

Winterim Trip to Cuba

<u>DESCRIPTION:</u> On this eight-day trip to Cuba, students will have the opportunity to meet and connect with Cuban Christians who have endured nearly 60 years of restrictions under a Marxist government. The trip will also offer insights into the economic challenges of Communist life and the unique resilience of the lovely Cuban people. We will visit historic Havana and then travel to Santa Clara to visit churches that were founded before the revolution. In addition to church activities, the group will visit cultural sites and enjoy a day on the beach in the Cuban Keys.

Members of this team should remember that discretion is essential on this trip. While the relationship between the U.S. and Cuba is improving, Cuba remains a Communist country, ideologically opposed to many of the personal freedoms we take for granted.

Internet access and cell phone coverage is very limited for American cell phones. However, this situation may change completely in the 10 months between now and the trip. Oh, and there are no McDonalds or Starbucks in Cuba. The Cuban diet is limited, and the variety of food is also limited, especially outside of Havana. The island often experiences shortages of food items such as eggs and meat, and Americans must always drink bottled water. This trip will be a great opportunity to practice your Spanish.

Trip leader is Mr. John Northrup, an ACA dad. His parents founded churches in Cuba in the 1950's, and he has continued to visit the island for the past 30 years.

<u>COST:</u> \$2,000—Includes air and ground transportation, lodging, most meals and religious visa. Not included are luggage fees into Cuba, meals when traveling or souvenirs.

Minimum number of students needed to register for this trip is 10 and maximum is 16.

TRAVEL DATES: March 2-9, 2019 (tentative dates)

<u>DEPOSIT/PAYMENTS:</u> \$250 due with registration, non-refundable. Trip balance will be due in six equal monthly payments of \$295.00 (May 15 through Oct 15).

REGISTRATION DATES: April 9-20, 2018