CUBA Delegation!
Women’s Issues, Challenges & Opportunities in CUBA • January 4-12, 2014
Dear AAUW Members:

Have you ever thought about visiting Cuba? Now’s the time! Join us for a research delegation in Cuba January 4–12, 2014. Combine your passions for women’s empowerment and adventure on a weeklong education with other researchers and activists. Our fall 2012 trip was a huge success and we came home with a wealth of information about women’s lives, challenges, and goals in Cuba.

PURPOSE:
The delegation will gather information on topics of interest to the U.S. women’s studies research community. These topics span a range of Cuban women’s issues:

• Challenges and responsibilities surrounding gender roles
• Women at work in traditional and nontraditional, urban and rural occupations
• Women in government, science, music, and medicine
• Protecting women’s rights at home and at work

WHO QUALIFIES:
You must be a professional in a field related to qualify. Not sure if that includes you? Please contact Taunya DeYoung at phone (800) 252-4910 or email Taunya@betchartexpeditions.com.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW:
The program centers on in-person meetings with prominent Cuban women professionals in the fields we study. This makes for authentic and thorough results, which you can apply to your career, volunteer work, and day-to-day life.

ITINERARY:
The trip will begin in Miami with a welcome and briefing. The next day we will fly to Havana for an orientation in the city. There, we will meet with members of the Federation of Cuban Women about women’s rights at home and at work and visit the Literacy Museum for a lesson on women’s role in the successful 1960s campaign to end illiteracy in Cuba—a campaign that has since become a model for countries around the world.

From Havana, our journey continues to the Las Terrazas and Sierra del Rosario reserves, rural areas where women’s industry has taken great steps in recent years—particularly in the largely women-based workforce of ecotourism.

Other stops include a trip to the Orquideario Soroa botanical orchid garden, which runs educational projects to help children learn about local ecology, plants, and wildlife; and a private visit to the Parliament House led by a representative who will discuss women’s participation in Cuban parliament and local politics.

We will learn firsthand about some of the great scientific achievements by Cuban women, as well as the local health challenges they face, and (schedule permitting) we will meet members of the Cuban all-women orchestra.

HOW TO APPLY:
To reserve your place, please fill out and send the attached itinerary, reservation form and deposit, and application to taunya@betchartexpeditions.com. If you do not qualify, your deposit will be refunded. Feel free to contact Taunya DeYoung with any questions:

telephone: (800) 252-4910 or email: Taunya@betchartexpeditions.com

Traveling in a couple? We’d love to have you! Both partners must meet delegation qualifications; please contact Taunya to get started.

We hope you will be able to join us for another fascinating visit to Cuba!

Sincerely,

Cordy Galligan
AAUW Director of Marketing and Business Development
CUBA DELEGATION

Research Delegation to Cuba:
WOMEN’S ISSUES & OPPORTUNITIES IN CUBA
January 4 - 12, 2014
(9 days)

OVERVIEW

We invite you to join this Research Delegation which will explore Women’s Issues, Challenges, and Opportunities in Cuba. How do women fare in Cuba compared to the United States or Europe? Are there issues unique to Cuba? What are the opportunities for Women in Science and Medicine in Cuba? In rural Cuba?

We will meet with prominent Cuban women for an overview of Women’s issues in the Home and Workplace and learn about the challenges and opportunities with scientists and health care professionals.

We will meet with talented and well spoken Cuban professionals to learn about these topics, as we explore Havana and outside the capital at La Terrazas, Cienfuegos, and Trinidad. Included will be a visit to a new school just inaugurated April 9, 2013 by Fidel Castro, and the opportunities for women in the Cuban Parliament.

ITINERARY

DAY 1  HOME TO MIAMI, FLORIDA
Sat Jan 4

4:00 pm All passengers arrive in Miami by 4 pm.
Transfer by hotel shuttle to our Hotel (1 night) near the Miami International Airport.
6:30 Welcome social, introductions, and briefing on the trip.
Dinner on your own.

DAY 2  MIAMI TO HAVANA
Sun Jan 5

Transfer by hotel shuttle to the Miami Airport for your flight to Havana.
6:00 am Check in for the charter flight.
9:00 Flight departs for Havana, Cuba.
(Flight times subject to confirmation 60 days before departure.)
10:00 Arrive in Havana. Transfer to our Havana Hotel (4 nights).
Lunch at hotel.
Have a walking tour of the historic central district of Old Havana, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Accompanied by your local guides, mingle with the Cuban people in Habana Vieja!
Dinner at the Tocororo Restaurant.
Visit the original walled City of Havana to see the reenactment of the traditional Colonial Cannon Firing Ceremony at the “San Carlos de la Cabana” Fortress in Old Havana. (L,D)

DAY 3  HAVANA - INTRODUCTION TO WOMEN’S ISSUES IN CUBA
Mon Jan 6

Breakfast at our hotel.
Morning meeting with members of the Federation of Cuban Women (FMC) for special presentations on Equality in Cuba, challenges for full equality for women in Cuba, and issues, successes, and challenges for Woman on the home front.
Lunch with Cuban guests.
Visit the Literacy Museum to learn about the role of women in the successful campaign to end illiteracy in Cuba in the 1960’s. This campaign has been a model for many countries around the world.
Dinner in Old Havana with lively Cuban Music.  

