

EDUCATION SYSTEM IN CUBA PROGRAM

Day 1 Arrival in Cuba City tour of Modern Havana. City bus tour of Modern Havana Hotel check-in. Program Briefing / Information meeting Welcome dinner at a local restaurant Evening “on your own”. Enjoy the cultural options.

Day 2 Welcome at the venue of the Cuban Institute of Friendship with the Peoples. Presentation of AMISTUR Cuba S.A, ICAP’s Travel Agency, your host in Cuba. Exchange with specialists of the Ministry of Education (MINED).Topic: The National Education System of Cuba: achievements and challenges. Lunch at a local restaurant. Visit to the National Teachers’ Association. Exchange with specialists. Topic: Development of pedagogical research and the associates’ continuous education and advancement. Visit to the José Martí Memorial and the Revolution Square architectural complex. Return to the hotel. Dinner. Evening “on your own”. Enjoy the cultural options.

Day 3 Walking tour of Old Havana, Historical Center declared – together with its fortification system- as World Heritage by UNESCO in 1982. Dazzling mix of architectural styles. The tour includes visits to the Arms Square, the Saint Francis of Assisi Square, the Old Square, the Cathedral Square and the Bodeguita del Medio, symbolic restaurant of the city. Lunch at a local restaurant. Guided visit to the Literacy Campaign Museum. Visit to the “Enrique José Varona” Pedagogical University. Exchange with professors and students. Topic: Teachers’ training and advancement programs (undergraduate and post-graduate) Return to hotel. Evening “on your own”. Enjoy the cultural options.

Day 4 Hotel check out and departure for Cienfuegos province, located in the southern, central part of the country. City tour of Cienfuegos, declared World Heritage by UNESCO in 2005. “The Pearl of the South”, founded by French colonists in 1819, is distinguished by its architectural values and urban design. Lunch at a local restaurant. Exchange with representatives of the Ministry of Education and of the Provincial Delegation of the Cuban Institute of Friendship with the Peoples (ICAP). Visits to schools of the city. Exchange with students, teachers and workers of the education system of the province. Hotel check-in Dinner at the hotel. Exchange with members of a Committee for the Defense of the Revolution (CDR), community organization.

Day 5 Hotel check out. Visits to schools in Cienfuegos province. Exchange with teachers, professors and students of the elementary and technical-professional levels. Topic: The family-schoolcommunity relationship; attention to individual differences, among others. Lunch at a local restaurant. Return to Havana. Hotel check-in Dinner. Evening “on your own”. Enjoy the cultural options.

Day 6 Visit to a school of the special education system of Cuba. Exchange with specialists. Topic: The process of integration of children with special needs in the regular schools of the national

education system. Visit to an educational community project. Lunch at a local restaurant Visit to a municipal branch of the University for the Seniors. Exchange with students and professors. Wrap-up / evaluation meeting Farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 7 Hotel check out and departure for José Martí International airport.