

Twelfth International Napoleonic Society Congress
Napoleon and Revolutions Around the World
Parqué Central Hotel, Havana, Cuba, July 7-11, 2014

The *International Napoleonic Society*, in association with the *Muséo Napoleónico* and the *Office of the Historian of the City of Havana* is pleased to announce the 12th INS Congress, July 7-11, 2014 at the Iberostar Parqué Central Hotel (<http://www.iberostar.com/en/hotels/la-habana/iberostar-parque-central>) in Havana, Cuba.

Cuba is a friendly, safe and welcoming host for the 2014 INS Congress. We anticipate a full academic and social program that will result in a successful and enjoyable INS Congress for all attendees.

The INS is working with a tourism agency inside Cuba to ensure that all hotel and tour bookings are made smoothly. All details and instructions are contained herein. You are encouraged to review them carefully. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the J. David Markham or Luke Dalla Bona for clarification.

Academic Agenda

Please visit the INS website (www.napoleonicsociety.com) to review the *Call For Papers*. We anticipate a full academic agenda and presentation spaces are limited. **You are strongly encouraged to respond to the Call for Papers by February 15, 2014.**

Social Agenda

The social agenda for the Congress is shaping up to be terrific. We are planning exciting evenings, starting with an opening night reception at the Residence of the Ambassador of France to Cuba (in one of the grand old houses of Havana). A gala event at the Muséo Napoleónico is proposed for the second evening.

During the day, those not attending academic presentations will have opportunities to participate in Havana cultural tours including visits to artist's studios, architectural tours and visits to a cigar factory. We have also created a custom tour of ***Havana 1799-1815*** to give us a sense of what Havana would have been like in Napoleonic times. Details on these tours follow and you are requested to express your interest in participating.

If you intend to attend the congress but not present a paper, you are strongly encouraged to let us know as early as possible.

Air Travel

Havana (via José Martí International Airport) is a well-connected travel destination served regularly by most major international airlines. You are encouraged to inform yourself of the specific entry/visa requirements for your visit to Cuba. You are also encouraged to book your flights as early as possible to ensure seat availability. We are anticipating strong participation in this Congress so ... reserve the best seats now.



A STAR ALLIANCE MEMBER 

Copa Airlines is a friend of the International Napoleonic Society serving major airports in North and South America. *Copa Airlines* is proud to offer those attending the 2014 INS Congress in Havana with a **15% discount** on Economy Class fares for traveling from anywhere *Copa Airlines* flies to Havana, Cuba for the travel period July 2 to July 16, 2014. *Copa Airlines* has daily flights to/from Havana. The INS encourages you to book your flight with *Copa Airlines*.

To access the preferred discount, visit www.copa.com and enter **C5676** in the promotional code box or call 1-800-FLY-COPA and mention the promotional code. Please see the attached flyer from *Copa Airlines* for all information.

Because of the unique nature of U.S./Cuba relations, we have provided a special travel advice specifically for our American friends (See below).



(WE ARE CURRENTLY WORKING WITH AIR FRANCE TO PROVIDE SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR THOSE TRAVELLING TO THE CONFERENCE IN HAVANA. IT HAS NOT YET BEEN CONFIRMED. YOU WILL BE ADVISED ONCE A FINAL DECISION HAS BEEN COMMUNICATED TO US.)

Air France has daily flights to/from Havana and *KLM* serves Havana three times per week.

Conference Hotel

The conference hotel is the Iberostar Parqué Central Hotel (<http://www.iberostar.com/en/hotels/la-habana/iberostar-parque-central>). This hotel is centrally located within walking distance of the Old City and short taxi rides to some of the better restaurants in town. The Parqué Central offers fantastic conference facilities, as well as some of the most comfortable, air conditioned rooms in the city. The Parqué Central is offering the INS a generous conference rate that will be in effect before and after the conference. The hotel has confirmed that these rates will be in effect for your entire stay – even if you extend your stay to tour Havana after the conference.

