



Enforex – Havana (Cuba) 2007

Not only is Cuba a beautiful country, it also has a population that is very friendly and hospitable in spite of the economic difficulties in the last few years. It's a country of music, of poetry, of dancing, singing and chatting. People still have time for each other and for their guests. Cuba is like going back in time to the 50's: old cars, a relaxed atmosphere, no hurry. Apart from that, Cuba has a nice climate, all year round students can enjoy the beaches, water sports etc.

Havana

Havana, city of faded glory but just as much the city of unbridled high spirits. A city where little is allowed, but much is possible. After years of undeniable decline, this impressive metropolis, now included in the UNESCO list of World Monuments, is rising like a phoenix from its ashes.

Havana is a city one has to learn to appreciate. It is a melting pot of cultures and races, an open-air museum under the strict direction of Fidel Castro. Apart from the picturesque inner city, the "Playas del Este" and the famous Malecón (the immense boulevard that is considered to be the living room of Havana) you should take some time to get to know Vedado. This is the part of Havana where the host families live and where you find many art deco buildings that would be considered national monuments in many countries.

ENFOREX - HAVANA

Since 1997 the Spanish course is offered in Santiago de Cuba and since 2000 we offer the same programme in Havana. All teachers are university graduates and have been well trained in language teaching to foreigners. Our school in Havana has a joint venture with the "UNEAC", a big organization in the field of Cuban culture.

Facilities:

Classes are held either in the teacher's home, in the house of the host family or (in some cases in a mini group course) in one of the cultural centres. All homes are located in the Vedado area.

HAVANA PROGRAM ATMOSPHERE

- 1. Students' nationality** - mainly from the Netherlands, Germany, Switzerland, Denmark, Sweden, Austria and Great Britain. Occasionally also students from France, Italy, Japan, Canada and other countries come to study here.
- 2. Age group** - The average age of our students is 30 years.
- 3. Minimum age accepted into regular group program** – no minimum age
- 4. Internet:** There is a internet-café in the old town, in a big building that is called The Capitol. Half an hour costs USD 3, an hour costs USD 5 (June 2004). If all computers are occupied, students can put their names on a list to make a reservation. Also students can go to one of the big tourist hotels. Here the use of a computer is more expensive but they usually do not have to wait.



PROGRAMS OFFERED IN ENFOREX HAVANA

Intensive Group Course

Duration:	Minimum 2 weeks
Hours:	20 lessons per week
Group size:	Maximum of 3 and average of 2 students per class. Minimum of 2 participants requested for the course to take place.
Level:	From beginner to superior
Age:	No minimum age
Starting dates:	Every Monday

Super Intensive Course

Duration:	Minimum 2 week
Hours:	20 group lessons + 10 private lessons per week
Group size:	Maximum of 3 and average of 2 students per class. Minimum of 2 participants on the group lessons requested for the course to take place.
Level:	From Beginner to Superior
Age:	No minimum age
Starting dates:	Every Monday

One to one course

Duration:	Minimum 1 week
Hours:	20 lessons per week
Group size:	1 student per class
Level:	From beginner to superior
Age:	No minimum age
Starting dates:	Every Monday

NOTE: Intensive Group Course and Super Intensive Course are only possible with a minimum of 2 participants. The schools reserve the right to change a course into a one-to-one tuition in case there is no other student at the same level. If this happens, there will be a reduction of class hours of 25%.



ACTIVITIES & EXCURSIONS

Every Thursday at 8:30pm all students gather in the meeting point to make plans for the weekend. Students that want to make the same excursion can go together so it will be cheaper to rent a taxi. Taxis are usually the best way to make an excursion.

Every night at 8:30pm students usually come together to the meeting point. Here they decide if they want to go out, where they are going etc. Or they stay here and play a game of domino.

