborhood to the sea. Just steps from the iconic Hotel Nacional de Cuba and the Hotel Capri, Café Laurent blends and harmonizes cosmopolitan cuisine with contemporary Cuban fare. Café Laurent puts Havana at your feet.



2:00 pm – Walking & Bus tour of the Old City

- ✚ *Centro Habana – Cárdenas street, the former Cuban Telephone Company, Reina street, Aldama Palace, Golden Scepter, José Crusellas' house, Convent and Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Carlos III Avenue, Grand Masonic.*
- ✚ *Plaza de la Revolución – Conceived by French urbanist Jean Claude Forestier in the 1920s, the gigantic Plaza de la Revolución (known as Plaza Cívica until 1959) was part of Havana's 'new city,' which grew up between 1920 and 1959.*



- ✦ *Cementerio de Cristóbal Colón – Also known as Christopher Columbus Cemetery, this is one of the great historical cemeteries of the world, and is very important in Latin American history.*
- ✦ *Parque Almendares – This park runs along the banks of the city's Río Almendares, below the bridge on Calle 23.*

5:00 pm – Return to Hotel

Refresh and unwind before dinner.

6:30 pm – Depart for Dinner via Classic Car

7:00 pm – Dinner at VIP Havana

Enjoy dinner at VIP Havana, one of the newest paladars in Havana that has become known for its excellent food and service.



Monday, April 25, 2016 (B, L, & D Provided)

7:00 am - 7:45 am – Breakfast at Hotel

Join us for breakfast with a refreshing atmosphere at one of the hotel's restaurants.

8:00 am - 9:30 am – 8:00 am - 9:30 am – “Cuba and the Road Ahead: Capitalism or Socialism?”

Speaker Juan A. Triana Barros, Professor, Havana University & Polytechnic Institute of Havana will discuss the history of Cuba's socio-economic system and the implications of current reforms. The lecture will focus on how Cuba might continue serving the social demands of its people while developing itself economically in the context of open market relations with the United States and other countries.



Barros' visit is supported by the Havana-Mobile Society and UA's Center for Cuba Collaboration and Scholarship.

Barros received a degree in economics in 2011 from the University of Havana, a diploma in foreign trade and international cooperation in 2011 from the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Foreign Cooperation, and a master's degree in business administration in 2013 from the University of Havana.

He is working on his doctorate in economics at the University of Havana and French.



9:45 am – Depart Hotel for Hemingway Museum – Finca Vigía, Cojímar, La Terrazas Bar and Restaurant:

Take a trip back in time and walk in the shoes of one of the world's greatest writers.



- ✚ Visit Finca Vigía, the former residence of the American writer, where many of his most famous literary works were written.
- ✚ Visit Cojímar, a fisherman village Hemingway docked his fishing boat, “El Pilar” and source of inspiration for his famous novel, “The Old Man and the Sea”.
- ✚ Enjoy cocktails at La Terrazas Bar and Restaurant; a place related to the life of the famous writer and to Gregorio Fuentes, the captain of his fishing boat.

12:00 pm – Lunch at La Moraleja

Nestled in the courtyard of a beautiful house of Vedado Style 40s, has a special magnetism that can be seen from its broad, fresh entrance, its open air room as well as its fully air conditioning one, its unique cuisine and excellent services.

1:30 pm – Tour of Havana University

La Universidad de la Havana, is a university located in the Vedado district of Havana, Cuba. Founded on January 5, 1728, the University of Havana is oldest University in Cuba, and one of the first to be founded in Americas. Originally a religious institution, today the university has 15 faculties (colleges) at its Havana campus and distance learning centers through Cuba.

3:00 pm – Visit to a Rum Museum

Rum has been produced in Cuba for more than four centuries! Learn about the fascinating history and production, while sampling brands of what's believed to be among the best. Visit the most well-known castle fortress in Cuba that guards the bay of Havana.



4:30 pm – Visit to the Flea Market

Enjoy the art and cultural creations of the Cuban people

6:00 pm –Return to Hotel

Refresh and unwind before dinner.

7:00 pm – Depart for Dinner

7:30 pm - 9:00 – Dinner on your own.



The Cultural Explorations' Travel Manager will provide with a list of restaurant for you to visit in your own.

Optional Late Evening - The Bar Floridita

Opened in the early 19th century and still preserving much of the atmosphere of the 1940s and 1950s, with the red coats of the bartenders matching the regency style decoration that dates from the 1959. The Nobel prize-winning American writer Ernest Hemingway frequented the bar and made it his favorite. The establishment today contains many noticeable memorabilia of the author, and a life-size bronze statue at the end of the bar, sculpted by the Cuban artist Jose Villa Soberon.