Rates:

Double Standard room: \$78 CAD per person per night Bed and breakfast (B&B)

Single room: \$45 CAD per night per person.

Junior suite supplement: \$20 CAD per person per night

Suite supplement: \$40 CAD per person per night

Booking Travel, Hotels and Tours

If you are travelling with a passport other than one issued by the USA, you will be responsible for making your own airline bookings directly. We encourage you to use Copa Airlines or Air France/KLM (*once their participation is confirmed*) to take advantage of the discounts offered. You are not required to use these airlines.

Booking a conference group into Cuba presents certain unique administrative complications. The INS, through the conference organizer Luke Dalla Bona, will facilitate all the administrative hurdles on your behalf.

Please do not make your hotel reservations directly with the hotel or with 3rd party travel website (e.g., Expedia) as the hotel will not honor the conference rate. I know it sounds complicated but all hotel and conference booking will be made through Luke Dalla Bona.

AT THE PRESENT TIME, WE ARE ASKING YOU TO EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST IN PRESENTING A PAPER AND/OR PARTICIPATING IN ONE OR MORE TOURS. A COMMUNIQUÉ WILL BE SENT OUT IN LATE JANUARY/EARLY FEBRUARY WITH FULL BOOKING/PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS. THIS WILL GREATLY ASSIST US IN PLANNING THE FINAL SCHEDULE.

Please use the attached form to make your hotel and tour bookings and forward the form to Luke (luke@dallabona.ca) in order to insure that the special conference rates for the hotel and the tours are applied.

INFORMATION FOR THOSE TRAVELLING WITH A USA PASSPORT:

If you are travelling under a passport issued by the USA, we are working with a special agency in Miami that will stickhandle the logistics of getting the U.S. Government to give you all the authorizations and permissions you need to travel happily and legally to Cuba. They can even assist in getting you onto a flight to Cuba.

Please contact Addy Sanchez (addycubatransel@yahoo.com) as early as possible.

Addy will make all the arrangements on your behalf including hotel bookings, tour bookings and all necessary U.S. Government permissions / authorizations / clearances.

We have worked hard to make it easy for our American friends to attend this conference with the greatest of ease.

It is my understanding that obtaining the necessary permits is a time consuming process so please give Addy all the time possible to do this on your behalf and contact her ASAP.

Cultural Tours

The INS is working with a Cuban tour company to provide cultural tour options in and outside of Havana for all conference attendees. We have social activities that will run parallel to the academic activities. We also have tour activities that will run after the academic portion of the congress is completed. *All tours are approved by the Cuban Government and US Government as qualifying for the Academic Visa regulations for Americans visiting Cuba.*

DAYTIME TOURS DURING THE CONFERENCE: DETAILS

(These 2-3 hour tours are special activities for the partners of Congress attendees who might not want to spend the entire week listening to Napoleonic-themed papers. All tours will have English and French translators, includes all entry fees, transportation, meals and gratuities). ALL TOURS ARE US GOVERNMENT APPROVED.

Monday July 7 – COLONIAL HAVANA (US\$51.00 / person)

10:00 AM Start Time

Experience the restored beauty of this colonial heart of the city in this walking tour of Old Havana, led by Architect & Historian.

(Plaza de Armas / Palacio de los Capitanes Generales/ Palacio Del Segundo Cabo / Plaza de la Catedral / Catedral de San Cristóbal / Plaza Vieja / Plaza de San Francisco) Visit to “El Convento de Belén”. (House of the Grandparents) Convent dates back to 1718. It is one of the city’s most successful social projects and how tourist money and government planning can benefit local people; this project has been created and developed by The Office of the Historian of Havana.
Lunch at Paladar “NAO”.

Tuesday, July 8 – A DAY WITH HEMMINGWAY (US\$127.00 / person)

10:00 AM Depart hotel for a visit to the former Ernest Hemingway Estate, “Finca La Vigia,” located in San Francisco de Paula (45 Minutes outside of Havana)

12:00 M Visit Cojimar fisherman community.

1:00 PM Lunch at La Terraza, Centro Asturiano.

