Boston University Spring Break Course to Cuba 2017

Pardee School of Global Studies and African American Studies Program

Experiencing Cuba: History, Culture and Politics
CAS AA 306 E, CAS HI 395 E, CAS IR 246 E
Led by Professor John Thornton and Professor Julie Klinger
March 5-12, 2017
Hotel Park View - Havana, Cuba

Required Readings:


Course of Study

**Sunday, March 5:**

04:00 am Arrive to Boston Logan Airport for flight to Havana Cuba

06:00 am Depart from Boston, MA to Havana, Cuba Delta 900 BOS-ATL Dep: 6AM, Arrival: 9AM ATL-HAV Delta 636 Dep: 11:21AM, Arrival: 1:25PM

01:30 pm Arrive to Havana

City tour by bus in Habana Moderna. Brief stop at Plaza de la Revolución

03:00 pm Accommodation at Hotel Park View

04:00 pm Informational briefing about the program with the guide

07:00 pm Welcome dinner at Café Laurent

**Monday, March 6:**

**BREAKFAST IN THE HOTEL**

09:00 am Professor John Thornton will speak of Cuba’s Afro-Cuban religion and its development in Cuban history since the 1600s as well as its influence in the formation of Cuban culture. Meeting room included.

11:00 am Visit to Casa de Africa with a musical performance
12:00 pm  Lunch at La Casa
02:00 pm  Enjoy a private presentation from Grupo Obba Ilu. Interchange with the members of the group.
04:00 pm  Return to hotel
          Dinner on your own
          Optional Cultural Activities

**Tuesday, March 7:**
**BREAKFAST IN THE HOTEL**
09:00 am  Presentation of healthcare in Cuba. Visit a polyclinic and exchange with doctors and nurses
11:30 am  Visit the Latin American Medical School and interchange with students and professors
12:00 pm  Lunch at La Torre
02:00 pm  Visit Casa de las Américas (Meeting with the Program of Studies on cultures in America)
03:30 pm  Visit ICAP and the representatives to discuss US-Cuba Relations
04:30 pm  Return to hotel
          Dinner on your own
          Optional Cultural Activities

**Wednesday, March 8:**
**BREAKFAST IN THE HOTEL**
09:00 am  "Soft Power and the African Diaspora Perspective: the Case of Cuba and Angola" Professor Linda Heywood will discuss race and identity in nineteenth and twentieth century Cuba.
10:00 am  Exchange with Gloria Rolando with presentation of her film in Templete’s reception room.
12:00 pm  Lunch at Templete
02:00 pm  Meet with combatants that participated in the war against apartheid in Africa.
04:30 pm  Return to hotel
          Dinner on your own
          Optional Cultural Activities

**Thursday, March 9:**
**BREAKFAST IN THE HOTEL**
09:00 am  Tour of the University of Habana Campus
10:00 am  Visit the Archaeology-Anthropological Musem of The University of Habana, to understand ancient and contemporary cultures in Cuba.
11:30 am  Professor Maria de los Angeles Pereira will host students as they visit the University of Habana to learn about Cuban artistic practices in the last 25 years and education on the island/Meeting Room included.
01:00 pm  Lunch at Casona de 17
03:00 pm  Lecture from Beatrice Marcheco Teruel, MD, Ph.D. Professor and Senior Research, National Center of Medical Genetics, Genetic
Epidemiology, Cuba and Dr. Amanda Thornton, MD Infectious Disease Fellow, Boston Medical Center in the Reception Room in Casona de 17

04:30 pm  Return to hotel
Dinner on your own
Optional Cultural Activity

Friday, March 10:
BREAKFAST IN THE HOTEL
9:00 am  Visit the U.S. Embassy in Cuba
12:00 pm  Lunch at Paladar King Bar
02:00 pm  Guided visit to the Colón cemetery, which houses the remains of the leaders of the war of Angola.
03:30 pm  Visit the Museum of Fine Arts
Dinner on your own
Optional Cultural Activity

Saturday, March 11:
BREAKFAST IN THE HOTEL
09:00 am  "Cuba-China Relations: Past and Present" Professor Julie Klinger will discuss the relations between Cuba and China.
10:00 am  Visit Museo de la Revolución
01:30 pm  Lunch at Tocororo
02:00 pm  Free afternoon
07:30 pm  Farewell dinner at Melen Club
Move to Hotel Colina (Time to be decided)

Sunday, March 12:
BREAKFAST IN THE HOTEL
09:30 am  Check out
Delta 620  HAV-JFK Dep: 12:55PM, Arrival: 3:54PM
Delta 443  JFK-BOS Dep: 9PM, Arrival: 10:28PM