

## ***Austin College—Spanish Immersion in the Dominican Republic***

| <b>DAY</b> | <b>DATE</b>                     | <b>Topic of the day</b>  | <b>CULTURAL IMMERSION ACTIVITY</b>   | <b>SCHEDULE</b>               |
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| 1          | Friday<br>January 2<br>2015     | FLIGHT   | Depart DFW 7:45 am Arrive CVG (Cincinnati) 10:57 am Delta #3511 02JAN2015 Depart CVG 1140 am Arrive JFK (NYC) 1:46 pm<br><br>Delta #429 02JAN2015 Depart JFK 3:00 pm Arrive SDQ (Santo Domingo) 8:02 pm  |                               |
| 1          | Friday<br>January 2<br>2015     | Day of arrival. Settling in with host families in Santo Domingo. |  | 8:02pm                        |
| 2          | Saturday<br>January 3<br>2015   | No classes   | Welcoming reception, in Adrian Tropical Lincoln  | TBA                           |
| 3          | Sunday<br>January 4<br>2015     | No classes   | Excursión to the 27 pools of Damajagua<br><a href="http://www.27charcos.com/index.php">http://www.27charcos.com/index.php</a>  | 7am-6pm                       |
| 4          | Monday<br>January 5<br>2015     | Holiday  | Free Day   |                               |
| 5          | Tuesday<br>January 6<br>2015    |  | Tour of UNIBE (Iberoamerican University in Santo Domingo)<br>Lunch (cost not included)<br>Santo Domingo Sightseeing Tour (Grayline)  | 10:30am-12m<br>12m<br>2pm-6pm |
| 6          | Wednesda<br>y January<br>7 2015 |  | Arrive at UNIBE<br>lunch   | 11am                          |
|            |                                 |  | Guided visit to the sugar cane plantation of Engombe y Nigua. (Samuel)<br><a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Engombe_Sugar_Mi">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Engombe_Sugar_Mi</a><br><a href="#">ll</a>  | 2pm-6pm                       |
| 7          | Thursday<br>January 8<br>2015   |  | Arrive at UNIBE<br>lunch   | 11am                          |
|            |                                 |  | Visit the Amber Museum (learn about the process of converting this resin from a semi-precious stone for different kinds of jewelry. Visit the Modelo Market. Students will experience the market and learn about the different handicrafts that the entire DR produces). | 2-6pm                         |

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|                                 |                         |                                       | <a href="http://www.ambermuseum.com/">http://www.ambermuseum.com/</a>   |                 |
| 8                               | Viernes 9 de enero 2015 |                                       | Arrive at UNIBE lunch   | 11am            |
|                                 |                         |                                       | Visit the National Botanical Garden. Listen to a talk about native plants. Visit the ecological museum and tour the garden.<br><a href="http://www.jbn.gob.do/">http://www.jbn.gob.do/</a>  | 2pm-5pm         |
| 9                               | Sábado 10 de enero 2015 |                                       | Visit the dunes at Bani, which are unique in the whole Caribbean (Grayline)<br><a href="http://www.ecoguiadominicana.com/inc/fiche.php?id_lieu=55">http://www.ecoguiadominicana.com/inc/fiche.php?id_lieu=55</a>  | 7am-4pm         |
| 10                              | Sunday January 11 2015  | Free Day                              | Free Day  | Free Day        |
| 11                              | Monday January 12 2015  |                                       | Arrive at UNIBE lunch   | 11am            |
|                                 |                         |                                       | Afternoon of shopping at the commercial center in Santo Domingo in order to get to know the place where capital residents buy things. This will be an appropriate farewell to Santo Domingo.  | 3pm-7pm         |
| 12                              | Martes 13 de enero 2015 |                                       | Arrive at UNIBE   | 9:30am          |
|                                 |                         |                                       | Depart for Punta Cana, with a stop along the way in two places: Los 3 Ojos (caves on the outskirts of Santo Domingo)<br><a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Los_Tres_Ojos">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Los_Tres_Ojos</a> and the Caves of Marvels, (named for their impressive, well-preserved Taíno pictographs (Samuel)<br>( <a href="http://www.atlasobscura.com/places/cuevas-de-las-maravillas-cave-of-wonders">http://www.atlasobscura.com/places/cuevas-de-las-maravillas-cave-of-wonders</a> ) | 10am            |
| <b>Itinerary for Punta Cana</b> |                         |                                       |   |                 |
| <b>Day</b>                      | <b>Date</b>             | <b>Class Topic</b>                    | <b>Cultural Immersion Activity</b>  | <b>Schedule</b> |
| 1                               | Wed., January 14 2015   | SPANISH CLASS<br>Three hours of class |   | 9am-12pm        |

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|   |                          |  | LUNCH IN HERITAGE   | 12m-1:30 pm |
|   |                          | Spanish class: Gastronomy I (vocabulary and readings about gastronomy with a focus on Dominican cuisine)   | Living off the banana: Visit to la Casita de Yeya. Preparation of fried bananas with chefs, along with several other dishes.  | 2:30pm-6pm  |
| 2 | Thursday January 15 2015 | SPANISH CLASS<br>Three hours of class  |   | 9am-12pm    |
|   |                          |  | LUNCH IN HERITAGE   | 12m-1:30 pm |
|   |                          | Spanish classes: Exposure to everyday life (vocabulary and readings referring to the common aspects of the life of an everyday person, focusing on transportation, business, leisure, etc. | Visit to the incredible town of Verón. They will depart from wherever they are in the city, arriving in a public bus. They will meet in the center of Verón. There each student will take a motorbike-buggy to take a tour of the main street, experiencing special mint candies, second-hand foreign clothing stores, beauty shops (a fundamental part of Dominican culture), gambling houses (there are too many of these unfortunately in the DR and in Verón), and they will finish in el Drink Point to try a “cold bride’s dress” and to dance with locals. | 3pm-6pm     |
| 3 | Viernes 16 de enero 2015 | SPANISH CLASS<br>Three hours of class  |   | 9am-12pm    |
|   |                          |  | LUNCH HERITAGE  | 12m-1:30 pm |
|   |                          | Spanish classes: Music and dance: From the traditional to the modern (vocabulary and readings)   | Merengue and bachata classes. We will be invited to a “Perico Ripiao” so they can teach us about the typical musical instruments associated with merengue. They will explain how they are made ahow they are used. They will present the typical merengue dance by the professional group. The students will also be taught this dance. Later, classes in modern merengue and   | 3pm-6pm     |

