



# Racial Justice & Identity in Cuba: Arts and Social Change

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Despite being only 90 miles away from the US coast, many people in the US have a poor understanding of Cuban society and its achievements. For example, Cubans have one of the best healthcare systems in the world, praised by the World Health Organization for their emphasis on preventative care. Their educational system is world-renowned as is their emphasis on the arts. Cuba is also a majority Afro-descendant nation, which continues to struggle to advance racial equity. We will look at this history and present conditions, paying particular attention to the way activist and organizations have used art and culture to promote social change, but always contextualized through a lens that contemplates race.

- Explore Cuba's educational system: learn about their schools, the Latin American School of Medicine, the National Art School and visit the historic Literacy Campaign Museum.
- Have discussions about race relations and racial identity with Cuban scholars.
- Visit the Cuban Art Factory in Havana.
- Deepen your experience with the preservation of Afro-Cuban spirituality, Santería.
- Visit the House of Africa.
- Explore Cuba's medical system: prevention efforts/treatment.
- Get to know sustainable agricultural practices.
- Learn the impacts of the US blockade against Cuba on the lives of ordinary Cubans.

For an application and more details, please contact:

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**Cost: \$2,000 + airfare**

Delegation fee covers all meals, lodging, interpreters, and transportation within Cuba, along with extensive reading and activist tools.

Application & \$250 deposit due October 4, 2019.

Remaining Balance due December 4, 2019.



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