



# HAVANA ART & ARCHITECTURE

October 26<sup>th</sup> to November 4<sup>th</sup> 2018

## Day 1 Arrival Day

Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>

Arrive at Jose Martí International Airport. Welcome from your guide. Transfer to our lovely casa particular in the heart of Vedado. Check-in.

6:45 pm Welcome and introductory meeting by Altruvista's Havana representative.

7:00 pm Welcome dinner at La Gaurida.

Evening Optional cultural activity: [Fabrica de Arte Cubano](#).

Meals included: Dinner.

## Day 2

Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am Briefing by Cuban architect [Miguel Coyula](#) to discuss the history and future of Havana. Learn about the historical development of the capitol, and about the Master Plan for Restoration of Old Havana through the salvaging of old buildings, tourism for restoration development, and the accompanying social services for local residents.

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 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

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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 Gráfica](#) in Old Havana.

1:00 pm Lunch Doña Eutimia.

3:00 pm Conversation with Martha Castellanos about the most significant representations of [Art Deco](#) in Havana.

Evening Unscheduled. Explore the many local paladars on your own or with the group. We can help with reservations.

9:00 pm Live music and dancing. Venue TBD.

Meals included: Breakfast, lunch.

## Day 3

Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> (Opening of the [Ballet Festival](#))

9:30 am Conversation with Martha Castellanos and [Rebekah Bowman](#) about [ballet](#) in Cuba.

11:00 am Panoramic tour of modern Havana with stops to visit exceptional [Art Deco](#) buildings including Casa de las Americas, Casa de la Amistad, Teatro America and Plaza de la Revolución.

12:15 pm Lunch at Corte del Principe.

2:30 pm Open studio and conversation with calligraphist Choco at his [studio](#).

3:30 pm Enjoy a musical overview with Dr. Alberto Faya and his band, History of Cuban Music at the [Hotel Nacional](#).

Evening Unscheduled. Explore the many local paladars on your own or with the group. We can help with reservations.

Free for festival activities and/or other events.

Meals included: Breakfast, lunch.

## Day 4

Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am Presentation by the GDIC, the integral group behind the development of the capital to learn about the urban development of the city and see the scale model of the city.

11:00 am Visit the [National Theatre](#).

1:00 pm Lunch at El Idilio.

2:30 pm Architect-led walking tour of (Art Deco) Prado Promenade including the [Bacardi](#) building and Fausto Theater.

6:00 pm A group evening of live music at a local cultural event.

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Evening            Unscheduled. Explore the many local paladars on your own or with the group. We can help with reservations.

Free for festival activities and/or other events.

Meals included: Breakfast, lunch.

## Day 5

Tuesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>

10:00 pm        Visit [Hemingway's Vigia](#) farm.

11:30 am        Drop off at Santa Maria beach. Family-style picnic lunch. (Or personal time for your own exploration).

4:00 pm         Return to accommodation.

Evening           Unscheduled. Explore the many local paladars on your own or with the group. We can help with reservations.

Free for festival activities and/or other events.

Meals included: Breakfast, lunch.

## Day 6

Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>

10:00 am        Visit the [home](#) of Enrique Garcia Cabrera, one of the pioneers of C20<sup>th</sup> Cuban graphic designer, now the home and studio of [Pepe Menendez](#), design director, curator and collector of Cuban posters.

12:30 pm        Lunch at Habana 61.

2:00 pm         Guided visit to the [National Museum of Fine Arts of Havana](#).

Evening           Unscheduled. Explore the many local paladars on your own or with the group. We can help with reservations.

Free for festival activities and/or other events.

Meals included: Breakfast, lunch.

## Day 7

Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup>

9:00 am         Optional dance class.

11:00 am        Visit to ISA, the [National Arts Schools](#).

1:00 pm         Lunch at El Atelier paladar.

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Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup>

3:00 pm Guided architectural tour of Playa and Miramar neighbourhoods.

Evening Dinner reservation at local paladar, followed by live jazz at the Crow and the Fox.

Meals included: Breakfast, lunch.

## Day 8

Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>

9:30 am Open studio and conversation with artist, sculptor and jeweler [Remberto Ramirez](#).

11:30 am Tour of [Casa de las Americas](#) with Nelson Ponce.

12:30 pm Lunch at Barraquita de la Habana.

2:00 pm Visit to the Decorative Museum.

Evening **Unscheduled.** Explore the many local paladars on your own or with the group. We can help with reservations.

Free for festival activities and/or other events.

Meals included: Breakfast, lunch.

## Day 9

Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>

10:00 am Presentation and exchange with the Muraleando Community project. Originally inspired by local neighbourhood artists, outdoor murals and sculptures depicting celebrations of Cuban life were a natural outgrowth of these community-based art classes.

Lunchtime Free afternoon to wander round the San Jose de Almancenés arts and crafts fair.

3:00 pm Enjoy a live rumba at the Palacio de la Rumba.

7:00 pm Farewell dinner at Nero di Seppia.

Meals included: Breakfast, lunch.

## Day 10 Departure Day

Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>

Am Check out from accommodation and transfer to the airport