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|   |                          |  | bachata will be given.   |             |
| 4 | Sábado 17 de enero 2015  | SPANISH CLASS: WORKSHOP 01<br>An hour about fishing in the DR/Gastronomy                                   |  | 8am-9am     |
|   |                          | SPANISH CLASS: WORKSHOP 01<br>An hour about fishing in the DR/Gastronomy                                   | Visita to Boca de Yuma:<br><br>Fishing with a net with local fishermen. We will eat fried fish on the beach.   | 9:30pm-4pm  |
| 5 | Domingo 18 de enero 2015 | Adventure in Dominican caves   | Visita an interesting cave complex on an ecotourism excursión, with expert guides, enjoying also a rich breakfast with abundant tropical fruits, a horseback ride, a walk in the woods, and an unforgettable tour of the Fun Fun Cave, which includes swimming in one of the tunnels made by the river while observing the amazing petroglyphs.<br><a href="http://www.colonialtours.com.do/cueva_fun_fun_tour.htm">http://www.colonialtours.com.do/cueva_fun_fun_tour.htm</a> | 7am-4pm     |
| 6 | Lunes 19 de enero 2015   | SPANISH CLASS<br>Three hours of class  |  | 9am-12pm    |
|   |                          |  | Lunch Heritage   | 12m-1:30 pm |
|   |                          | Spanish Classes:<br>Culture and Carnaval (Vocabulary and readings about carnaval traditions and costumes.) | Merengue classes, emphasizing the dances for Dominican carnaval Mask-making workshop.  | 3PM-6PM     |

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| 7  | Martes 20 de enero 2015 | SPANISH CLASS<br>Three hours of class             |  | 9am-12pm    |
|    |                         |   | Lunch Heritage   | 12m-1:30 pm |
|    |                         | Spanish Classes:<br>Dominican religious practices | Visit Higüey: Basílica (in order to avoid the crowds, we will go on a Tuesday), Church of San Dionisio (the oldest in the region). Visit the Basílica Museum (an impressive place that shows Dominican spiritual practices for the last 5 centuries).<br><a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hig%C3%BCey_%28city%29">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hig%C3%BCey_%28city%29</a>   | 2:30pm-6pm  |
| 8  | Wed., Jan. 21 2015      | SPANISH CLASS<br>Three hours of class             |  | 9am-12pm    |
|    |                         |   | Lunch CARBON/CAFEINA   | 12m-1:30 pm |
|    |                         | Dominican Geography and Geology                   | Adventure Tour in Cap Cana: The Blue Hole (crystalline, subterranean cold waters with a natural dark blue color, typical of the rocks in the área). Caves (with stalagmites and stalagmites, hundreds of years old. Juanillo beach (swimming on this spectacular beach, learning how to knock down coconuts, peel them and drink the coconut milk).<br><a href="http://www.scapepark.com/en/hoyo-azul.php">http://www.scapepark.com/en/hoyo-azul.php</a> | 2pm-6pm     |
| 9  | Thu., Jan. 22 2015      | SPANISH CLASS<br>Three hours of class             |  | 9am-12pm    |
|    |                         |   | Lunch HERITAGE   | 12m-1:30 pm |
|    |                         | Traditional Dominican sports                      | Visit the cockfighting arena in Higüey (learn about the cockfighting culture in the DR). Visit the horse ranch in Higüey. Finish the excursión with a domino tournament in UNIBE (a typical pastime of Dominicans of all social clases).   | 2pm-6pm     |
| 10 | Friday Jan. 23 2015     | SPANISH CLASS<br>Three hours of class             |  | 9am-12pm    |
|    |                         |   | LUNCH POSEIDON   | 12m-1:30 pm |

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|    |                             | Dominican Handicrafts              | Visit a cigar factory (in order to find out how they are made). Visit the crafts market of Bibijagua on Bávaro Beach. Take a last dip in the ocean. Buy hand-made souvenirs, such as amber, paintings, T shirts, carved wood, shells, etc. | 9am-12pm   |
|    |                             | Fiesta de despedida                | Farewell party with a sancocho (traditional Dominican soup). In Pilar's house, where Professor Patrick Duffey will be staying.   | 8:30pm     |
| 11 | Saturday<br>Jan. 24<br>2015 | Spanish Class—The art of haggling. |  | 9 am-10 pm |
|    |                             |                                    | Afternoon of shopping in the Plaza San Juan  | TBA        |
| 12 | Sunday,<br>Jan. 25,<br>2015 |                                    | Group departure, return to USA.<br><br>Delta #562 25JAN2015 Depart PUJ (Punta Cana) 4:10 pm Arrive ATL (Atlanta) 7:00 pm<br><br>Delta #1711 25JAN2015 Depart ATL 9:50 pm Arrive DFW 11:15 pm   |            |