Wednesday, July 9 – PRIVATE TOUR OF NAPOLEON MUSEUM (FREE)

Spend the afternoon at the *Muséo Napoleónico* and view the finest collection of Napoleonica outside of France.

Thursday, July 10 – CIGARS AND RUM (US\$148.00 / person)

10:00 AM Visit Partagás cigar factory in Centro Habana.

11:15 AM return to El Capitolio.

11:30 AM Carriage ride to Rum Museum.

12:00 PM Rum Museum Visit.

1:00 PM Salsa lesson at Café Taberna.

Lunch at Paladar “Los Mercaderes.”

Day 5 Friday, July 11th - Paint, Clay and Cuban Art (US\$159.00 / person)

10:00 AM Start time

Visit to private artist studios.

Visit Yoan Capote Studio. Visit Kadir Lopez Studio. Visit Esterio Segura studio.

Lunch at "San Cristóbal"

**AFTER THE CONFERENCE TOURS:DETAILS
ALL TOURS ARE US GOVERNMENT APPROVED**

Cienfuegos/Trinidad/Santa Clara 4 nights & 5 days.

4 Nights, 5 Days – US\$985.00 / person (double occupancy)

US\$1,160.00 / person (single occupancy)

This 5 day tour will travel east from Havana and take in the historic cities of Cienfuegos and Trinidad (on the south coast of the island of Cuba) and Santa Clara (in the centre of the island and the final resting place of Ché Guevara). This is an all-inclusive price.

HOTELS:

In Cienfuegos:

- **La Unión:** <http://www.hotellaunion-cuba.com>
- **Jagua:** [http://www.gran-caribe.com/espanol/hotel.asp?hotel_code=SCTGCJagua&ad_code=B\\$GCpES&qclid=CLqDq9yZg7sCFbBAMgodzlgAKw](http://www.gran-caribe.com/espanol/hotel.asp?hotel_code=SCTGCJagua&ad_code=B$GCpES&qclid=CLqDq9yZg7sCFbBAMgodzlgAKw)

In Trinidad:

- **Iberostar Trinidad:** <http://www.thegrandcollection.com/hoteles/trinidad/iberostar-grand-hotel-trinidad/introduccion>

In Havana:

- **Parque Central:** www.hotelparquecentral-cuba.com

Day-1 Sunday, July 13th

Havana/Cienfuegos

8:00 AM Breakfast at the hotel.

- 9:00 AM** Hotel Check Out and Departure to Cienfuegos (Approx travel time: 3½ hours)
- 1:00 PM** Arrive in Cienfuegos and lunch at Palacio del Valle, building, lavishly decorated with Gothic, Venetian and Neo-Moorish motifs, is a great exponent of the Eclectic style in Cuban architecture.
- 3:00 PM** Tour of the neoclassical city of Cienfuegos, founded in 1819, and declared World Heritage Site by UNESCO. Explore the Punta Gorda Peninsula. Visit the “Club Cienfuegos”, the former Cienfuegos Yacht Club. Tour the town center of Cienfuegos: Museo Provincial / Teatro Tomas Terry / Parque Marti and the Paseo del Prado / The Palacio Ferrer, built in the early 1900 by sugar magnate Jose Ferrer Sires.
- 5:30 PM** Arrive to hotel and check-in
- 8:00 PM** Depart for dinner at paladar “El Tranvia”
Night activity concert at “Tomás Terry” Theater

Day-2 Monday, July 14 - Cienfuegos/Trinidad.

- 8:00 AM** Breakfast At the hotel.
- 9:00 AM** Departure to Trinidad (Approx travel time: 2 ½ hour, including 1 hour stop at Soledad Botanical Garden)
- 9:30 AM** Visit to Soledad Botanical Garden, a former sugar cane research center and a garden of tropical plants. In 1919 the Harvard University bought the property and founded a botanical institute for the study of Caribbean flora. This garden is one of the largest in Latin America.
- 1:30 PM** Arrive in Trinidad. Check-in and lunch at the hotel.
- 3:00 PM** Tour of the Valle de los Ingenios, Valley of the Sugar Cane, the former center of Cuba’s Sugar Cane Industry and declared World Heritage Site by UNESCO.
- 5.30 PM** Return to hotel.
- 8:30 PM** Dinner at “El Galeon”
- 10:00 PM** Traditional music at Casa de la Música.

