



Sadiki Educational Safari
African Roots, Ritmos and Religion in Cuba
April 17-23, 2017

This is a tentative itinerary and is subject to change

April 17 Havana, Arrival and Orientation (L, D)

Early AM Check in for Departure from BWI or MIA (*depending air/land or land package only*)
Early AM Departure from U.S.
AM Arrive in Havana's Jose Marti International airport
PM Transfer to Hotel Copacabana in Miramar neighborhood of La Habana https://www.tripadvisor.com.ar/Hotel_Review-g147271-d151381-Reviews-Hotel_Copacabana-Havana_Ciudad_de_la_Habana_Province_Cuba.html
12:00PM Welcome Lunch at El Aljibe
Enjoy a small break to check in to accommodations, shower, and rest.
03:30 PM **Orientation Meeting & Briefing-** Welcome by Lydia and Angelica will provide overview of our delegation together in Cuba, including health and safety issues, petty crime, culture and group dynamics. General overview of program by Cuban Amistur Guide. Group introductions.
05:30PM View Cuban film, Stories from my Grandmother, by **Gloria Rolando**
07:00PM Welcome Dinner at a "paladar" a restaurant with **invitee Gloria Rolando** and exchange about her film.
09:00pm **Welcome to La Habana**, visit the Plaza de Revolution an stroll along Malecon Habanero

April 18 La Habana (B, D)

08:30AM Breakfast
09:00AM Welcome Group Time and Reflection by Angelica
10:30AM Enjoy a guided **City tour** of La Habana. Our guided tour includes a brief history of the city's important sites with a focus on the diverse architecture of the city. We will walk 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. Explore the four main plazas of the 18th-century colony: **Plaza de Armas**, which originally housed the main administrative buildings of the colony; **Plaza Vieja**, the oldest of the plazas; **Plaza de la Cathedral**, site of the baroque cathedral of Havana, and **Plaza de San Francisco**, site of the basilica of San Francisco and the old Havana stock exchange.
12:30PM Lunch own your own with recommendations provided
03:00PM Visit to the **Casa de Africa** and meet with a docent to share the African History in Cuba from the Slave trade, to an overview on Race in Cuba today.
05:00PM Visit the AfroCuban **artist, Choco** in studio in Old Habana
07:30PM Dinner at the home of AfroCuban researcher and investigator, **Gisela Arandia** for a discussion on gender and race in Cuba.

April 19 La Habana to Matanzas (B, L)

08:00AM Breakfast and Check-In
09:00AM Meet with representative from the **Fernando Ortiz Foundation** to learn about national identity and ethnicity in Cuba.
11:00AM Visit the **Latin America School of Medicine (ELAM)** and exchange with US

- 12:30PM medical students on free scholarship at ELAM
Lunch in paladar in the community of Jaimanitas with invited US ELAM students
Walk around the community of Jaimanitas and the surrounding areas of Fusterlandia.
- 02:30PM Depart for Matanzas (2-3 hour drive)
- 05:30PM Check-in to Hotel Velasco: https://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotel_Review-g663510-d2035382-Reviews-Hotel_E_Velasco-Matanzas_Matanzas_Province_Cuba.html
- 07:30PM Dinner and a visit to **Ana Perez's** house to talk about her new youth group, and see a bit of rehearsal or **Rumba and Orisha Dance**. We arrive for a special home visit lunch followed by a local rumba class. We will have time to engage in conversations with local youth (15 CUC per person)

April 20 Matanzas (B, L)

- 08:00 AM Breakfast
- 08:30AM Group Check-In
- 09:30AM Meet and exchange with local **Cuban Institute for Friendship with the Peoples** (ICAP) leaders to discuss Matanzas, community development and U.S. -Cuba relations
- TBD Visit local **elementary school** and exchange with teachers/administration and students
- 12:00PM Lunch at hotel
- Afternoon activities:
Visit to the **San Severino Fort** to learn about the Slave Route and trade in Cuba. Here we will visit the museum before a brief visit to Matanzas town. Enjoy aquatic activities at **Varadero beach** and time for group reflection
- Evening
Dinner on your own

April 21 Matanzas to La Habana (B, L)

- 08:30AM Breakfast at hotel
- 09:30 AM Return to Havana
- 11:00AM Guided visit of one of Havana's largest and most successful urban gardens is the **Organopónico Vivero Alamar**.
- 12:30PM Lunch Organic Lunch at local paladar in Alamar and Group Reflection time
- 02:30 PM Travel (30 mins to Guanabacoa)
Visit to the **Museo Historico de Guanabacoa**
- 04:30 PM Engage with local Babalooa to explain Ifa and Santeria in Cuba.
- 06:00PM Check-in to Hotel Copacabana
- Evening
Dinner on your own
- 09:30PM Optional Transfer to **Fabrica de Arte**

April 22 La Habana (B, L, D)

- 08:30AM Breakfast at hotel
- 10:00AM Visit with the **Muraleando Community Art Project**, a community-based art programs in Havana, inspired originally by local neighborhood artists who taught art "in the streets." Outdoor murals and sculptures, depicting fanciful celebrations of Cuban life, were a natural outgrowth of these art classes. Meet with local artist and co-founder of the project, Manuel Díaz Baldrich Manolo
- 12:30PM Lunch at paladar in Old Habana
- 01:30PM Drop Off the the ferry to the **Community of Regla, Municipal Church, dedicated to the Orisha Yemaya**.
Group time reflection
- 02:30PM Exchange with the **Hip Hop community in Regla**

04:00PM Return on Ferry and walk to Mercado San Jose (artists market)
05:30PM Pick up at market and transfer to hotel
07:30pm Farewell Dinner at Penthouse K with special invited guest **Nancy Morejon, Cuban poet.** *In 1986 she won the Cuban "Premio de la crítica" (Critic's Prize) for Piedra Pulida, and in 2001 won Cuba's National Prize for Literature awarded for the first time to a black woman.*

Farewell cultural activity TBA

April 23 La Habana to Miami (B)

AM Breakfast
Check out and transfer to airport

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