**DAY 4**  
**LA TERRAZAS & SIERRA DEL ROSARIO RESERVE**  
**- WOMEN’S & CHILDREN’S ISSUES IN RURAL CUBA**

Breakfast at the hotel.
8:00 am
Drive westward through agricultural lands and small towns, and explore traditional and new occupations for women in rural areas. How do you feed your family in Cuba? What do you raise at home, and what do you purchase with ration cards?

Meet our local guide Anya at the Museum of La Terrazas for an introduction to the successful reforestation project which led to the development of a diverse community based on eco-tourism.

Also, visit a private home and see how rural Cuban people live by visiting their house, outbuildings, and see some of their crops and farm animals. See the numerous tropical fruits grown by local families.

Lunch at Casa del Campesino.

With your guide visit the Orquideario Soroa to see hundreds of orchids and learn about educational projects to get the children of the region to better appreciate the native plants and animals of Cuba and how to conserve them for the future.

Dinner at the Nacional Hotel in Old Havana with AAUW Student Group.  

**DAY 5**  
**CUBAN WOMEN IN POWER, SCIENCE & MEDICINE**

Breakfast at the hotel.
Depart for Parliament House for an introduction to Women in Power in Cuba. Forty-five percent of the members of parliament are women.
Learn how the parliamentary system works, how parliament members help in their own neighborhoods, and how women participate in politics in Cuba.

Visit the new school complex in the Havana municipality of Playa, named after Cuban heroine Vilma Espin Guillois, who was the wife of President Raul Castro. On April 9, 2013, Fidel Castro participated in the inauguration of the new educational complex.

After lunch, learn about some of the successes for women scientists in medicine and about public health in Cuba.
Visit local pharmacies (one for tourists and one for locals).
Dinner in Old Havana
Evening music program. 

**DAY 6**  
**HAVANA & CIENFUEGOS --**  
**URBAN GARDENS, WOMEN’S ISSUES, ARTS & CRAFTS**

Breakfast at the hotel.
Visit the Alamar agricultural project on the outskirts of Havana. Meet the Director, and her staff and workers to learn how urban agriculture is feeding many Cubans with healthy produce. Then drive to the colonial city of Cienfuegos with lunch en route.
In the afternoon, become acquainted with the Cienfuegos community theater and arts & crafts projects. Explore the central district and see Marti Plaza, the Palacio del Valle, and the Necropolis of Tomas Acea that was designed after the Parthenon of Athens.

Dinner at our Hotel in Cienfuegos (1 night).
Local theater or Cienfuegos Choir performance.  

**DAY 7**

**TRINIDAD: A UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE**

Fri Jan 10

Breakfast at the hotel.
Morning drive through old and new sugar cane fields to Trinidad. Trinidad was founded in 1514 and is the most colonial of all Cuban towns and is home to a cathedral, churches, historic buildings, and is a center of music and arts. Have lunch in Trinidad with members of the Trinidad Federation of Cuban Women. Learn about issues for women in their community and home life. Overnight in a Trinidad hotel (1 night).
Dinner with Cuban guests from the Federation of Cuban Women.  

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**DAY 8**

**TRINIDAD TO HAVANA**

Sat Jan 11

Breakfast at the hotel.
Return drive to Havana today.
Lunch en route.
Late afternoon return to our Hotel in Havana (1 night).
Farewell dinner & celebration.  

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**DAY 9**

**HAVANA TO MIAMI**

Sun Jan 12

Breakfast at the hotel.
8:00 am Transfer to the Havana Airport for your flight to Miami.
11:00 Charter flight departs Havana for Miami.
Take connecting flights home.  

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**COSTS & CONDITIONS**

**Expedition Fee:** $3,995 per person twin share (plus air fare from Miami to Havana, Cuba, RT $650 including tax plus $75 Cuba visa fee).  Air fare home to Miami is additional.

**Single Supplement:** $495. If you do not have a roommate or we cannot provide one, you must pay the single supplement.  Limited singles are available.

**Reservations, Deposits & Payments:** To reserve a place on this expedition, please contact Taunya DeYoung at Betchart, (800) 252 4910. Email: taunya@betchartexpeditions.com Please complete the Reservation Form and the CUBA Delegation application.  Please phone Taunya with any questions you may have before completing the Application form.

**Who May Participate:**  This trip operates under a General License by the US Treasury Department for professional research in Cuba and is open to professionals in a field related to the theme of the trip.  For clarification, please phone Taunya to discuss, (800) 252-4910.