Day-3 Tuesday, July 15th - Trinidad

- 9:00 AM** Breakfast at the hotel.
- 10:00 AM** Departure for tour of the colonial tow of Trinidad.
- 10:30 AM** Tour of World Heritage Village of Trinidad founded in 1514
Visit to the Museum of Colonial Architecture.
Plaza Mayor
Visit the “Palacio Cantero”, Municipal Historic Museum
Visit to the Museo Romantico.
- 1:00 PM** Lunch at Paladar Sol Ananda. Plaza Mayor.

- 3:00 PM** Visit local artist studios and Visit Santander's Family Workshop.
4:30 PM Return to hotel
8:00 PM Dinner at Paladar 1514

Day 4 Wednesday, July 16th - Trinidad/Santa Clara/Havana

- 9.00 AM** Breakfast at the hotel.
10:00 AM Depart Trinidad for Santa Clara (Travel Time Approximately 2 ½ Hours)
12:30 PM Lunch at restaurant "La Concha"
2:30 PM Santa Clara: Tour of the village of Santa Clara, founded in 1689. Santa Clara was, for centuries, the capital of the province Las Villas, which includes the present-day provinces of Cienfuegos, Sancti Spiritus and Villa Clara Explore the colonial town center of Santa Clara. Visit includes: Parque Vidal / Plaza Mayor Teatro La Caridad / Monument to Ernesto Che Guevarra.
4:00 PM Depart for Havana (Approximate travel time 4 hours)
8:00 PM Arrive in Havana and hotel check-in.
Dinner on your own.

Day 5 Thursday, July 17th.

- Breakfast at the hotel.
Departure time to be confirmed.

Pinar del Río 3 nights & 4 days.

**3 Nights, 4 Days – US\$934.00 / person (double occupancy)
US\$1,022.00 / person (single occupancy)**

This 5 day tour will travel west from Havana and take in the natural beauty of Piñar del Rio and Viñales. Trips to tobacco plantations, ride a boat *through a mountain* and enjoy the unique landscapes of western Cuba. This is an all-inclusive price.

HOTELS:

In Viñales:

- **Los Jazmines**

http://www.cubanacan.cu/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=92&Itemid=66&lang=es

In Las Terrazas:

- **La Moka**

http://www.hotelmoka-lasterrazas.com/es/hotelmoka_lasterrazas_cuba.asp

In Havana:

- **Parque Central:** www.hotelparquecentral-cuba.com

Day 1 Sunday, July 13th Havana/ Viñales

8:00 AM Breakfast at the hotel.

9:00 AM Depart for Viñales, located in the province of Pinar del Rio, Cuba's lush tobacco growing region, renowned for its lush flora and fauna. (Travel time: 3 ½ hours)

1:00 PM Lunch at Palenque de los Cimarrones, restaurant

3:00 PM General Tour of this region of Pinar del Rio. Visit Las Cuevas del Indio. Visit to the Mural de la Prehistoria. Visit the town of Viñales and visit the Jardin de Caridad private garden to learn about Cuba's native plants and flowers.

5:30 PM return to hotel and check-in at Hotel Los Jazmies.

8:30 PM Dinner at paladar in Viñales town.

Day 2 Monday, July 14th

Viñales/Pinar del Rio/Las Terrazas.

