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American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science

Delegation to Cuba - Extension

October 14 - 17, 2017

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October 14, 2017

This morning, depart the hotel in Havana to make your way to Matanzas. Just outside of Matanzas, visit Finca Coincidencias, a ceramics workshop and farm in the outskirts of Matanzas. Interchange with the Correa family to learn about the workshop before enjoying lunch at the farm. Following lunch, embark on a walking tour of Matanzas with an architectural expert, stopping at Teatro Sauto and San Carlos Cathedral. End the tour at Ediciones Vigía, a workshop that produces hand crafted books, where you will meet with local artists demonstrating the extensive process. Then, drive to the beach-side town of Varadero and check-in to your hotel, the Meliá Varadero. Enjoy dinner tonight at your hotel. *(Breakfast, Dinner)*

October 15, 2017

Today, visit the town of Cárdenas, a small town southeast of Varadero. Learn about the former sugar port's history and involvement in the Revolution. Visit the Elian Gonzalez Museum, accompanied by lawyers, to discuss the history of the legal aspects of the case, and the local impact in Elian's home town, as well as the rest of Cuba. Return to Varadero for lunch before visiting the Castle of San Severino in Matanzas. The castle holds the Museum of the Slave Trade, which was opened by UNESCO as a part of the "Route of the Slave" project. With the help of a local guide, view the museum exhibits and learn about the importance of this area in defining the history of slave trade in the

Caribbean. This evening, enjoy a Rumba performance by a local Afro-Cuban group, which will be followed by a question-and-answer session with the dancers. *(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)*

October 16, 2017

Following breakfast this morning, depart Varadero for Havana. Stop in the Matanzas neighborhood of Pueblo Nuevo to visit the sociocultural community project, AfroAtenas. Meet with local artists to learn about the local development initiative to have this neighborhood become the hub of Matanzas art and creativity. Enjoy lunch in Matanzas before returning to Havana. En route, stop at Guanabacoa, a small neighborhood in eastern Havana. There, visit the Guanabacoa Museum and Community Center to learn about the neighborhood's roots in Afro-Cuban culture and the Santería religion from some of the members of the community. Later, check-in to your hotel, the Meliá Cohiba, in Havana and enjoy dinner on your own. Take the opportunity to visit a paladar, or privately owned restaurant that Cubans have been able to set up as one of the first opportunities for private enterprise. *(Breakfast)*

October 17, 2017

Check out of the Meliá Cohiba and transfer to the airport for your return charter flight to Miami. *(Breakfast)*





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Accommodations:



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Extension Program Prices:

Price based on double occupancy: \$2,450

Single Supplement: \$1,000

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