



Celebrate LGBT Rights in Cuba:
La Jornada Contra Homofobia y Transfobia
May 13-May 22, 2017

This is a tentative itinerary and is subject to change

May 13 Arrival and Orientation (L, D)

AM Arrive in Havana's Jose Marti International airport.

1:00PM Welcome Lunch a

3:00PM Orientation Meeting & Briefing- Welcome by Altruvistas program director , including health and safety issues, petty crime, culture and group dynamics. Amistur Guide to provide General overview of program

Enjoy a small break to check in to accommodations, shower, and rest.

07:00PM Welcome Dinner at **San Cristobal Paladar** (private-owned restaurant)

10:00PM Optional Cultural activities: Like grab a nightcap at **King-Bar**, a vibrant restaurant favorited by the gay community

May 14 La Habana (B, L)

9:30 AM Enjoy a briefing on the historical overview on the development of the capitol with well known **Cuban architect Miguel Coyula**.

11:00AM We are off to **Old Havana for a guided walking tour** through Havana's oldest neighborhood to learn about the historic, architectural, and cultural significance of this area which was declared a World Heritage Site in 1982 by UNESCO.

Lunch in Old Havana at Figaro Paladar.

2:30PM Enjoy a visit to the **Bellas Arts Museum**. We will have an overview of the Cuban contemporary museum.

4:00pm Visit with local artist, **Eduardo Hernandez Santos** to share with us a bit of his provocative photography and art a member of the gay community.

Break

7:30pm Dinner reservation for the group close to your hotel.

10:00pm We encourage everyone to experience the wonderful community arts and musical performance space, the **Fabrica de Arte**.

May 15 **(B, L)**

10:00PM Dialogue with Cuban Gay Activist and Doctor **Alberto Roque (requested)** who founded the group “**Hombres por diversidad**” to listen to his perspective on sexual rights and gender identity.

After we will drive by the iconic **Plaza de la Revolution**.

1:00PM Lunch at El Aljibe

2:30PM Visit and meet with **a representative of the Cuban National Center for Sex Education (CENESEX)** in Havana and an activist for LGBT rights in Cuba. Their group campaigns for effective AIDS prevention as well as recognition and acceptance of LGBT human rights.

4:30PM Optional **Salsa Dance Class Lessons**

Break

7:30pm Dinner reservation is at **La Guarida**, a well known paladar and bar that was featured in the important film Fresa y Chocolate.

Eve Free for local cultural events but perhaps hang out at a local LGBT Club, or walk along the Rampa or Malecon to engage with locals.

May 16 **Provincial visit in Pinar del Rio/Artemisa** **(B, L)**

09:00AM Breakfast and check out of hotel

12:00PM Lunch at local paladar

1:30PM Meeting with provincial representatives of **Cuban Institute of Friendship with the Peoples (ICAP)** to discuss an overview of local community work, political process, and U.S.-Cuba relations

Afternoon OPEN for the program activities TBA by “**Jornada contra la Homofobia y la Transfobia**” for the 10th consecutive year, with a series of events that will take place in different cities in Cuba from May 10th to 21st, ending with the now traditional IDAHOT parade which promises once again to be a huge festive event.

Dinner is on your own but we will see where the local activities are.

May 17 **Provincial visit in Pinar del Rio/Artemisa** **(B, D)**

OPEN **Celebrate LGBT Pride in Cuba!**

May 17 marks the International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia. We will experience the Cuban LGBTI culture and enjoy local activities, like the Conga, Cuban Gala.

May 18 Provincial visit in Pinar del Rio/Artemisa (B, L)

8:00 AM Breakfast

9:00AM Program continues around the planning of the **Jornada**.

May 19 Province to Havana (B, L)

8:00 AM Breakfast

9:00AM Transport back to La Havana.

1:00PM Lunch tba

3:00Pm Meet with **Proyecto HSH (project prevention for men who have sex with men)** to learn about what projects they have been working on for the prevention of HIV/AIDS in the LGBT community in Cuba.

7:00PM Dinner as a group at **Mediterraneo Havana**, a local restaurant in the Vedado neighborhood. After dinner, free to move on to **Madrigal Bar Café**, an artsy gathering place with live music. suites you.

10:00PM **Enjoy live Cuban Jazz at the Fox and the Crow** tonight

May 20 La Habana (B, L)

10:00am Meet at **Cabildo Quisicua**, a Social and Cultural Project. Learn about the “**Steel Roses**” Club that was created as a result of their gender workshops and transgender research.

Lunch Lunch at Jardin de los Milagros with **Norma Guillard**, Cuban Social Psychologist and former brigadista with the 1961 Cuban Literacy Campaign and an adjunct professor at the University of Havana teaching psychology and gender, and a leader of the Cuban Association of Psychologists. She is one of the founders of “**Oremi**,” the first organization of lesbian and bisexual women in Cuba

3:00PM Afternoon is free or you can head to **Mi Cayito**, a very popular openly gay beach to relax, maybe have a drink at **La Pate**, a quaint beach bar.

Dinner and Evening are free to have tapas & drinks at **Bar B**

hemio, a mansion turned lounge. It offers a beautiful décor and patio

where you can enjoy a cigar and play a board game that suites you.

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10 :00AM Home visit with **Dr. Orestes Quesada and his husband Lazaro** for an intimate conversation an overview of the Cuban health care system, sexuality in Cuba and everyday life as a gay man.

12:00PM Free time to do some shopping at the **San Jose Arts Fair** or walk around Havana.

3:00PM Optional visit to the Museum of the Revolution.

07:30PM Farewell Dinner at El Divino where we will travel by Classic Cuban Cars.

May 22 Havana to Miami (B)

AM Breakfast

Check out and transfer to airport