November 11 to 17, 2017

EDUCATION, HEALTH CARE & CUBAN INTERACTIONS

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Dear Alumni, Parents, and Friends,

Cuba, for all its economic and political challenges, has been widely recognized for its accomplishments in health care and education. Average life expectancy is a robust 79 years, the infant mortality rate is lower than that of the United States, and the literacy rate is 99.7 percent. That the country has managed to achieve these metrics with such limited resources is even more impressive.

We are delighted to invite you to join fellow Reedies and alumni of OHSU this November in Havana, for an exploration of Cuba’s education and health care systems. Learn from experts, visit local schools and health clinics, and exchange ideas with Cuban schoolteachers, students, physicians, and public health workers. We will also partake of Havana’s rich array of cultural offerings, with special events highlighting the city’s art, architecture, cuisine, and more.

Stroll through atmospheric Old Havana to admire its beautiful buildings, and visit a workshop where preservationists are helping to restore this living library of centuries of architecture. Tour an urban organic farm to discuss sustainable agriculture with local farmers and enjoy lunch in a field-to-table restaurant. Meet a former deputy minister for foreign affairs, who will speak candidly about Cuba’s current situation and describe his own experience in one of Castro’s “literacy brigades,” then visit the U.S. Embassy for a briefing on Cuban-American relations today.

We are fortunate to be partnering with Academic Arrangements Abroad on this program. This tour operator has been offering legal travel to Cuba since 1999 and works with organizations to create bespoke itineraries for their members. It is also helping Cuba preserve its remarkable architectural legacy through the nonprofit Havana Heritage Foundation.

I hope you will join us for this exciting experience in Cuba.

Sincerely,

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TRAVELING WITH YOU
November 11 U.S. DEPARTURE / HAVANA, CUBA
Saturday
Arrive independently in Havana. You will be met upon arrival at the José Martí Airport and transferred to your hotel. Attend an introductory lecture on Cuba’s current reality by a former deputy minister for foreign affairs. Our welcome dinner this evening is at a lively local restaurant.

November 12 HAVANA
Sunday
Join an architectural historian for a morning lecture followed by a walking tour of Old Havana, which will focus on the city’s four main squares: the Plaza de Armas, Plaza de San Francisco de Asís, Plaza Vieja and Plaza de la Catedral. After lunch, visit a restoration workshop in Old Havana. Our dinner this evening is at the city’s preeminent paladar, La Guarida, where we will discuss the challenges faced by Cuba’s cuentapropistas (entrepreneurs, or, more literally, “do-it-yourselfers”). This evening there is an optional visit to Fabrica de Arte Cubano (FAC), the city’s liveliest multi-disciplinary performing and visual arts space.

November 13 HAVANA
Monday
After a morning lecture about the healthcare system in Cuba, visit a local pharmacy and medical school. We will talk about health problems and learn about preventive care. We invited public health professionals for lunch. Afterwards drive to a community clinic and a family doctor’s office.
November 14  HAVANA
Tuesday
Learn about the Cuban educational system on the present and future with an expert. Then visit the University of Havana, followed by visit to primary school and exchange with teachers and students to learn about Cuba’s primary education level. This afternoon, get engaged with the Literacy Museum to learn about education efforts after the revolution and meeting with the museum director. After a visit to a local children’s theater group has been arranged. Enjoy dinner nearby. Optional evening entertainment can be arranged for those interested at one of the city’s famed music venues.  B, D

November 15  HAVANA
Wednesday
This morning visit an organic farm to learn about sustainable practices in Cuba. There gather for a briefing about the history and future of Cuban agriculture. Lunch is at Finca La Yoandra, a unique urban farm that has become a model of Cuban agriculture. Continue to the U.S. Embassy for an afternoon meeting on Cuban – American relations. Enjoy cocktails on the terrace of the Hotel Nacional.  B, L