Average prices: US\$ 25 for a day trip US\$ 50 for a weekend trip

Example of activities and excursions:

- Guided tour of Havana
- Swimming pool: There is a swimming pool at the Hotel Havana Libre near the accommodation. Single entry to the pool costs USD 15 but this is concerned to be a minimum amount to spend. This means that drinks and meals are included up to the amount of USD 15 (June 2004)
- Visits to the Santa Maria Beach/Playas del Este (12 km. long!)
- Trinidad
- Varadero
- Viñales
- Pinar del Rio
- Santa Clara
- Dance classes (individual and in groups): salsa, mambo, rumba, cha-cha-chá, son.
- Music: Music classes (only individual) e.g. percussion, guitar, trumpet.
- Religion: To witness Santería or consult with Santería priests. Santería is a fusion of Catholicism with the Lucumí religion of the African Yoruba tribes

ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE

ENFOREX Havana offers lodging in host families.

Homestay

Bedroom: single or double (double rooms are only available for two students travelling together).

Meals: half board

Location: The selected host families live in spacious homes in a nice residential part of the town: Reparto Vedado. Though it is mainly a quiet area, there are several nice bars and discotheques. Vedado is at about 40-45 minutes walking distance or about 15 minutes by bicycle-taxi from the old town of Havana.

Laundry service: not included. The host family can take care of the laundry for a small charge

Basic furniture in a room: Bed, closet, desk, chair, a fan or air-conditioner

Private bathroom: Available in some home stays, but VERY few

LANGUAGE PROGRAM

- **Spanish levels:** Beginner to superior
- **Duration of each lesson:** 50 minutes
- **Text and materials:** Please note that grammar books are only available during class hours. We advise students to bring a grammar book themselves as well. In Havana we do not have any grammar books in stock to sell (in Santiago we usually do). We also advise our students to bring their own pen & papers.
- **First day of class:**
Day of arrival: All students go to the meeting point, where they will be welcomed by Onelio, Rey or Erik. They will call the family where the student will be staying. All families live in the same part of town (Vedado) and are at walking distance from Onelio's and the meeting point. The house in Calle 23, # 413, between J y I is the meeting point for all students during their stay.



Monday: On the first Monday all students are expected at 08.30 am at the meeting point (the same address where they arrived the first day) to meet their teacher. Here they are given a written and oral placement test in order to determine their knowledge of the Spanish language, and for the mini group students to place them in the appropriate class for their level. Classes start immediately after this placement test.

At 8.30pm all (new) students gather at the meeting point where they will get general but important information about practical things. Like:- what & where in Havana- where can you change dollars into pesos (= moneda nacional), etc...

ARRIVAL AND TRANSPORT

Airport: We recommend the students to take a taxi to go to the meeting point. The distance from the airport to the meeting point is about 25 km. By taxi it will take about 30 minutes and will cost around USD 18.

Airport tax

Please note that on departure USD 25 in cash has to be paid at a special counter at the airport.

Airport pick-up: Not available.

Public transport: taxi from the host family to the old centre: USD 3 - 4
taxi from the host family to the nearest beach: USD 12

There are also bicycle-taxis, horse-drawn coaches, buses and trains.

Car-hire is only possible through Cuban companies. Petrol stations (called Servi-cupet) are open for 24 hours a day and can always supply petrol to tourists.

For information about buses to Trinidad, Santiago and other cities, please look at the site www.viazul.cu Here you find detailed information about bus schedules but please note that they change a lot!

Viazul bus stop Havana: Casa Matriz; Avenida 26 y Zoológico, Nuevo Vedado, Ciudad de La Habana

PRATICAL INFORMATION ABOUT CUBA

Money matters

Currency – Peso Convertible (PC). 1 PC = 1 US Dollar. There is a commission of 10% if buying Pesos Convertibles with American Dollars. No commissions are charged if buying them with any other currencies.

Banks - Opening times: 09.00 - 15.00 h., Monday to Friday.