8.00 AM Breakfast at the hotel.

- 9:00 AM** Depart for Pinar Del Río city (Approximated travel time: 1 hour)
- 10:30 AM** Visit a Cigar Factory in the city center.
- 11:30 AM** Depart for Vegas de Robaina (tobacco plantations) (Approximated travel time: 1 1/2 hour)
- 1:00 PM** Arrival and lunch at the site.
- 2:30 PM** Visit the Tobacco plantations.
(Tasting of Rum, tobacco and coffee)
- 4:30 PM** Departure for Las Terrazas (approximated travel time 3 hours)
- 7:30 PM** Arrival to Las Terrazas and check-in.
- 9:00 PM** Dinner at Paladar "El Romero" in Las Terrazas community.

Day-3 Tuesday, July 15th

Las Terrazas/Havana

- 10:00 AM** Breakfast at the hotel.
Las Terrazas: (Biosphere Reserve Sierra del Rosario)
- 11:00 AM** Visit the ruins of the Buenavista coffee plantation (nineteenth century)
- 1:00 PM** Lunch at Finca del Campesino.
- 3:00 PM** Visit and tour of Las Terrazas community. It is considered the first eco-community in Cuba and is also a national and international development to other areas with similar characteristics.
- 5:00 PM** Depart for Havana (approximated travel time 1 hour)
- 6:30 PM** Arrive in Havana and hotel check-in.
- 8:00 PM** Depart in classic cars for dinner.
- 8:30 PM** Dinner at paladar "La Guarida"
- 9:30 PM** Depart in classic cars to Cabaret Tropicana.
- 10:00 PM** Show at Tropicana.
- 12:00 AM** Return to hotel.

Day-4 Wednesday July 16th

Breakfast at the hotel.

Havana 4 nights & 5 days.

**4 Nights, 5 Days – US\$1,789.00 / person (double occupancy)
US\$2,052.00 / person (single occupancy)**

This 5 day tour will give you a detailed tour of Havana. This is an all-inclusive price but this price is subject to change. I suspect it will be considerably less (almost ½ the price).

Day-1 Sunday, July 13 - OLD HAVANA - CULTURAL HERITAGE OF HUMANITY AND NATIONAL MONUMENT

- 9:00 AM** Breakfast at hotel.
Walking tour through the main squares of the Historical Center of Old Havana. You will appreciate restored buildings, urban spaces and restoration process.
- 10:00 AM** Depart for El Morro Castle.
- 10:30 AM** Visit to El Morro Castle, which construction began in 1589. This fortress, declared World Heritage Sites by UNESCO, offers a unique opportunity to appreciate the values of the colonial military architecture, as well as the most impressive views of the city.
- 1:00 PM** Lunch at "El Templete Restaurant", Old Havana.
- 3:00 PM** Meeting with historian and walking tour of Old Havana (Tour includes: Plaza de Armas / Palacio de los Capitanes Générales/ Palacio Del Segundo Cabo / Plaza de la Catedral / Catedral de San Cristóbal / Plaza Vieja / Plaza de San Francisco)
- 5:00 PM** Mojitos at La Bodeguita del Medio. One of Hemingway's favorite bars in Havana.
- 5:45 PM** Return to hotel
- 7:30 PM** Depart for dinner.
- 8:00 PM** Dinner at Café de Oriente restaurant.
- 9:30 PM** Music show at "Café La Taberna" in Old Havana Buena vista Social Club Musician (walking distance from restaurant)

Day-2 Monday July 14 - Day of the arts.

- 9:00 AM** Breakfast at the hotel
- 10:00 AM** Depart hotel for a visit to the National Museum of Fine Arts housing the Universal collection at the former Asturian Center built in 1927 it was a club for natives of the Spanish Province of Asturias.
- 10:15 AM** Guided visit to the Museum of Fine Arts led by Art Historian.
- 12:00 M** Cocktails at the famous "Sloppy Joe's bar".
- 1:00 PM** Lunch at Paladar "Casa Vieja" in Old Havana.
- 3:00 PM** Visit to the ISA, the National Schools of Arts. Meeting with students and visits to their studios.
National Art Schools (Escuelas Nacionales de Arte, now known as the Instituto Superior de Arte) are considered by historians to be one of the most outstanding architectural achievements of the Cuban Revolution. These innovative, organic Catalan-vaulted brick and terra-cotta structures were built on the site of a former country club in the far western Havana suburb of Cubanacán, which used to be Havana's "Beverly Hills" and was then mainly reserved for Communist Party officials. The schools were conceived and founded by Fidel Castro and Che Guevara in 1961, and they reflect the utopian optimism and revolutionary exuberance of the early years of the Cuban Revolution. Over their years of active use, the schools served as the primary incubator for Cuba's artists, musicians, actors and dancers
- 5:00 PM** Return to hotel.
- 8:00 PM** Depart for dinner.
- 8:30 PM** Diner at paladar "La Moraleja". Located in Vedado.
- 10:00 PM** Latin Jazz at La Zorra y el Cuervo jazz club.

