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CUBA

Havana, Cienfuegos, Trinidad
May 22 – 31, 2016

*2016 Professional Development Program
Innovation & Entrepreneurship*



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Republic of Cuba

Discover the rich culture of Cuba!

Travel to Cuba with Delaware Technical Community College and take part in an immersive experience. During our specially designed ten-day program, you'll learn about this enigmatic island nation's fascinating culture through firsthand contact with Cuban entrepreneurs, artisans, students, teachers, and others who are eager to exchange views with you on Cuban contemporary life. Explore the World Heritage sites of Old Havana, the historic center of Cienfuegos and the colonial city of Trinidad to learn about Cuba's past and hear from experts about the country's future.





Program Itinerary



DAY 1 | In Transit | Sunday, May 22

For those traveling on group flight, meet at the departure airport. Arrive in Miami and transfer to the group hotel (*those flying on own, MUST arrive at Miami group hotel on the evening of Sunday May 22*). Meet at hotel for briefing and the remainder of the evening is at your leisure.

DAY 2 | Havana | Monday, May 23

Depart Miami this morning on a charter flight to Havana. After clearing customs and claiming your luggage, continue on to lunch at a restaurant located in an organic farm and fruit orchard. Tour the farm and speak with owners and community members about farming methods and community projects made possible by the private business. Next, take an orientation bus tour of the city, including Revolutionary Square and Morro Castle. Enjoy a welcome reception before having dinner at one of the city's *paladars*, a privately owned restaurant. (L, D)

DAY 3 | Havana | Tuesday, May 24

Begin the day with an historical overview of Old Havana by an architectural historian. Hear about the city's history and preservation efforts before embarking on a walking tour of Habana Vieja to see firsthand the city's colonial architecture and plazas. After lunch at a local restaurant, speak with teachers and students at a school that teaches youth the trades to restore



buildings. Return to hotel and meet with realtor and hotel executive to discuss Cuba's changing legislation permitting the sale of property and foreign investment in joint venture businesses with the government. Enjoy a group dinner at a paladar. (B,L,D)

DAY 4 | Havana | Wednesday, May 25

This morning, visit a tobacco factory to learn about Cuba's most famous export. Converse with cigar rollers and factory representative to learn about their work's importance to the Cuban economy. Then visit the University of Havana to discuss themes in education with Cuban students and professors. After lunching in the gardens of the historical Hotel Nacional, visit an entrepreneur training center located in a seminary building built in the mid-18th century. Discuss the role and impact of this center with instructors and future entrepreneurs. This night, enjoy the city on our own, staff will be on hand to make suggestions. (B,L)

DAY 5 | Las Terrazas | Thursday, May 26

This day, travel to the countryside to the eco-village of Las Terrazas, named after the terraces designed to prevent soil erosion from the deforested hills left by former coffee plantations. The area is now designated

UNESCO Biosphere Reserve and Cuba's most important reforestation project. Meet with a local guide who will discuss the economy of the area and meet with residents of the village. Stop at the local clinic to learn about how medical services are handled in rural Cuba, and the local school to discuss education in Cuba. After lunch, visit an IT business to explore how Cubans are utilizing the internet to make advances in the technology sector. The remainder of the evening is at your leisure. (B, L)

DAY 6 | Cienfuegos | Friday, May 27

This morning, travel to Cienfuegos, also known as "The Pearl of the South." Have lunch upon arrival and then explore the French-influenced city center of Cienfuegos, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Walk down the *Paseo del Prado*, a pedestrian-only boulevard featuring some of Cienfuegos' most prominent architecture to the *Parque Martí*. The street is lined with stores and local *cuentapropistas* selling their goods and features some of Cienfuegos' most prominent architecture. Then, visit an art school and meet with some of the region's finest artists and performers. After dinner, mingle with local residents at a community block party. (B, L, D)



DAY 7 | Trinidad | Saturday, May 28

This day, visit Cuba's most well preserved colonial city, Trinidad. Upon arrival, discover the city's pastel-colored Colonial buildings, cobblestone streets, and beautiful plazas. Meet with a representative of the city's historian office to discuss the achievements and the challenges of preserving the 16th-century city. During your exploration of Trinidad, meet with shopkeepers, owners of *casas particulares*, Cuba's privately owned bed and breakfasts, and other members of the community. This afternoon, return to Cienfuegos for an evening at your leisure. (B, L)

DAY 8 | Bay of Pigs & Finca Vigia | Sunday, May 29

This morning, return to Havana, stopping first at the Bay of Pigs and visit the nearby Playa Giron Museum. Next, visit *Finca Vigia*, Ernest Hemingway's home for 20 years and explore the 12 acre property and house that contains his original furniture, artwork and personal memorabilia. After checking in to the hotel, have dinner at a local paladar and meet with the owner to discuss the successes and challenges of the new economic policies. (B, L, D)

DAY 9 | Havana | Monday, May 30

Begin your day with a visit to a textile cooperative where former state employees now share ownership

of the business. Then tour a spa-gym-salon and chat with owners to discuss their vision and the successes and challenges of their business. After lunch, visit a car repair and restoration shop and speak with the owner of this collection vintage American car business to see how he turned his passion into a business success. Return to hotel to meet with a journalist to discuss working in Cuba and the challenges faced in a media-controlled society. Enjoy your farewell dinner with a special surprise. (B,L,D)

DAY 10 | Depart for Home | Tuesday, May 31

Check out of the hotel and bid farewell to Cuba with a stop by Cuba Libro, Cuba's first English language bookstore and coffee shop hangout. Chat with locals and the American owner to discuss the mission of her store and feel the sense of community she has created. Board your return flight to Miami. Transfer planes in Miami and continue to your home airport. (B)

PROGRAM COSTS:

\$4600.00 per participant not including round-trip
airfare from Philadelphia to Miami

\$5000.00 per participant including round-trip airfare
from Philadelphia to Miami



PROGRAM COSTS INCLUDED:

- Delaware Tech staff serving as a program liaison and expertise of a trained facilitator from Academic Travel Abroad (ATA) to manage logistical needs of the group
- Round trip charter air between Miami and Havana including:
 - U.S. departure taxes
 - Cuban visa and fees
 - Cuban medical insurance
 - Cuban departure tax
- Priority check-in at Miami International Airport
- \$50,000 in medical evacuation insurance for each traveler
- Baggage handling for one bag plus one carry-on bag per person (Miami-Cuba flight only)
- Service charges, taxes, and gratuities for guides, bus drivers, porters, hotel, and restaurant staff
- Accommodations based on double occupancy All guided visits noted in the itinerary, with a trained English-speaking guide
- Best available coaches for excursions

- Comprehensive pre-travel notes, preparation package and travel materials
- The assistance of an ATA tour communication specialist to assist with individual requests

PROGRAM COSTS NOT INCLUDED

- Transportation to/from departure airport in USA
- Cost of obtaining a passport, passport photos, and visa photos
- Airline baggage fees, including excess/overweight baggage fees
- Occupancy in a single room (additional \$665.00 per participant)
- Activities and transportation during free time, events listed as optional on schedule
- International travel/trip cancellation Insurance
- Meals not indicated above; alcoholic beverages
- Room service and/or laundry charges
- Personal items and souvenirs



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