



CETA Experiential Education Program

Historic Havana & Sustainable Community Development

Explore how education, arts, architecture, culture, heritage and environment combined can create socially and economically sustainable communities



Who should attend: researchers, academics, teachers, students, independent professionals employed in the fields of art, architecture, agriculture, environment, history, culture, music, etc. (US citizens may be eligible under the "[General License](#)", which is a do it yourself, blanket authorization, no further application or permission from Washington is required.

What: An exciting, interactive experiential educational research program designed to highlight sustainable community restoration and development projects in Old Havana, Pinar del Rio and Matanzas Provinces

When: December 11-17, 2011

Where: Havana, Pinar del Rio and Matanzas Provinces, Cuba

Why: Benefit from learning about Cuba and their inspiring examples of sustainable community restoration, preservation and development projects utilizing natural history, heritage, culture and environment. This program has the perfect combination of guided experiential education/presentations and independent research opportunities in Urban and Rural settings

Program Schedule

December 11, Sunday Day One

Arrival: Arrive Jose Marti Airport, transfer by private taxi to [Melia Habana hotel](#), 9PM- Welcome briefing, cocktail and hors d'houevres.

December 12-Monday Day Two

Breakfast: Hotel Buffett

Session opening by Canadian Ambassador to Cuba, Ambassador Matthew Levin.

Daily activities focusing on architectural restoration projects, art exhibits, historical sites, churches and more.



Group transfer and arrival in Palacio de Artesania in Old Havana.

Presentation on the [Historian's Office](#) effects on Old Havana community restoration projects. Walk through the restored [Cathedral](#)



[Square](#) enroute to the Maqueta de La Habana (scale model of the city), located just around the corner from the Ambos Mundos hotel where Hemingway wrote "For Whom the Bell Tolls. Continuation to Arms Square and entry included to the National Museum of Natural History. Ongoing presentation of [Old Havana UNESCO sites](#) include a visit to Plaza San Francisco and continuation to [Plaza Vieja Square](#) where you can get a bird's eye view of the city in the Camara Obscura tower
Lunch: Bicycle Taxi transfer to El Castropol on the Malecon



Afternoon: Continuation of guided historical presentations including the Capital building and the Grand Theatre of Havana. Group transfer to Hotel

Dinner: Din Don paladar, walking distance from Melia Habana

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December 13-Tuesday Day Three

Breakfast : Hotel Buffett



Presentations and interactive day of learning about Cuban cultural community projects focusing on Arts and Music.

Research, explore Old/Central Havana, National Museum of Fine Arts; Presentation by Director of [Giganteria Project](#) -Street Theatre Project; and [Callejon de Hamel](#) -AfroCuban project

Lunch: Fuster's House for lunch & learn about his formidable community art project

Afternoon: meetings with students/staff at the ISA (arts & music school) and three artists studios in Havana.

Brief lecture on history of Cuban music/culture and rooftop jazz concert at musician Pablo Menendez's house

Dinner: La Fontana, walking distance from Melia Habana

December 14-Wednesday Day Four

Breakfast: Hotel Buffett

Depart for the [Pinar del Rio province](#) and the areas of [Las Terrazas](#) and [Soroa](#) for interactive presentation on sustainable community development through effective use of the organic, agriculture, reforestation, environment and ecological uniqueness of a region.

Lunch and learn [at Las Terrazas complex](#) - lecture on organic agriculture, farming, gardening

Afternoon: visit Organic agriculture projects, reforestation, and examples of sustainable community development projects. Learn how the San Juan River, waterfalls, orchid gardens and coffee and cigar factory contribute to sustainable community development of the [Soroa natural biosphere](#) reserve and surrounding areas.

Dinner On your own



December 15-Thursday Day Five

Breakfast: Hotel Buffett



Entire day program designed to research and experience historically and environmentally significant sites around Havana, and the Matanzas province- Highlighting [Guama](#), [Peninsula de Zapata Bioreserve](#) and [Playa Giron](#).

Depart Havana for Matanzas province with guided presentation to learn about Cuban historical sites

Include: Monuments along Malecon, US Interests Section, Guama aboriginal and ecocentre museum, Playa Giron museum, [Caleta Buena](#)

Lunch: All Inclusive afternoon (lunch/**beverages** included, optional snorkeling available) at Caleta Buena, a natural breakwater with many tropical fish swimming in plain view.

Dinner : On your own



December 16-Friday Day Six

Breakfast : Hotel Buffett



10:00 Hotel- Poolside/garden meeting room, discussions, debrief overview of research findings on sustainable communities

Lunch On your own

Independent afternoon, suggestions: gardens and historic tunnels near Hotel Nacional, walk along Malecon, Cuban National Library, Colon Cemetery, Revolution Square, Jose Marti Monument etc.

Dinner Closing Dinner at [HOTEL NACIONAL Café Laurent / El Parisien Cabaret](#)

December 17-Saturday Day Seven

Breakfast : Hotel Buffett **Private** taxi Depart Havana for Jose Marti Airport

Program Includes:

Daily programming as per schedule

6 nights' accommodation plus

Breakfast, lunch and dinner with 1 drink as per itinerary

Welcome reception with drink and snacks

Private airport transfers + local transport during trip as per itinerary

Meetings with specialists/professionals in the field of history, culture, music, ecology, arts, architectural & agriculture

Entrance to institutions and museums as per itinerary

Professional guide/translator

Presentations and demonstrations as per itinerary

Farewell dinner at Hotel nacional

El Parisien Cabaret Show at Hotel nacional

Entertainment as per itinerary

Personalized assistance of Havanatur and WowCuba

Reconfirmation of airline tickets

Not included:

Airfare

1 lunch and 2 dinners on your own, beverages other than listed in program, Gratuities Cuban departure tax, Cuban Visa (usually included in airfare or purchased for \$25 at Havana airport)

Health/cancellation insurance *Cuba requires all traveler have health insurance.

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-Insurance Info:

-cancellation insurance is recommended at the time of booking.

-Blue Cross medical insurance for Canadian citizens. All other should purchase in their country of origin or from Asistur @ \$3-5 CUC/day upon arrival in Cuba.

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Total Price: \$2,199 (dble occupancy) \$2,499(sgle occupancy) CDN\$
Group Discounts Available. Extra hotel nights: \$149 (inc. breakfast) Must be booked by November 10th, 2011