

Educator Workshop in Cuba

February 25 - March 4, 2023

April 22 - 29, 2023



Amando Vilaseca, CAFS president, with students from Nicolás Estévez Murphy Primary School, one of the schools we will visit in 2023.

Escape the cold Vermont winter and **earn 3 recertification credits** in the tropical warmth of Havana learning about Cuba's educational system. This workshop will include visits to elementary and middle/secondary classrooms and schools. We will also have a tour of the historic University of Havana and a special education school. Arts education will be observed in several out-of-school settings.

In addition to visiting several elementary and middle/secondary schools, the workshop includes visits to:

** the internationally renowned Liza Alfonso Dance Academy in Old Havana. They have a dynamic after-school dance program working with students from 5 year-olds to college age in addition to the professionals that make up their touring company.

** Fabrica de Arte Cubano, recognized in 2019 by Time magazine as one of the World's 100 Greatest Places.

Contemporary cultural center/restaurant with multiple performing spaces and art exhibits.

** tour through historic Old Havana and see sites that you may choose to visit later in the week in your free time; such as the National Museum of Fine Arts or across the street, El Floridita, Ernest Hemingway's favorite bar.

** The Literacy Campaign Museum commemorating the remarkably successful literacy campaign from 1960 - 1962. This educational initiative was one of the first groundbreaking achievements of the Cuban Revolution.

** a neighborhood medical clinic

WORKSHOP COST

\$2,050 is the total workshop cost which does not include your airfare.



On our last trip we squeezed into this Grade 3 classroom and observed a lesson and met with the students.

This workshop will give participants the opportunity to meet with students, passionate teachers, administrators and education policymakers in various educational settings in the beautiful backdrop of Havana, Cuba. Participants will receive 3 recertification credits for teachers' licensure. Upon workshop completion, participants will receive certificates issued by the Cuban American Friendship Society and our Cuban partner, Centro de Investigaciones Psicológicas y Sociológicas (CIPS).



Five and six year old students at the Liza Dance Academy that we observed practice after taking a tour of their facilities.

You will be expected to complete the readings shared with you before the trip and attend all workshop activities on Sunday through Friday. We will meet as a group in Vermont before the trip as well as have group discussions at our Havana house.

We will be staying in an Air B n B-type setting. We will be the only occupants at a large historic house with a lovely veranda-patio where we will have breakfast and meetings. It is in the Vedado district of Havana within walking

distance to several quality restaurants and the university.

Each day we will have breakfast at the house and a group lunch at various Havana restaurants. There will be one welcome dinner with our Cuban partners. The late afternoon and evenings will be free for you to explore Havana on bike, foot or in a historic taxi (an American classic car from the 1940's or 50's).

Why Cuba?

Cuba is an especially unique country. The education workshop will be held primarily in Havana, one of the oldest colonial cities in the Western Hemisphere. Founded in 1519, it is full of history, arts, culture and, perhaps most importantly, very friendly residents.

Cuba is only 90 miles south of the Florida Keys, But because of its socialist Revolution in 1959, Cuba has been isolated from the United States both politically and economically through our government's 60 year+ economic embargo. This blockade, as the Cubans call it, remains in effect today although there was a brief period of some openings during the Obama Administration.

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