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OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY

Cuba, from Revolution to Globalization: Culture, Society and Politics

June 17-29, 2015

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**Wednesday, June 17**

* Arrival at Jose Marti International Airport in Havana
* General information and going over the program. Sharing expectations about the trip to Cuba.
* Welcoming panoramic city tour of Havana.

**Thursday, June 18**

* Conversation with Reverend Raúl Suárez Ramos, Director of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Center. His reflections on: Cuba, from Revolution to Globalization.
* Informal exploration of Marianao neighborhood
* Music concert by Sonach music group

**Friday, June 19**

* Visit Casa de Las Américas with Gerardo Hernandez Bencomo
* Visit an elementary school
* Theoretical-practical tour about the Cuban traditional rhythms.
* Concert by Buenavista Social Club.

**Saturday, June 20**

* Guided tour of the Museum of the Revolution: Cuba and its history with Rene Gonzalez Medina.
* Lunch in Old Havana.
* Walking tour around the four squares of Old Havana.
* Visit the Fortress of San Carlos de la Cabaña. Brief information about the history of the place and Che’s Headquarters.
* Dinner at the Bodegón de la Cabaña restaurant.
* Cannon Shot Ceremony

**Sunday, June 21**

* Departure for the community project Children and the Neighborhood in La Lisa Municipality.
* Visit with artist Saulo Serrano
* Meeting with Rev. Santiago Delgado, Baptist pastor, to learn about the project Promotion for Human Development. Visit a suburban agriculture project.
* Ecological lunch in the countryside. Pedro Luis Quinteros Telephone: 53/ 5372-8836
* Conversation at the MLK MEMORIAL CENTER with Alfredo Prieto, journalist and researcher. Issue: US-Cuba relations, bilateral contexts
* Informal Exchange. The group will split up into 4 groups and each will go away from the King Center on their own with one or two Cuban university students (18-23 years old) to speak about the Cuban Educational System, their lives, dreams, challenges and perspectives about the Cuban Revolution.

**Monday, June 22**

* Departure for Matanzas, stopover at the Bacunayagua Viewing Terrace
* Visit the Kairos Christian Center. Presentation about the Center and its LGBTH Project: Opening Gaps of Colors.
* Lunch at the Kairos Center
* Departure for Varadero, includes Lodging and Dinner

**Tuesday, June 23**

* Visit the Saint Severino Castle (split up into two groups to learn about the slavery history and the slave trade)

**Wednesday, June 24**

* Departure for the US Interests Section (USINT), Visit the USINT with Lydia Barraza
* Stopover at the National Hotel and the headquarters of the UNEAC (Federation of Writers and Artists of Cuba). Time to check its bookstore.
* Presentation on the Cuban economy by Gladys Hernández.
* Panel with three Cubans of different ages, genders and races to share their personal views on aspects of the Cuban Revolution which have encouraged or limited their development.

**Thursday, June 25**

* Exchange with the seniors of the Psychoballet Program of the MLK MEMORIAL CENTER. Reflections by the members of the seniors group on the impact of the Revolution upon their own lives. Pieces of advice from the grandparents to the students.
* Meeting with anthropologist Elías Assef. Tour around the Yoruba house sanctuaries in Cuba. Explanation about the Afro-Cuban religions. Visit the Hamel Alley to enjoy the mural paintings by Salvador González and the Yoruba dances.
* Sports event with young baseball players.
* Visit with Isis de Lazaro; painter.

**Friday, June 26**

* Visit the ELAM (Latin American School of Medicine)
* Visit a family doctor’s office. Explanation about the Cuban health care system.
* Visit the Revolution Square. Time in Old Havana

**Saturday, June 27**

* Day trip to the Eastern Beaches.
* Visit San Jose artisan market

**Sunday, June 28**

* Final Evaluations
* Work and preparation for the final presentations.
* Dinner and Farewell activity at Figura Paladar

**Monday, June 29**

Return trip home

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