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Exploring International Day Against Homophobia Celebrations in Cuba
May 12-20, 2017

Saturday, May 12, 2018

Early
AM

Depart from Miami International Airport, Arrival into Jose Marti International Airport, Havana

Upon arrival we will start to familiarize ourselves with Cuban culture and history on a **Walking City Tour of Old Havana**. We will visit many of Havana's most important civic, historical and architectural monuments giving you a glimpse into the rich diversity of Havana.

Briefing by Cuban architect Miguel Coyula to discuss the History and Future of Havana. Learn about the historic development of the Capitol, and about 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

6:30 pm

Welcome Cocktails at kingBar, a vibrant restaurant favored by the gay community
Then enjoy our **Welcome Dinner at San Cristobal Paladar**.
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Meals Included : Lunch, Dinner

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Sunday, May 13, 2018

- 9:30 am Meet with **Yasmin S. Portales** of **Proyecto Arcoiris “Rainbow Project”**, an independent, anti capitalist collective of LGBT activists founded in 2011.
- 12:30pm Lunch at **El Cimarron and dance class.**
- 2:00 pm Guided tour of Contemporary Cuban art at **the Bellas Artes Museum.**
- 3:30pm 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 reservation at **Mediterraneo Havana**, a local restaurant in the Vedado neighborhood. After dinner, we free to move on to **Madrigal Bar Café**, an artsy gathering place with live music.
- Meals Included :** Breakfast, Lunch

Monday, May 14, 2018

- 10:00 am We start our day at **Cenesex (The National Center for Sex Education)**, a three story government owned mansion that has been transformed into offices and multi purpose rooms that staff use to host a variety of informational programs, safe sex classes, health care services and social events. Take a tour and learn about what they are doing in the local LGBT community and to help end discrimination in Cuba.
- 12:30 pm Lunch at El Figaro Paladar and meet with Arte Corte Community Projects.
- 2:30 pm Enjoy a fun exchange with Las Compas Dance
- 4:30pm Meet at Cabildo Quisicuaba, a Social and Cultural Project. Learn about the “Steel Roses” Club that was created as a result of their gender workshops and transgender research.
- 7:30 pm Evening is free to have tapas & drinks at Bar Bohemio, a mansion turned lounge. It offers a beautiful décor and patio where you can enjoy a nice cigar and play a board game that suites you. Or you are free to walk around El Malecon and the Rampa, a historic gathering place for locals along the sea wall.
- Meals Included :** Lunch

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

- 9:30am After breakfast, the group will make the departure, where we will immerse ourselves in LGBTI Pride in Cuba! (overnight stay) We will take a walking tour of the town we are visiting.
- Lunch at local paladar**
- 1:00pm Afternoon for Jornada activities ((exact schedule once more program details are released))
- 2:30pm Evening is free to enjoy dinner and local cultural events.
- 7:30pm **Meals Included :** Breakfast, Lunch

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

- 10:00am Group Discussion circle
- 11:30pm Exchange with **CENESEX or other activists** in Matanzas to learn about the work of this important organization to support rights of the LGBTI community.
- 12:30pm **Lunch at local paladar**
- 2:30pm Afternoon for Jornada activities ((exact schedule once more program details are released))
- Evening is free to enjoy dinner and local cultural events.
- 7:30pm **Meals Included :** Lunch

Thursday, May 17, 2018

- INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA, TRANSPHOBIA AND BIPHOBIA**
- Then we celebrate LGBTI 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**. *
- 2:00 pm Afternoon for Jornada activities ((exact schedule once more program details are released)).
- Dinner and evening are free for the **Fiesta por la Diversidad**.*
- Meals Included :** Lunch

Friday, May 18, 2018


- 9:00am **Return to Havana. Lunch in Havana and check back in to our hotel.**
- 2:00 pm Free time for personal research. Or join us in an optional visit to **Mi Cayito**, a very popular openly gay beach to relax.
- 8:00 pm Evening free for dinner and to enjoy the sights and sounds for the phenomenal **Fabrica De Arte Cubano**, an artistic project driven by the need to rescue, support and promote the work of artists from all branches of art making serious strides in the art world of Cuba. FAC turns into a nightclub open until 3AM.
- Meals Included :** Breakfast, Lunch

Saturday, May 19, 2018

- 10:00am Meet with the Alberto Roque, Cuban LGBT rights activist and doctor, who founded the group “Hombres por diversidad” to listen to his perspective on sexual rights and gender identity.
- 11:30 am Break up into small groups in Central Havana to meet with locals in their homes. One Dr. Orestes Q a doctor and geriatric specialist, and another a provocative Cuban artist, photographer.
- 3:00 pm Afternoon is free for a trip to the beach to relax on your last day in Cuba, do some shopping at the **San Jose Arts Fair** or walk around Havana.
- 7:00 pm Farwell Dinner at Paladar **Havana Fusion**
- Meals Included :** Breakfast

Sunday, May 20, 2018

- 8:00am **Breakfast and transfer to the Jose Marti International Airport to depart from Havana to Miami. Most flights are early afternoon, 1 or 2pm. Thus you can make your return flights home after 5:30pm.**
- Meals Included :** Breakfast, Lunch

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