**Expedition Fee Includes:** Transfers in Havana, transportation by air conditioned motorcoach, accommodations in Cuba twin share with private bath in 3-star or 4-star hotels; all meals from lunch on January 5 until breakfast on January 12, 2014; special lectures and events as outlined; entrance fees; tips to local guides, drivers, bellboys and waiters; leadership by guest experts, local guides, and a Betchart naturalist escort/leader; participation of AAUW Representative; administration.
YES! I/We want to join the AAUW Cuba Delegation, January 4 - 12, 2014.
Please reserve _____ space(s). As a deposit, I/we have enclosed a check for $__________ ($1,000 per person), payable to Betchart Expeditions Inc. Trust Account. I understand the final payment is due October 4, 2013.

Name(s) _________________________________Date of Birth __________ Sex _________

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Address ___________________________________________________________________

City _______________________________ State ____________ ZIP _________

Phone: Home (____) _______________ Work (____) _______________________

Email #1: ______________________________ #2: _______________________________

Membership: AAUW Chapter: _____________________________________________

Accommodations Preference: _____ Twin  _____ Twin share  _____Single

_____ Nonsmoker  _____ Smoker

Signature: _______________________________________ Date: ______________________

Signature: _______________________________________ Date: ______________________

Please mail WITH SPECIAL CUBA PROGRAM APPLICATION & deposit check to:

AAUW CUBA DELEGATION 2014
Betchart Expeditions Inc.
17050 Montebello Road
Cupertino, CA 95014-5435

Expedition Fee Does Not Include: Air fare and Cuba visa (quoted separately); 1 night Miami hotel; beverages at meals; gratuities to your expedition leader, travel insurance; excess luggage charges; items of strictly a personal nature (passport, phone calls, alcoholic beverages, laundry, internet, phone, fax, snacks or sodas); personal insurance; Cuba airport departure tax.

Air Fare & Airline Ticketing: All passengers fly together Miami to Havana on January 5, 2014 and return together on January 12. All passengers should book independent flights to arrive in Miami on January 4, 2014 by 4:00 pm and to depart Miami after 2 pm on January 12. Please call Taunya if questions or for assistance, (800) 252-4910.

Cancellations & Refunds: If you do not qualify as a delegate, your deposit will be refunded in full. If you decide to cancel for reasons of your own, the initial deposit is refundable until October 4, 2013, less a handling fee of $100 per person. There is no refund of the trip fee after October 4 unless your place is resold, then only the $100 per person handling fee is withheld. There are no refunds for unused meals, or other expedition features.

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DELEGATION APPLICATION

Thank you for your interest in being part of AAUW’s Research Delegation to Cuba. The purpose of the delegation is to gather information on varied topics in Cuba that are of interest to women’s studies and issues.

This research delegation is focused on these areas:

- **Equality in Cuba:** Rights, Challenges, and Responsibilities of Women and Men in Cuba.
- **The Role of Cuban Women:** In traditional Occupations and New Occupations in Rural and Urban Areas.
- **Cuban Women:** In Power, Science, Music, and Medicine.
- **Role of the Cuban Women’s Federation:** To further the Rights of Women at Work and in the Home.

Trip you are applying for: **Women’s Issues, Challenges, and Opportunities in CUBA**

Departure Date: ____________

NAME (as it appears on your passport):

Birth Date: _______/_____/____

Name as you prefer to be called: ________________________________ Place of Birth: ________________________________ Age: ______

Address: ____________________________________________________________

City: ________________________________ State: ______ Zip: __________

Phone: Home (_______) ________________________________ Work (_______) ________________________________

Email: ________________________________ Fax (_______) ________________________________

Occupation (please state from what field): ________________________________

Employer: ____________________________________________________________________________

PHOTO: Please include a passport style photo attached to the upper right corner of this questionnaire.

PASSPORT INFORMATION:

I am a citizen of: ______________________________________________________________

Passport Number: ________________________________ State Where Issued: __________

Date of Issue: _______/_____/______ Date of Expiration: _______/_____/______

EMERGENCY CONTACT:

Name: ________________________________ Relationship: ________________________________

Phone: Day (_______) ________________________________ Evening (_______) ________________________________

Email: ________________________________ City: ________________________________ State: ______

Do you speak Spanish? ____ Basic ____ Intermediate ____ Conversational ____ Fluent

PLEASE ANSWER ALL FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

(Attach additional pages, if necessary)

1. What is your profession and/or area of interest and expertise?
PLEASE ANSWER ALL FOLLOWING QUESTIONS (continued):
(Attach additional pages, if necessary)

2. How does travel to Cuba supplement your professional growth and how does it apply to your area of work?

3. What topics within your specialty do you expect to learn about while traveling in Cuba?

4. Upon your return from Cuba, how will you share your findings?

5. Do you agree to allow AAUW to publish your full report or parts of your report?  Yes  No

6. Have you written any articles or reports about your specialty and/or topic of interest?  Yes  No

7. How do the activities in this trip pertain to your profession?

8. Is there anything else you would like to share with us, to make the case for why you should be chosen to be a part of this delegation?

Other documents to be submitted:
A copy of your resume and bio, list of current publications.

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