

9 Day Itinerary

Day 1 Saturday, April 27 Arrive Havana City!

- 2 -5:00 pm Arrive in Havana, check-in to Hotel Nacional de Cuba.
- 5-6:30 pm Orientation and familiarization. Welcome by Frank Valdes & Laura Gomez; group introductions & discussion of research agendas relating to Cuba and/or the Americas.
- 6:30-7:30 Opportunity to explore the Plaza around Santa Angel restaurant before dinner.
- 7:30 pm Dinner at Santo Angel Restaurant (traditional Cuban cuisine): enjoy fresh lobster-on-skewers served in a great courtyard ambiance with traditional Cuban music; great opportunity to leisurely explore the Plaza around Santo Angel afterward.

Day 2 Sunday, April 28

- 7:00 am Buffet Breakfast at the hotel
- 8-9:30 am Lecture by Laura Gómez, "Introduction to the Cuban Legal System," followed by open group discussion in the Conference Room of the Hotel Nacional.
- 10-10:30 am Visit to the Old Havana Model (Lecture by Isabel Rigol, followed by walking tour).
- 10:30-12 pm Visit Old Havana Four Plazas: After a short lecture at the Model, visit Old Havana on foot, walking between the four main plazas that comprise Cuba's first UNESCO World Heritage Site. Start at Plaza de Armas, the site of the oldest Spanish fortress in the Americas, the 1519 locale of the first mass in Cuba, and the massive Baroque seat of government, known as Palacio de los Capitanes Generales. Continue to Plaza de San Francisco de Assis and Plaza Vieja. Wind through historic streets spanning 5 centuries of historic architecture and end at Plaza de la Catedral and see the Baroque cathedral.
- 12:00 pm Ernest Hemingway's Room at Ambos Mundos Hotel: Located on the 5th floor of Ambos Mundo Hotel in Old Havana, visit the room where Hemingway spent 7 years and wrote "For Whom The Bells Toll." Also see many of his personal belongings, including his typewriter.
- 12:45 pm Lunch and group discussion at Hotel Florida. Housed in a magnificent colonial-style hotel of the XIX century, the Hotel Florida is one of a series of hotels developed by the Historian of the City of Havana. Lunch will be served in their colonial patio restaurant, which features fine Criollo food. Afternoon is open for informal meetings or visits on your own to places of interest.
- 7:00 pm Social hour at the Hotel Nacional's Bar of Fame (optional)
- 8:30 pm Dinner on your own at La Guarida (location for the film, Fresa y Chocolate).

Day 3 April 29

- 7:00 am Buffet breakfast at the hotel
- 9am-12 pm First meeting with the Cuban Society of Constitutional and Administrative law of the National Association of Lawyers of Cuba. Theme: Cuban Legal and State System. Subjects: The Constitution of the Republic; The Judicial System Structure and Functions. Meeting at the National Association of Lawyers.
- 12:30 pm Lunch and group discussion at El Aljibe Restaurant (Criollo/Cuban cuisine), an outdoor thatched roof restaurant located a few minutes from downtown Havana in the residential area of Miramar. With a flavor created by the family since the first restaurant was founded on the El Aljibe farm, the specialty combines roast chicken with French fries and fried plantain, delicious black beans, white rice, salad and national sweets. Afternoon is open for informal meetings or visits on your own to places of interest (i.e. farmers market.)
- 7:30 pm Dinner on your own; we will recommend a restaurant (i.e. Vista al Mar).

Day 4 Tuesday April 30

- 7:00 am Buffet breakfast at the hotel
- 9:30 am Visit to a Bufete colectivo (law firm): Tour, lecture and discussion at a regular bufete (firm) in Havana to learn about everyday legal practice, especially cases related to family law, criminal law, and property law.
- 1:00 pm Lunch and group discussion at La Barraca Restaurant. Set in the gardens of the Hotel Nacional, this traditional ranchón-style restaurant serves typical Cuban food. Afternoon is open for informal meetings, or visiting places of interest on your own.
- 7:30 pm Dinner at Armadores de Santander Restaurant for a tantalizing Criolla meal at this magnificent terrace with a panoramic view of the bay.

