

LANDSCAPES OF MEMORY: HISTORY, CULTURE AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION IN CUBA

Maymester Study Abroad Program:
May 5– 19, 2016

SPONSORED BY Master of Heritage Preservation Program, Department of History

4 SEMESTER HOURS

THE PROGRAM

The Georgia State University program Landscapes of Memory: History, Culture and Historic Preservation in Cuba offers an exciting 14-day study abroad experience. The program is designed to deepen the students' understanding of the history and culture of Cuba, and to explore how the country is working to preserve its historic sites, parks, and cultural landscapes. Special attention will be focused on the city of Havana and the preservation of cultural resources and landscapes in Cuba.

The program will consider the ways in which history is selectively remembered, preserved and presented to the public. Students will develop skills in combining and communicating the results of field experiences and research. Visits to historic sites, parks, places of memory and cultural landscapes will be interspersed with lectures and discussions led by the instructors and local experts in the field.

We will visit:

Havana, the nation's capital city, whose vibrant neighborhoods stretch westward in a chronological parade of architectural exuberance. The political climate of the last 49 years has spared 400 years of urban fabric from the modern-day ravages of freeway construction and urban renewal.

Cienfuegos, called "The Pearl of the South," a coastal city designed in a grid pattern with the Malecón running along the water.

Trinidad, is a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site due to the number of architectural and historical sites that have been virtually untouched by the last two centuries.

Santa Clara, the capital city of the Cuban province and country, set the stage for Che Guevara's final battle against Batista and retains many sites associated with the Rebel Army.

Pinar del Río, a province of Cuba where tobacco and sugarcane are still grown today. The natural resources of Cuba around in the UNESCO designated biosphere reserves, and the city of Pinar del Río boasts many neoclassical buildings with decorative art nouveau frontages.

Tentative Itinerary

March 26-Mandatory orientation meeting

May 4- Arrive in Miami on your own

May 5-Depart Miami to Havana

May 6-12- Explore Havana neighborhoods and their significant historical sites.

May 13-Tour Cienfuegos, including the Paseo del Prado and the Malecón; then head to Punta Gorda, the city's old upper-class neighborhood, and later tour several of Cienfuegos's cemeteries. Other stops include Parque José Martí, Teatro Tomás Terry, and the Casa de la Cultura Benjamin Duarte.

May 14-Spend one day in Trinidad, with a visit to the Museo de Arquitectura Trinitaria and a stop in the Plaza Santa Ana.

May 15- Spend the day in Santa Clara including visits to the Palacio Provincial and the Hotel Santa Clara Libre; also stroll through El Bulevar and Tren Blindado and end tour at the Plaza de la Revolución

May 16-17- Pinar del Río including the Sierra del Rosarios Biosphere Reserve, Teatro José Jacinto Milanés, the cities of Pinar del Río and Viñales and Las Terrazas

May 18-Free day in Havana

May 19- Depart Havana to Miami; Depart Miami to Atlanta



APPLICATION DEADLINE: January 31, 2016

CONTACT INFORMATION

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APPLICATION DEADLINE: January 31, 2016

ACCOMMODATIONS

Participants will stay in high-quality local hotel accommodations (three- and four-star hotels) throughout the various regions of Cuba

DISABILITY ACCOMMODATIONS

Participants with documented disabilities who may need accommodations during their global expedition experience should discuss these needs with the Program Director and the Office of Disability Services at the time of application.

ELIGIBILITY

This program is offered to all students at the graduate level. Upper division undergraduates may take the course, with instructor approval. All students registering for the program must take the course for credit. Program size is limited and participation is contingent upon acceptance by the Program Director.

CREDITS AND COURSES

Participants who successfully complete Case Studies in International Preservation will receive 4 semester hours of course credit at Georgia State University. Undergraduate students will register for HIST 4345 and graduate students will register for HIST 8660. All participants will attend an orientation session on Saturday, March 26, 2016 at GSU. Students from other institutions should follow their institution's regulations concerning transfer credits.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Students interested in applying should find this program's listing at mystudyabroad.gsu.edu and begin an online application. Transient Students: Please see the Transient Student section under the Explore & Apply tab at mystudyabroad.gsu.edu

International Students at Georgia State who hold F-1 visas must contact the Office of International Student and Scholar Services at 404-413-2070 to discuss the possible implications of study abroad for their immigration status.

Because program size is limited, early application is strongly advised. Individual interviews may be scheduled with participants upon receipt of application.

COST

Program cost may vary at any time according to currency fluctuations and changing travel arrangements. The total program cost is tentatively set at \$3,550, PLUS regular Georgia State University tuition and fees. Non-resident/out-of-state students will pay in-state tuition plus \$250 fee in addition to the program cost.

Program Cost Includes

- Charter flights between Miami and Havana
- Hotel accommodations (based on double occupancy; single occupancy request will require additional charges)
- All ground transport, excursions, and entrance fees
- Educational lectures and cultural events
- Most meals
- Health/Evacuation/Repatriation insurance

Program Cost Does Not Include

- Georgia State tuition and fees
- Transportation costs between Atlanta and Miami
- Passport
- Personal expenses and excess baggage charges

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Money order and cashier's checks are accepted and should be addressed to Georgia State University. Credit and debit card payments are also allowed, please check with your Business Manager to determine any restrictions or additional costs.

Date: January 31, 2016 \$1000 Deposit with application

Date: February 26, 2016 \$1,275

Date: March 25, 2016 \$1,275 Remaining balance

All payments are non-refundable upon receipt

Program Deposit Payments: Participants will pay program deposits by logging into PAWS. Please contact your Program Director to confirm that a Program Deposit Account has been established for this purpose before you attempt to make a payment in PAWS.

Program Payments and Remaining Program Balance: Other than the initial program deposit, all program payments—along with the remaining program balance—will be billed directly to your student account. Please refer to the Academic/Registration calendar for the tuition and fees deadline. All tuition and fees must be paid in full before departure.

FUNDING AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Georgia State University students are eligible to apply for the IEF Study Abroad Scholarship/ Georgia State University Foundation Scholarship and may be eligible to apply for the Global Experience Scholarship. Visit mystudyabroad.gsu.edu and select the Scholarships & Financial Aid tab or call the Study Abroad Programs office at (404) 413-2529 for more information.