

cubana a foundation

A Culture of Arts and Jazz in Cuba

January 21- 29, 2023

Saturday , January 21th Welcome to Cuba D

am Flight to Jose Marti International Airport. Arrive in Havana.

4:00pm Check into our hotel or your casa particular

7:30pm Welcome Dinner.

10:00pm Then we are off to check out live jazz at the "*La Zorra y El Cuervo*" (if you feel up to it.)

Sunday , January 22nd Orientation to Cuba Today B, L

8:30am Breakfast at your leisure

9:30am Orientation Meeting and then we have a briefing by Miguel Coyula, a leading architect in Cuba today for a briefing on the *History and Development of the Capital*.

11:00am Walking tour of Old Havana. Here we will visit the four major historic plazas. You will learn about the history in Old Havana, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Lunch at a local Paladar

2:30pm Visit with Havana Compas Dance company.

4:00pm Then enjoy a private exchange with Cuban musicians to discuss Music and Life in Cuba. Learn how musicians are trained and what life is like to live as a professional musician. Then enjoy a private concert (4-6pm) with Julio Valdez and Penta Jazz.

Evening Free time to rest and have dinner and then we are off for the *Havana Jazz Festival Opening Show* at venues across the city (Show included but line up is tba)

Monday January 23rd, AfroCuban Roots (B, L, D)

8:00am Breakfast at your leisure

9:00am Enjoy an musical overview of Cuban Musical genres over the decades with a local trio.

Lunch follows in Old Havana of one of Hemingway's old dives, the Bodeguita del Medio.

2:00pm Exchange with a representative from the Yoruba Association to discuss Santeria and Afro-Cuban religion in Cuba then enjoy some time to continue our city tour of other sites in Havana.

4:00pm Visit with local AfroCuban artist Francisco Gordillo to discuss the African roots in his works.

5:30pm Break

7:00 pm Dinner at Jardin de los Milagros Paladar. Here we will meet with the film maker , Gloria Rolando. She will share her experience as an artist and discuss *Race and Gender in Cuban Film* and address any questions you may have about film genres and national identity in Cuba.

Tuesday, January 24th Guanabacoa and Culture (B)

8:00am Breakfast at your leisure

9:00am El Cimaron Bata Workshop

11:00am Walking Historical tour of Guanabacoa with local historian.

1:00 pm Farm to Fork Lunch at a local farm (Please bring 20Euro for lunch)

2:30pm Guanabacoa Cultural Community exchange in the museum with an Orisha dance performance.

5:00 pm Return to Havana

Evening is free to explore the pre *Havana Jazz Festival activities and venues*

across the city.

Wednesday January 25th Art, Dance and Jazz (B, L)

8:00am Breakfast at your leisure

10:00am We start our day with a guided tour of the Bellas Artes Musuem to learn about important Cuban contemporary artists.

1:00pm Lunch in Old Havana at El Figaro Paladar. Then we will visit the Graffic Artists Workshop

3:00pm Enjoy an exchange at Prodanza. Here we will learn about education in the arts through the window of dance. Prodanza is one of Cuba's most important ballet schools. Donations of shoes and leotards are appreciated here.

Dinner is Free

Thursday, January 26th Politics and Sustainability (B, L)

8:00am Breakfast at your leisure

10:00am Visit to a local cigar factory.

11:30am This morning we are briefed by ICAP- the Cuban Institute of Friendship with the Peoples , or UNEAC the Union of Writers and Artists. We will learn about the US Cuban relations from the Cuba perspective Hear you will learn about the impacts of the Embargo on Cuban artists and musicians and discuss their views on normalization of relations with the US.

1:00pm Lunch

2:30pm Briefing by the Antonio Núñez Jiménez Foundation for Nature and Humanity (FANJ) is a cultural and scientific non-governmental institution, dedicated to research and promotion of programs and projects for the protection of the environment as it relates to culture and society. Dialogue and exchange with staff about important issues facing Cuba today. Learn about environmental education, science, urban agriculture and food security in Cuba. (*requested meeting with Roberto Perez.*) A highlight here is the Canoe Museum here, and

we can see how ancient ways of navigation connected the Amazon to the Caribbean.

4:00pm Private performance with Grupo Mexcla and Pablo Menendez.

Evening Tonight for those that would like we will have a drop off at the vibrant community integrative arts space the *Fabrica del Arte and a dinner reservation at la Tierra. After there will be music for sure!*

Friday January 27th Arts Education (B, L)

8:00am Breakfast at your leisure

10:00am Our late morning starts with a visit to a conservatory of music learn about music education in Cuba .

1:00pm Lunch at La Casa Paladar

2:30 pm Meeting with home art and jewelry gallery of the Ramírez family whose triplets attend the National Ballet school to share their experiences as parents.

4:00pm After we will visit the home of a renown Cuban Photographer, Roberto Salas to discuss his experience working in Cuba and around the world. Learn about the Revolution through his eyes and photographs.

Dinner is free

Evening tonight is our 3rd included night of *Havana Jazz Festival* (included show but line up is tba)

Saturday January 28st Wrap up! (B, D)

8:00am Breakfast at your leisure

10:00am Exchange with a cultural community at a Casa de Abuelos..

12:30am Free time for lunch in Old Havana and to the San Jose de Almacenes Artists' Fair to see local artists sell their sculptures, products and paintings.

4:00pm Exchange with dynamic community arts exchange, (the Nicolas Guillen is requested) that incorporates music and creative writing with the intergenerational community.

5:30pm Time to Rest

7:00pm Farewell Dinner opened up by a private performance.

10:0pm Free time to enjoy the Jazz Festival on your own or pack!

Sunday January 29th _____ Hasta Luego & Aloha Havana _____ (B)

Departure back to US...or feel free to extend a day or two!

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