

Oak Bay High School Band & Choir  
2017 Music Tour to Cuba  
April 14-21 2017

Oak Bay Band and Choir will be travelling to Cuba from Friday April 14 to Friday April 21 2017. Cuba is an amazing country with a musical culture that is unique in the world. This music tour includes many sightseeing opportunities as well as learning opportunities through music. All students in Band 10-12 and Choir 10-12 are invited to participate although depending on whether we take one or two busloads we may need to limit the number of students. Preference will be given to students in grade 12 and grade 11.

The trip will leave from Victoria with students meeting at the Swartz Bay Ferry terminal. In Vancouver, we will be met by coach bus to travel to Vancouver Airport for our flight to Havana.

Students will spend 7 days touring Havana and the surrounding area.

### The trip includes

- Walk on return ferry fare between Swartz Bay and Tsawwassen.
- Return transfers from Tsawwassen to Vancouver Airport by private charter bus.
- Flights: Vancouver/Havana/Vancouver including air taxes.
- 7 nights hotel accommodation in air-conditioned rooms with private bathroom. Two students per room. The hotel has a swimming pool.
- Breakfast and dinner daily while in Cuba
- All ground transportation during our stay in Cuba (we travel by air-conditioned coach in Cuba)
- Cuban tourist visa and the Cuban airport tax
- Entrance/participation fees for visits-performances-workshops-tours with the exception of the waterfall and the Jazz Café
- Guide/translator services (the guide is with the group the entire tour, including at the hotel)
- Guided bus and walking tour of Old Town Havana
- Interactive percussion and Latin Rhythms workshop
- Choral workshop
- Salsa dance lessons at the hotel
- Performances by band and choir at locations such as the Jazz Café, Community Centres, local schools
- Performances by Cuban musicians and dancers
- Visit to a Cuban Fine Arts High School to share performances and socialize
- Day tour by bus to explore the geography, the flora and fauna of Western Cuba, including a visit to underground rivers and a hike to a waterfall
- Time at the beach
- Farewell dinner and dance party with Cuban students and teachers
- Shopping at the well-known Artisans' Market in Havana as well as smaller outdoor markets
- Checked instrument fees
- One additional checked bag/instrument each for up to 70% of your students. Tips for guides/drivers
- Tour t-shirt
- Bottled water (1 3-litre bottle per student per day)
- Insurance (includes Medical insurance up to \$3,000,000, cancellation/lost baggage ins.)

The total price for this tour per student is **\$2395.**

### Not Included

- Lunches (\$75 CDN recommended – this is based on the current rate of exchange with the US dollar. The Cuban Peso is on par with the US dollar)
- Beverages other than bottled water mentioned above
- Optional activities and tips for meals (hike to the waterfall is \$3.00 CP, Jazz Club is \$10 CP)
- Items of a personal nature.
- Spending money (\$200 CDN recommended – based on the current rate of exchange with US\$)
- Passport or visa fees.
- Any charges by the airline for excess or oversize baggage. Bags and instruments must be within a total of 62 linear inches or weight less than 50lbs.

Parents and students are asked to commit to this trip by providing a deposit (check or cash) of \$300.00 to Oak Bay High School.

- **This is a non-refundable deposit** and it is not possible to use band/choir account money for the first deposit.
- Reservations for the trip are held when the \$300.00 deposit is collected.  
**Checks will be collected from Monday May 30-Thursday June 9**
- Families are responsible to ensure that students have in their possession correct travel documents including valid passports and Visa's (non-Canadian citizens)

### Payment schedule:

\$300 First deposit – May 30-June 9

\$500 Second deposit due Sept 14

\*\$500 OPTIONAL THIRD PAYMENT due Nov. 15

\$1475 Balance of payment due Jan. 27, 2017

\*With the exception of the first and second deposit, it is always possible to make extra payments before the balance of payment is due.

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Please return this form with first deposit.

My Son/Daughter \_\_\_\_\_ will be participating in the 2017 tour to Cuba. I have read the attached **proposed** itinerary and enclosed a non-refundable check made payable for \$300.00 to **Oak Bay High School. Please write the name of the student in the memo box on the check.**

Name of student (Full Legal name as it appears on passport)

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Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year

Does the student have a valid passport? (valid 6 mos. AFTER April 21 2017)

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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Legal Parent/Guardian name (please print)

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Legal Parent/Guardian signature

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Parent/Guardian email for distribution list

**If you have any questions, concerns or comments please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Weaver by email [jweaver@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:jweaver@sd61.bc.ca) or by phone 250-598-3361 or Mrs. Murphy [sbmurphy@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:sbmurphy@sd61.bc.ca)**