Day 3 Tuesday, July 15th - Modern Havana

- 9:00 AM** Breakfast at the hotel.
- 10:00 AM** Depart hotel for a visit to the former Ernest Hemingway Estate, "Finca La Vigia," located in the town of San Francisco de Paula (45 min from the city center)
- 10:45 AM** Visit Finca La Vigia.
- 1:00 PM** Lunch at paladar "Café Laurent " in Vedado.
- 3:00 PM** Tour of Modern Havana El Vedado and Miramar, Plaza de la Revolution, Visit to the House of Catalina Lasa, Visit to Fuster project. Led by Architect & Historian (Art Deco and Neoclassic buildings)
- 5:30 PM** Daiquirís at El Floridita, Hemingway's favorite hang-out in Old Havana.
- 6:30 PM** Return to hotel.

- 8:00 PM** Depart for dinner.
8:30 PM Dinner at Paladar "RioMar", located in Miramar
10:30 PM Return to Hotel.

Day 4- Wednesday, July 16th - Afro-cuban roots.

- 9:00 AM** breakfast at the hotel
10:00 AM Visit to the Museo de los Orishas, located at the Yoruba Cultural Society of Cuba, and learn about the presence and importance of Cuba's African roots in the formation of its culture.
12:00 M Visit Partagas Cigar Factory Located in Centro Havana.
1:30 PM Lunch at paladar "La Guarida" location of the Cuban film *Fresa y Chocolate (Strawberry and chocolate)*
3:30 PM Visito to" Conjunto Folclórico Nacional" It was founded in 1962. The Ensemble has always had as main purposes to contribute to the rescue and recovery of our dance and musical roots with the possibility of choosing those manifestations of truly artistic value so as to organize them in accordance with the modern theatrical techniques without betraying its folklore essence. Today after 35 years of being founded the Ensemble has developed an Art style. It is Theater-Folklore with strong aesthetic effectiveness and power on stage.
6:30 PM return to hotel
7:30 PM Depart for dinner in classic cars.
8:00 PM Dinner at paladar " La Esperanza" located in Miramar.
9:30 PM Depart in classic cars to Cabaret "Tropicana"
10:00 PM Show at Cabaret Tropicana.
12:00 AM Return to hotel.

Day 5 Thursday, July 17th

- 9:00 AM** Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to the airport.

INS HAVANA 2014

Please fill out a separate form for EACH person attending the conference. At this point, we are not asking you to send money, just to confirm your interest. Please email this form back to Luke Dalla Bona (luke@dallabona.ca).

First Name:
Last Name:
Email:
Citizenship:

Will you present a paper at the Congress? Yes No

Title

Abstract

Are you interested in participating in any of the following social events?

TOUR: Havana – 1799-1815: Yes No

ACTIVITIES PARALLEL TO THE CONGRESS: (see accompanying info)

Monday: Colonial Havana	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Tuesday: A Day With Hemmingway	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Thursday: Cigars and Rum	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Friday: Paint, Clay and Cuban Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Saturday: Havana 1799-1815	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

TOURS AFTER THE CONGRESS CONCLUDES:

Havana: 4 nights & 5 days: Yes No

Piñar del Rio: 3 nights and 4 days: Yes No

Cienfuegos/Trinidad/Santa Clara: 4 nights & 5 days: Yes No