Tuesday, April 26, 2016 (B, L, & D Provided)

7:00 am - 7:45 am – Breakfast at Hotel

Join us for breakfast with a refreshing atmosphere at one of the hotel's restaurants.

8:00 am – 9:30 am – “Cuba: How the Past and the Present Will Converge”

Speaker: Hugo Ponce, Director, Cuba National

Economist and Accountant Association has given lectures and postgraduate courses in more than ten national and international universities and has represented Cuba in various international events.

Currently, he is director of International Relations and Advisor to the President of the National ANE; Secretary of the Association of Economists of Latin America and the Caribbean. He received his doctorate in Economics, University of Havana, 1987; Researcher, Academy of Sciences of Cuba, 1987; Professor, University of Havana, 1999; Visiting Professor University "Camilo Cienfuegos"; Matanzas, 2002; Professor, University of Havana, 2007; Professor,



10:00 am - Havana Mediterraneo Farm-to-Table Excursion

Visit the farm where the restaurant's vegetables are grown and meats are raised. Our DMI travelers will be able to hand pick produce which will be brought back to the restaurant for luncheon preparation. When available, guests can horseback ride through the farm and enjoy the scenery.



12:00 pm - Lunch at Havana Mediterraneo

"Experience one of Cuba's best and most popular restaurants, Mediterraneo Havana. The food is locally sourced at their own farm and incredibly fresh. Mediterraneo Havana is locally and internationally known for its high-quality food, service and atmosphere. Enjoy gourmet pizza, locally caught seafood, and Mediterraneo's world-famous pineapple cheesecake. Guests may dine indoors and watch the chef prepare your meal, or enjoy their entree outdoors on the upstairs terrace or lower patio.

2:00 pm- Visit to the Callejon de Hamel

Visit Callejon de Hamel, a central part of Afro-Cuban gatherings. The tour will be led by the Cuban painter, sculptor and muralist Salvador Gonzalez — a man whose Afro-Cuban expression is known worldwide. Guests will also be able to view a dancing show from the local culture.

3:30 pm Return to the Hotel

Refresh and unwind before dinner

5:00 pm – Depart for community project

5:30 pm- Visit to community project La Colmenita (The Little Beehive)

"La Colmenita" began as a Havana community theater project during one of Cuba's most economically desperate times. Everyone pitched in: children, parents, even grandparents. When the lights came on, it was magic! This October — in a rare U.S. appearance — Cuba's internationally acclaimed children's theater, a UNICEF Goodwill ambassador, will bring its high-energy performance to Washington, New York and San Francisco.

7:00 pm – Dinner at Rio Mar

Rio Mar has a whole terrace overlooking where the Rio Almendares flows into the sea. The restaurant's menu has been very well balanced and presents dishes from the Cuban and International cuisine, with specialty in sea food.

9:00 pm- Show at the Buena vista Social Club (Hotel Nacional)

Wednesday April 27, 2016 (B & L Provided)

7:00 am - 7:45 am – Breakfast at Hotel

Join us for breakfast with a refreshing atmosphere at one of the hotel's restaurants.

*Checkout of Hotel Room by **8:00 am***



8:30 pm – Transfer to José Martí International Airport

12:00 pm – Return Flight to Miami International Airport

Note: *Flights out of Cuba are subject to delays. Most delegates are booking flights after 5:00 PM back to their home airports.*

Price:

Double Occupancy: \$3,747 per person (if you are sharing a room with one other person.)

Single Occupancy: \$4,147 per person (if you are the only person in the hotel room.)

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Tipping Suggestions

Bathroom Attendants: Use small coins (10 centavos, 25 centavos, etc.)

Bell Hops: \$1 CUC per bag

Housekeeping: \$1 CUC per day. We recommend tipping on a daily basis

Musicians: \$1 CUC, if you have enjoyed the performance

Cuban Bus Driver: \$30 CUC per person

Cuban Guide: \$50 per person...depending on your satisfactions

Taxi Driver: 10% of fare

Trip Includes

- Land transportation while in Cuba
- Medical Insurance while in Cuba
- Expert Cuban Guide
- Cultural Explorations Guide
- All tours and entry fees (as listed in the program)
- VIP service at airport
- All transportation (unless listed not included)
- Cuban Departure tax of 25 CUC (approx. \$30 USD)
- Round Trip Airfare from Miami to Havana
- Friday night hotel in Miami



Trip Excludes

- Additional beverages and snacks
- Photography fees at venue which usually an additional 5 CUC
- Tips to misc. service providers
- Miscellaneous tips (entertainment, bathroom attendants, etc) – 1-2 CUC per person/per day