November 16  HAVANA
Thursday
Take a deep dive into four centuries of Cuban creativity on a curator-led tour of the National Museum of Fine Arts. Afterwards visit Arte Corte, a multifaceted community project founded by barbers and hairdressers. Their goal was to create a free vocational school for youth, which has since blossomed into a collaborative space between local artists, restaurateurs, and seniors. After lunch, visit Nostalgicar, the city’s most prominent classic car workshop. Tonight we gather at the Ludwig Foundation for the Arts to enjoy a presentation on Cuban Art. The Foundation’s President will host a cocktail reception and buffet dinner on the penthouse terrace. Invited guests include Cuban artists.  B, L, D

November 17  HAVANA / U. S. RETURN
Friday
Transfer to the airport for your flights home.  B
PROGRAM RATE $5,795 per person, double occupancy
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT $1,695

Rate Includes
- Six nights hotel accommodations as per itinerary
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, R=Reception, D=Dinner); bottled water and coffee / tea with all meals; select wines at welcome and farewell dinners
- Escorted sightseeing via private motorcoach as per itinerary, including services of a bilingual national guide throughout the program
- Airport / hotel / airport group transfers
- Basic gratuities for local guides and drivers
- Taxes, service, and porterage charges
- Pre-departure material, reading list, and luggage tags

Not Included in Rate Airfare; Cuban visa; Cuban departure tax; limited Cuban health insurance policy (required for all foreign travelers to Cuba under age 80); passport fees; alcoholic beverages other than as noted in inclusions; personal items and expenses; travel insurance; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.

FLIGHTS Academic Arrangements Abroad (AAA) will be pleased to assist with air travel arrangements for this program, including suggested flights, or individual requests, for a processing fee of $40 per person. Complete details will be provided in your confirmation mailing.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE $1,500 per person, payable to Academic Arrangements Abroad, of which $500 is non-refundable for administrative fees, is required with the reservation application. Balance due 120 days prior to departure.

HEALTH This is an active program and all participants must be in good health. This program involves extensive walking over uneven surfaces and climbing stairs without handrails at locations that are not handicapped accessible. Any condition that may require assistance or special medical attention must be reported at the time of your reservation.

INSURANCE TRIP CANCELLATION / EMERGENCY MEDICAL EVACUATION / BAGGAGE / ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE PROTECTION IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED. CANCELLATION PENALTIES ARE STRICTLY ENFORCED. AAA will send an insurance application upon receipt of reservation and deposit, although you may select any insurer of your choice.

CHANGES IN ITINERARY & COSTS The itinerary and faculty leadership are subject to change at the discretion of AAA, Reed College, and Oregon Health & Science University (RCX). All prices quoted are based on prevailing fuel prices, airfares and currency exchange rates in effect at time of brochure printing and are subject to change without notice. Individual deviations from the scheduled itinerary are not permitted.

RESPONSIBILITY CLAUSE The participation of RCX is limited to educational sponsorship of the program (The Program) described on the website and in the trip brochure. AAA acts only as an agent for the participant with respect to transportation, accommodations and all other services, relating to The Program. AAA, RCX and/or their agents assume no responsibility or liability for any act, error or omission, or for any injury, loss, accident, delay or irregularity that may be occasioned by reason of any defect in any aircraft, ship, train, bus or other carrier, or through neglect or default of any subcontractor or other third party, which may be used wholly or in part in the performance of their duty to the participants of The Program. Nor will AAA or RCX and/or their agents be responsible for loss, injury, damages or expenses to persons or property, due to illness, weather, strikes, local laws, hostilities, wars, terrorist acts, acts of nature or other such causes in connection with The Program or anything beyond their reasonable control. The passage ticket issued by the carrier is the sole contract between the participant and the carrier. AAA and RCX are not responsible for transportation or other program delays and changes, nor additional expenses or loss of time that may be incurred. In the event it becomes necessary or advisable for the comfort or well-being of the participants, or for any reason whatsoever, to alter the itinerary at any time, without notice to the participants, such alterations will be made without penalty to AAA or RCX. Additional expenses, if any, shall be borne by the participants. Baggage and personal effects are the sole responsibility of the participant at all times. AAA reserves the right to accept or decline any person as a participant at any time, or to require any participant to withdraw from The Program at their own expense when such an action is determined by AAA to be in the best interest of the participant’s health and safety, or the general welfare of the other participants.