Traveller cheques: accepted unless issued by US-banks e.g. American Express is not accepted. - Credit cards: accepted unless issued by US-banks e.g. American Express is not accepted

Electricity

110 volt

National Holidays

1 January	Liberation Day
8 March	International Women's Day
1 May	Labour day
26 July	National Revolution Day
25 December	Christmas



Visa requirements

To enter Cuba every tourist needs a passport (that's still valid for 6 months after arrival) and a tourist visa that normally can be purchased together with the flight. This visa is usually valid for 30 days.

At the immigration office one extension of 30 days can be made (approx. USD 25). After a total of 60 days the student will have to leave Cuba for at least one day to enter again on a tourist visa.

Health

Tourists have their own medical facilities, provided by the Clínica Internacional. A doctor and a nurse are on permanent duty (USD 30 per consultation). The clinic has a modestly stocked pharmacy, an ambulance, and beds in the event that one needs an overnight stay. Emergencies – Ambulance, Tel: 40 5093 / Fire, Tel: 81 1115

Climate

From November to April (wintertime, the dry season) temperature is around 25°C. In summertime (May to October) the air is very moist (80%) and you should count on some rainfall, mainly in the afternoon. Temperatures rise to 32-35°C

PRICES 2007

Application fee 100€

Havana (Cuba)	1 week	2 weeks	3 weeks	4 weeks	Extra week
Intensive group course 20 lessons/week	-	360 €	460 €	560 €	100 €
Super Intensive course 30 lessons/ week*	-	480 €	640 €	800 €	160 €
One to One Course 20 lessons/ week	275 €	400 €	525 €	650 €	125 €
Dance Course 5 lessons/ week	55 €	110 €	165 €	220 €	55 €
Music Course 5 lessons/ week	75 €	150 €	225 €	300 €	75 €
Accommodation					
Home stay, Single room, half board	260 €	560 €	860 €	1.160 €	300 €
Home stay, Double room**, half board	195€	420 €	645 €	870 €	225 €

- The Dance and Music course can only be booked in addition to a language course

- **Extra day:** 35 € per night (double room), 45 € per night (single room)

Airport pick up: not available

* 20 group lessons + 10 one-to-one lessons

** Accommodation in double room only possible for two people traveling together

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NEW BOOKING

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(I understand that by sending this form I accept all Enforex conditions)

Student's Name: _____ ? Male? Female
 Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Age: _____ Passport Number: _____
 Nationality: _____ Native Language: _____
 Address: _____
 City : _____ Zip code : _____ Country : _____
 Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____
 How did you hear from ENFOREX ? : _____

COURSE Course starts: ____/____/____ Course ends: ____/____/____
 City / Center: ? Habana - Cuba
 Course Name: ? Intensive (20 lessons per week) ? One-to-one (20 lessons/week)
 ? ? Spanish course (25 lessons per week) ? One-to-one (25 lessons/week)
 ? ? Spanish course (30 lessons per week) ? One-to-one (20 lessons/week)
 Approximate level: Lowest? ? 0 ? 1 ? 2 ? 3 ? 4 ? 5 ? 6 ? 7 ? 8 ? 9 ? Highest (Please tick one)

HOUSING Arrival date: ____/____/____ Departure date: ____/____/____
 (accommodation are available from Sunday before the first day of the school until Saturday after the last day of the school)
 Type of accommodation: ? Host Family
 Smoker: ? Yes ? No Minds smoking: ? Yes ? No Minds animals: ? Yes ? No
 Special Requests: _____

AIRPORT TRANSFER *Even if you do not request airport transfer, please inform us your flight details.*

Upon ARRIVAL: ? Yes ? No (Please tick one) City of Arrival : _____
 Arrival Date: ____/____/____ Airline: _____ Flight Number: _____ Time: ____:____ am/pm

AUTHORIZATION FOR CHARGES Amount authorised: _____ Us \$

Visa/MasterCard number _____ - _____ - _____ - _____

Expire date: ____/____ Cardholder Name: _____

I understand that the amount authorized to charge in US dollars will be converted into the euros exchange rate of the day of the charge. To certify that the information given above is true, I hereby sign this document:

Card holder passport number : _____ Signature: _____