Boston University Spring Break Course to Cuba 2020

College of Fine Arts, College of Arts and Sciences, and African American Studies Program

Experiencing Cuba: History, Culture and Politics
CAS AA 306, CFA MH 563, 1 credit
Led by Professor Michael Birenbaum Quintero

March 7-14, 2020
Havana, Cuba

Required Readings:


Course of Study

Saturday, March 7:
04:19 pm  Arrive to Jose Marti International Airport, Havana, Cuba
07:00 pm  Welcome Dinner and Meet Hosts
09:00 pm  Concert, Patio de Egrem

Sunday, March 8:
BREAKFAST IN THE CASAS
09:00 am  Guided Tour of Bellas Artes Museum
12:00 pm  Lunch
01:30 pm  Callejón Hamel Musical and Cultural Space
06:00 pm  Dinner at the Casas
07:00 pm  Evening Conversation and Film Screening with Afro-Cuban Filmmaker

Monday, March 9:
BREAKFAST IN THE CASAS
09:00 am  Old City Walking Tour
11:00 am  Lecture: Art Historian
12:00 pm  Lunch
02:00 pm  Visit: Artist Studios
04:00 pm  Optional Cultural Activities
06:00 pm  Dinner at the Casas
07:00 pm  Evening Salsa Dance Class with Host Family and Salsa Concert, Casa de La Música, Miramar

Tuesday, March 10:
BREAKFAST IN THE CASAS
09:00 am  Visit Casa de África and Meet Afro-Cuban Religious Specialist
11:00 am  Lunch
12:30 pm  Visit Architectural Site Instituto Superior de Arte and Artist Studios
02:00 pm  Lecture: Cuban Popular Music
04:00 pm  Optional Cultural Activities
06:00 pm  Dinner at the Casas
07:30 pm  Optional Cultural Activities

Wednesday, March 11:
BREAKFAST IN THE CASAS
09:00 am  Afro-Cuban Religious Dance and Drumming Class
11:00 am  Lunch
12:30 pm  Lecture by Professor Michael Birenbaum Quintero: Afro-Cuban and African-American Musical Exchange
2:00 pm  Shopping / Free Time / Baseball Game. Students are also welcome to arrange interviews or meetings related to their own projects
06:00 pm  Dinner at the Casas
07:30 pm  Evening Artist Talk

Thursday, March 12:
BREAKFAST IN THE CASAS
09:00 am  Meeting with Cuban Functionaries on U.S.-Cuba Relations
11:00 am  Lunch
12:30 pm  Tour Museum of the Cuban Revolution
02:00 pm  Visit to a Cuban Health Clinic
04:00 pm  Optional Cultural Activities
06:00 pm  Dinner at the Casas
07:30 pm  Evening, Visit Contemporary Art and Performance Space Fábrica Cubana de Arte

Friday, March 13:
BREAKFAST IN THE CASAS
09:00 am  Lecture on the Current Situation of Afro-Cubans
10:30 am  Tour of Underground and Graffiti Art with Hip Hop Journalist and Skater/Graffiti Artist
12:00 pm  Visit to Cuban Rap Agency, Discussion with Hip Hop Artists and Afro-Cuban Intellectuals
01:30 pm  Visit Organic Farm-to-Table Restaurant
03:00 pm  Optional Cultural Activities
06:00 pm  Farewell dinner and Musical Group
Sunday, March 14:
BREAKFAST IN THE CASAS
09:30 am  Shopping/Free Time
03:00 pm  Arrive at Jose Marti International Airport for Flight to Boston, MA, USA
05:30 pm  Flight to Boston, MA, USA