CANCELLATION POLICY AAA must strictly adhere to its cancellation policy to offset costs incurred prior to the commencement of The Program, which may include but are not limited to: advance payments to land operators; communication expenses; development and the loss of time that might have permitted resale of reserved space. All cancellations must be made in writing to the offices of AAA and are subject to a $500 non-refundable administrative fee. All refunds are limited to amounts actually received by AAA and are the sole responsibility of AAA; RCX shall have no liability for refunds. At the time AAA receives written notification of cancellation, the following cancellation charges will apply: cancellations received between 90 and 61 days before departure, 50 percent of the program cost per person; no refunds will be given for cancellations received within 60 days of departure. No refunds are given for cancellation on or after the day of departure, or for unused portions of the tour, for any reason. Airline cancellation charges, if any, will be assessed in accordance with airline regulations. All group fare tickets must be issued no less than 30 days prior to departure. NOTE: Neither AAA nor RCX shall be liable for any airline cancellation penalties incurred by the purchase of a non-refundable ticket. In the case of a cancellation due to shortage of participants, AAA will attempt to notify all participants at least 45 days prior to departure. However, AAA reserves the right to cancel The Program prior to departure for any reason and, in such case, reimbursement of refundable costs of the trip by AAA shall constitute full settlement with the participant. In the unlikely event that a dispute arises between a participant and AAA, the following conditions will apply: (a) the dispute will be settled by binding arbitration administered by the American Arbitration Association in New York, NY; (b) the dispute will be governed by New York Law; (c) the maximum amount of recovery to which a participant shall be entitled under any and all circumstances will be the sum of all monies actually received from the participant by AAA. The participant agrees that this is a fair and reasonable limitation on the damages, of any sort whatsoever, that a participant may suffer. Upon trip payment to AAA, the participant agrees to be bound by the above terms and conditions.

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RESERVATION APPLICATION | NOVEMBER 11 to 17, 2017

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PLEASE NOTE: Reed College and Oregon Health & Science University will be traveling to Cuba under a General license as defined by the Department of the Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC). These regulations, which have been recently updated, require that program participants a) travel to and from Cuba with the group; b) participate fully in all program activities; and c) abide by the terms of the U.S. Embargo. Participants will receive a full explanation of these requirements upon registration, and will be asked to read and sign a form explaining in detail travel regulations under the new guidelines.

FIRST PARTICIPANT

NAME IN FULL AS ON PASSPORT

MOTHER’S MAIDEN NAME

HOME ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

TELEPHONE (HOME)

(BUSINESS)

FAX

E-MAIL

PASSPORT NUMBER

EXPIRATION DATE

(Credit valid for six months after entry into Cuba)

CITIZENSHIP

M ○ F

GENDER

OCCUPATION

DATE OF BIRTH

PLACE OF BIRTH

SECOND PARTICIPANT

NAME IN FULL AS ON PASSPORT

MOTHER’S MAIDEN NAME

HOME ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

TELEPHONE (HOME)

(BUSINESS)

FAX

E-MAIL

PASSPORT NUMBER

EXPIRATION DATE

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CITIZENSHIP

M ○ F

GENDER

OCCUPATION

DATE OF BIRTH

PLACE OF BIRTH

Accommodations

Hotel Room Preference ○ Double ○ Twin ○ Single (at a supplement of $1,695) I wish to share a room with

Form of Payment

Enclosed is my check payable to Academic Arrangements Abroad. ○ Debit card ○ Credit card

NAME AS ON DEBIT/CREDIT CARD

3- OR 4-DIGIT SECURITY CODE

DEBIT/CREDIT CARD NUMBER

EXPIRATION DATE

Each participant must sign below.

I/We confirm that I/we will fully participate in the cultural exchange activities of this People-to-People Program.

I/We confirm that I/we have fully read and agree to the Terms & Conditions of this program.

I/We agree to the balance due 120 days prior to departure.

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For more information, please contact Academic Arrangements Abroad (an OFAC-licensed Travel Service Provider)

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