Day 5 Wednesday, May 1

- 7:00 am Buffet breakfast at the hotel
- 10:00 am Visit Guanabacoa Museum (Popular religious traditions in Cuba): comprised of objects of the popular Cuban religions of African origins: Regla de Osha, Reglas Congas and the Abakuá Secret Religious Societies.
- 11:30 am Ernest Hemingway's Finca La Vigia (Hemingway Farm and Museum): Visit Ernest Hemingway's Finca La Vigia, located on a hilltop in the rural village of San Francisco de Paula, just southeast of the City of Havana. The home has recently been the subject of a massive preservation effort by the National Trust for Historic Preservation as the author left it in 1961. At this farm you will see his sport-fishing boat, the Pilar. The Finca Vigia estate and the fishing village of Cojimar are considered the most significant locales for those interested in Hemingway's history.
- 1:15 pm Lunch at an artist house at La Cabana.
- 3:00 pm Second meeting with the Cuban Society of Constitutional and Administrative Law of the National Association of Lawyers of Cuba. Theme: Economy and Society. Subjects: New Economic Guidelines; New laws and economic social and cultural changes in Cuba; Analysis of the self-employment sectors. Reception and presentation of program certificates at National Association of Lawyers of Cuba.
- 7:30 pm Dinner on your own; we will recommend a restaurant or paladar (i.e Cafe Laurent).

Day 6 Thursday, May 2

- 7:00 am Buffet Breakfast at the hotel
- 9:00 am Day Study Trip to Las Terrazas: Tour, lecture and discussion of sustainable development and environmental justice in Cuba today. Depart in the morning and drive west to the province of Pinar Del Rio. Arrive at the Las Terrazas biosphere reserve. Enjoy a welcome cocktail and learn about the history and development of the biosphere. Visit the Buena Vista Coffee Plantation for the 16th century. Learn about coffee production in Cuba. Have lunch at Casa del Campesino a typical rural house enjoy local delicacies prepared over a wood burning stove. After lunch visit the communities of Las Terrazas, enjoy local coffee, and meet local artisans and world class artists. Finish the day by visiting the San Juan River, and take time to swim in this beautiful river or just enjoy the surrounding nature. BE SURE TO BRING YOUR SWIM SUITS AND CAMERAS TODAY!
- 7:30 pm Dinner on your own; we will recommend a restaurant or paladar (i.e. San Cristobal).

Day 7 Friday, May 3

- 7:00 am Buffet breakfast at the hotel.
- 9:30 am Visit the University of Havana law school: Tour, lecture and discussion on legal education in Cuba today, including the curriculum, current issues, etc.
- 12:30 pm Lunch (on your own) with Concluding Group Discussion at Bon Appetite Restaurant where you will enjoy the best Italian food in Havana. Afternoon is open for informal meetings, or visits on your own to places of interest.
- 7:30 pm Dinner at Cafe del Oriente Restaurant (international cuisine): Located in the plaza de San Francisco de Assis, this luxurious restaurant serves fine food, while guests enjoy traditional and international music.

Day 8 Saturday May 4

- 7:00 am Buffet breakfast at the hotel.
- 8-10:00 am Discussion of Research Topics and Opportunities for Collaboration.
- 12:30 pm Lunch on your own, although we will make recommendations and reservations for you. Afternoon is open for informal meetings or visits on your own to places of interest.
- 8:00 pm Farewell Dinner at Kadir Lopez Studio: Visit the home and studio of one of Havana's most celebrated and very successful independent artist. Mr. Lopez will discuss the cultural and tax policies of the country and how it allows artists to maintain their practices in an independent manner. You will view Mr. Lopez's paintings that have been exhibited throughout the world including the United States. Dinner will be outside in the courtyard, consisting of a traditional Cuban feast with fresh, local ingredients.

Day 9 Sunday, May 5

- 7:00 am Buffet breakfast at the hotel
- 11:30 pm Check out of Hotel Nacional de Cuba
- 12:15 pm Transfer from hotel to airport