

# Flight Information

## Nicaragua and Cuba – NUA – Arts & Social Change

**Meeting Time and Place: July 4, 2018 – 11:00AM**  
**Taca Departures Counter, Miami International Airport – Miami, FL**

It is very important that you are at the Taca Departures Counter at **11:00AM**.

If you are flying domestically, **YOUR DOMESTIC FLIGHT SHOULD ARRIVE BY 10:00AM**, giving you enough time to collect your luggage and get to the Taca Departures Counter to meet your group by 11:00AM. You may need to change terminals, so plan for this travel time when making your flight arrangements.

### Flight Reservation Guidelines:

- Your domestic flight to program should arrive no later than **10:00AM on July 4**.
- Your domestic flight home from program should depart no earlier than **7:00PM on August 2**. Flights are often delayed, so the more buffer time between your international and domestic flights, the better.
- If your student is under 15 years old, please do not book him/her on United Airlines. Experiment staff and group leaders cannot accommodate United's strict check-in requirements for travelers under 15.
- Experiment group leaders will stay at a hotel near the Miami Airport the night before the international flight. Students who need to fly to Miami the night before the international flight can make a reservation to stay at the same hotel as the group leader. Please see the next page for information about booking a hotel room if needed.

### Meeting Your Group at the Airport:

- You must meet your group leaders at the meeting place, whether you are traveling from Miami or on a flight from home.
- Your group leaders and/or a representative of The Experiment will be at the terminal to meet you. Look around, but don't panic if you don't see someone immediately – it is likely that there will be many people and other groups in the area. Look for an Experiment sign and make yourself visible. If you have trouble finding your group, call our Vermont office at 1-800-345-2929.
- Do not check in for the international flight. Find your leaders, and the group will check in together. Leaders must see your bags.
- Make sure your cell phone (if you have one) is fully charged before meeting your group leaders. There are limited locations to charge cell phones at the airport, so try to limit cell phone use on your travel to meet the group.
- Bring a snack and drink to have while you are waiting for your group. Often food is not available outside security, so you may want to buy something to eat and drink before leaving security to meet your group.
- For the most up-to-date information on airline terminal information at the Miami Airport, please check the following website to find the location of Taca: [http://www.miami-airport.com/airline\\_information.asp](http://www.miami-airport.com/airline_information.asp)

### Luggage and Packing:

Experimenters are limited to 1 pieces of luggage and 1 carry-on personal item. Any student with more than 2 pieces of luggage will be required to send the excess home from the group meeting place at the student's expense. Past group leaders recommend using a traditional hiking backpack as your main piece of luggage and bringing a daypack as your carry-on, as these are useful to have throughout the program. Rolling suitcases are also okay, but you must be able to lift it and carry it yourself, including up stairs. *Please check with the airlines (both domestic and international) for the most current luggage restrictions and weight limits.* The Experiment does not allow luggage with excess weight. Detailed packing instructions specific to your country and program will be provided. For more information and baggage guidelines please refer to the Transportation Security Administration's website: <http://www.tsa.gov/>.

### International Ticket Restrictions:

If you cancel your participation after April 20, you will be charged for the cost of your international ticket. You cannot make changes to your ticket as it is part of a group flight. If you cancel your participation between April 21 and May 20, you will be charged 40% of your program fee plus the cost of your international ticket. If you cancel your participation after May 20 The Experiment in International Living reserves the sole right to determine your cancellation fee above 40% of the program fee. Any deviation from this itinerary, i.e. flying independently of the group, will incur a \$250 inconvenience fee due to the Experiment.

### International Flight Itinerary:

Airline	Flight	Departure City	Departure Date	Departure Time	Arrival City	Arrival Date	Arrival Time
Taca	TA397	Miami	July 4	4:07PM	Managua	July 4	4:45PM
Taca	TA396	Managua	August 2	10:20AM	Miami	August 2	2:52PM

# Optional Hotel Information

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The Experiment has arranged an *optional* group hotel block near Miami International Airport the night before the group departs. This optional hotel stay is available for students who are unable to travel to Miami early enough to meet the group on departure day.

### HOTEL RESERVATIONS

**Hotel:** Hyatt Place Miami Airport East  
3549 NW 42nd Ave, Miami, Florida 33142

**Date of Stay:** July 3, 2018 (night before the group departure on July 4)

**How to Reserve and Pay for a Room:** The Experiment has partnered with VenueQuest to create a booking portal for student hotel reservations. The deadline to book a room is *May 25*.

[Click here for the booking portal](#)

**Hotel Shuttle Instructions:** Your student will need to take the complimentary hotel shuttle from Miami International Airport to the Hyatt Place Miami Airport East.

1. The shuttle service runs 24 hours, every 30 minutes (leaves hotel at 3, 3:30, 4, 4:30....) and takes 5-10 minutes to get to the airport.
2. Hotel shuttles pick up on the Arrivals level (second level) at the Miami Airport. This will likely be upstairs from your baggage claim, so you may need to take an elevator or escalator upstairs before heading outside to the shuttle. Follow the *Ground Transportation* signs (near baggage claim, inside the building) which will direct you to the Hotel Shuttles area.
3. The shuttle picks up in the middle aisle at Doors 4, 14, 24, 33. Once you arrive at one of those locations, call the hotel to let them know which door they are located at – call the main number (305) 667-1003.
4. The shuttle is a white van that says Hyatt Place Miami Airport East.

If you need other support or directions, call our Vermont office at (800) 345-2929.

### HOTEL STAY INFORMATION

**What is the price for a room at the Hampton Inn?** Under The Experiment's group block, the price for a room is \$125 for either single or double occupancy.

**What if I would like my student to share a room with another Experimenter?** If you would like your student to share a room with another Experimenter, please contact Brian Sheffer at [brian.sheffer@experiment.org](mailto:brian.sheffer@experiment.org). If we have received other requests, he will connect you to another family member who is interested in a room share.

**Will Experiment staff be at the hotel?** Experiment Group Leaders will stay at the same hotel, and will be available

as a point of contact for students, however there will be no formal program activities.

**What will the group do for dinner and breakfast?** Your student's Group Leaders will help coordinate dinner and breakfast for students as needed.

**How will the group get to the airport for the international flight?** Experimenters will travel to the airport together with their Group Leaders the next morning for the international flight.