

# Càlédöñiâ

Languages Culture Adventure

## Cultural Cuba

School Study Trip 2008



### Draft programme

#### Day 1 Travel to Havana

Check in early morning for Virgin flight from London Gatwick to Havana (direct flight). Meet local guide at Havana airport. Transfer to hotel and dinner.

#### Day 2 Havana

Guided walking visit of historic Old Havana. Afternoon visit to the Museum of the Revolution or Gallery of Modern Art. Dinner and free evening.

#### Day 3 Playas del Este

Full day visit by coach to Playa Megano near Havana for swimming and relaxing, (lunch not included). Dinner in hotel. Evening cultural activity.

#### Day 4 Las Terrazas

Coach transfer with bilingual guide to the Sierra del Rosario, Cuba's first Biosphere Reserve (approx 90 minutes from Havana). Guided hike along one of the many trails with picnic lunch. Visit the village and community of Las Terrazas and a restored 18<sup>th</sup> century coffee plantation. Dinner and overnight at local hotel.

#### Day 5 Viñales & Pinar del Rio

After breakfast, drive to the spectacular Viñales Valley. Tour of Viñales and a short guided hike outside the town, with a visit to La Cueva de los Indios (the Indian Cave). Afternoon visit to the Cigar Factory in Pinar del Rio. Dinner and overnight at local hotel.

#### Day 6 Travel Day & free afternoon

Return to Havana (approx 3 hours). Afternoon and evening free. Dinner in hotel.

#### Day 7 Havana

Accompanied visit to museum or gallery in Central Havana. Afternoon visit to the Museum of Afro-Cuban religion, followed by a salsa class with two Cuban dancers. Dinner in hotel. Rest of evening free.

#### Day 8 Return to London

Morning free for optional visit to visit to open air crafts fair in Old Havana. Afternoon departure by coach to Havana airport for overnight flight to London Gatwick.

This 8 day package costs approx. **£ 1,400** per pupil and includes:

- Return international flights from London-Havana with Virgin Atlantic
- Cuba tourist card (visa)
- All transport in Cuba by air-conditioned coaches
- Bilingual professional guides to accompany group throughout the trip
- Accommodation x 7 nights, shared rooms, half board in 3\* hotels
- All entries for visits and excursions
- Full briefing packs with maps provided before departure
- Detailed briefing meeting at school for group, teachers and parents
- Final itinerary to be discussed and agreed with group leaders
- One free place per 8 pupils for accompanying teachers
- Travel Insurance

Minimum group size: 16 students + 2 group leaders

**NOT INCLUDED:** Lunches except where specified on day 4; Cuban airport departure tax (currently £18); tips for guides and drivers; drinks with meals



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