

Intercultural Circuits on the Island of Santiago

The African Studies Association of Africa (ASAA) and the University of Cape Verde (Uni-CV), the host university, will hold the VI Biennial Conference from September 24 to 27, 2025, at the Uni-CV Campus in the city of Praia, Santiago Island, Cape Verde, with the central theme “African Responses to Global Vulnerabilities.”

Alongside the conference's scientific program, we propose a cultural recognition program for the day before and after the event (September 23 and 27), which we call “Intercultural Circuits on the Island of Santiago.”

The aim of the proposal is to provide conference participants with opportunities to learn a little about the country's history and culture by visiting places of memory and custodial institutions on the island of Santiago, the cradle of Cape Verdean society.

The program is open to all, so we would be grateful if you could register by emailing casaa@unicv.cv and secasaa@unicv.cv.

1- First Circuit: Visit to the Historic Sites of the Old City

1.1- Historic Sites of the Old Town



The Old Town, now known as Ribeira Grande de Santiago, is a historic city that played a geostrategic role in transoceanic navigation between the 15th and 18th centuries. It also served as a hub for the slave trade (Europe, Africa, America) that developed from the 16th century onwards. Here you can see military, religious, and civil infrastructure that today bears witness

to its historical grandeur. The role of Cidade Velha in global history was recognized in 2009 by UNESCO when it was classified as a World Heritage Site.



São Felipe Royal Fortress



Pelourinho



Banana street



Church of Our Lady of the Rosary



Porton di nos Ilha



Schedule:

Date: September 23, 2025 (Tuesday)

2:20 p.m. Palmarejo Grande (meeting point in front of Uni-CV)

2:30 p.m. Departure for Cidade Velha (UNESCO World Heritage Site)

2:50 p.m. Visit to the Royal Fortress of São Filipe and the “Porton di nós ilha” reception center

3:30 p.m. Visit to Pelourinho, Church of Nossa Senhora do Rosário, Rua Banana, Convent of São Francisco, and archaeological sites

5:00 p.m. Return to Praia

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2- Second Circuit: Tour of Santiago Island



Tarrafal de Santiago

The island of Santiago is the largest Cape Verdean island, resulting in a great diversity of landscapes, history, and culture. It is not enough to visit the city of Praia; the island of Santiago has many charms waiting to be discovered in its interior, where Cape Verdean history and culture are deeply rooted.



Community of the Rabelados of Espinhos Branco



Produtos Fábrica de Olaria de Trás-os-Montes



Tarrafal concentration camp



Serra Malegueta Natural Park



Ribeira Principal



Norberto Tavares Museum

Date: September 27, 2025 (Friday)

09:00 Departure from Praia (meet in front of UNICV)

10:30 Visit to the Interpretation Center - Olaria Fonte Lima

12:00 Stop at Serra Malagueta (panoramic view of the natural park to Ribeira de Principal)

12:30 Visit to the Tarrafal Concentration Camp (historical memory)

1:30 p.m. Lunch in the city of Tarrafal (restaurant to be determined)

2:30 p.m. Free time

4:00 p.m. Return to Praia with a stop at the Rabelados Community

6:30 p.m. Stop in Santa Cruz - coconut water tasting

6:00 p.m. Arrival in Praia



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Additional information

Participation: Interested parties may choose one or both tours. Cost: 3000 escudos per tour – 30 Euros (includes transportation and lunch). Minimum number: 50 participants per tour.

Registration: 1. Send an email to: casaa@unicv.cv with the subject line “Intercultural Tours Registration.”

2. Include: Full name, institution, country of origin, and the tour(s) you wish to participate in.

3. Formalize your registration by making a prepayment (receipt to be presented on the day of the circuit). Payment should be made through the conference secretary, Mr. Ailton

Registration deadline: September 22, 2025.