



## ***Fiesta del Tambor Popular in Cuba*** **March 5-12th, 2018**

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**Monday, March 5, 2018 :**

**Hotel:**

- 2:00pm | Arrival into Jose Marti International Airport and transfer to either your casa particular or the Hotel.
- 5:00pm | **Orientation Meeting** and overview with Cicely, your Altruvistas Havana representative and ACA's Carol Steele at the Hotel.
- 7:30pm | Welcome Dinner at Atielier Paladar

**Meals Included:** Dinner

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**Tuesday, March 6, 2018**

**Hotel:**

- 9:00am **Briefng by Cuban architect Miguel Coyula** to discuss the History and Future of Havana. Learn about the historic development of the Capitol, and abou the Master Plan for Restoration of Old Havana through the salvaging of neglected buildings, tourism for restoration investment, and the accompanying social services for local residents. <https://www.appliedbrilliance2016.com/speakers/miguel-coyula/>
- 11:00 am **Guided City Tour of Old Havana.** Our guided tour includes a brief history of the city’s important sites with a focus on the diverse architecture of the city. Our walk takes us through Havana’s oldest neighborhood to learn about the historic, architectural, and cultural signi cance 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. One highlight today is a stop at **the Fototeca and the Taller Gra ca** in Old Havana and then visit a few artist studios (including the well known AfroCuban artists **Choco**) in Old Havana.
- 3:00 pm Lunch with the community development project, **Arte Corte’s, social enterprise paladar , El Figaro**
- 5:00 pm Free for Festival Activities and Events surrounding the **XVII Edition of the International Festival “FIESTA DEL TAMBOR/ HAVANA RHYTHM AND DANCE FESTIVAL”** that is dedicated to Guillermo Barreto, in Memoriam.
- 7:00pm This is a night on our own, to explore some of the new paladares (private restaurants). You may like to go and explore on your own, and we can make reservations for you, and often, people just want me to make a reservation for all of us, and go together. We can decide once we’re together.

**Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch.

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## Wednesday, March 7, 2018

### Hotel:

- 9:00 am **“From Son to Timba”-Lecture and Demo of Contemporary Music in Cuba by Carol Steele and maybe some surprises.....**
- 11:30am Exchange with the ever vivacious Cuban photographer, Roberto Salas at his studio. Learn about his unique life documenting the Cuban Revolution.
- Lunch Lunch at El Aljibe
- 3:00pm **Exchange with Cubata**, an afterschool community youth music program.
- 4:30pm Afternoon is dedicated for **Festival Taller Activities**
- 8:00pm Dinner Reservation at a local paladar with Private VIP performance with a Contemporary Jazz group

**Meals Included:** Breakfast and Lunch

## Thursday, March 8, 2018

### Hotel:

- 8:00am We leave Havana early this morning to enjoy a full day in tour of Matanzas City’s most important architectural landmarks. The city is known as the Athens of Cuba, for its contributions to the national cultural heritage, and for the many bridges that cross through it. We will start with a visit **to San Severino Fort** and a learn about the Slave Route in Cuba and Santeria at their local museum which gives an in-depth look at the Africans that were brought to Matanzas and the many traditions they brought with them, that survived in that region.
- 1:00pm For lunch we will have a special **“rumba de casa”**, in the home of Dolores Perez, one of the matriarchs of AfroCuban Folklore in Matanzas. We’ll have a rumba, with members of AfroCuba de Matanzas as well as some members of Los Munequitos of Matanzas, and it’s always a fun afternoon. This could be your moment to actually do some playing yourself or learn some rumba moves.
- 4:00pm Return to La Havana
- 6:00pm Dedicated for **Festival Taller Activities**

**Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch

## Friday, March 9, 2018

### Hotel:

AM	Race and Identity in Cuban Culture – AfroCuban Gent
11:00 am	Exchange with the <b>Muralleando Community Arts program</b> 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.
1:00pm	
3:00pm	Lunch at the beautiful El Divino Paladar.  Dedicated for <b>Festival Taller Activities</b>
7:00pm	Enjoy dinner on your own, or enjoy time with Carol at our Reservation at Tierra so we can then walk over to FAC). This would be a great opportunity to experience the Fabrica de Arte, and the best way to do that is to make a reservation to eat at Tierra, which is inside FAC, and then have time for the music of the night and the incredible art, especially curated 4 times a year.
Eve	<b>Free for Festival Activities.</b>
	<b>Meals Included:</b> Breakfast, Lunch

## Saturday, March 10, 2018

### Hotel:

10:00am	<b>Visit and exchange with the Community of Regla</b> , for a brief visit to the museum there and to the Church of Regla (dedicated to the Orisha Yemaya) and walk the streets of the town. Our highlight today is <b>N’sila Che Che!</b> We have a hance to see this exciting group, who are truly “keepers of the flame” of afrocuban music and dance traditions.
1:00pm	Lunch and farm tour at the FINCA De Chuchitos (with VIP Guest)
3:00pm	Dedicated for <b>Festival Taller Activities</b>
7:30pm	Dinner Reservation at Havana Fusion, or explore on your own.
	<b>Meals Included:</b> Breakfast, Lunch

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## Sunday, March 11, 2018

### Hotel:

- 10:00am Visit the **Museo de Bella Artes the Cuban Fine Arts Museum** for an overview of Cuban contemporary arts.
- 11:30am Free time for **personal research or reflection**. You also have the option to be dropped off to explore local artist entrepreneurship and shop at the massive **Feria de San Jose de Almancenés**.
- 1:00pm Lunch reservation for Tapas with Carol.
- 3:00pm Dedicated for **Festival Taller Activities**
- 8:00pm **Farewell Dinner** San Cristobal
- Meals Included:** Breakfast, Dinner

## Monday, March 12, 2018

### Hotel:

- 8:00am Breakfast
- 9:00am Check out and depart for your flights made out of Jose Marti International Airport after 11:30 am.
- Meals Included:** Breakfast

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