

A Culture of Arts and Jazz in Cuba

January 19- 27, 2024

<u>Friday, Janua</u>	welcome to Cuba	D
am pm.	Flight to Jose Marti International Airport. Arrive in Havana. Arri	ve by 2
4:00pm	Check into our hotel or your casa particular	
7:30pm	Welcome Dinner.	

<u>Saturday, Janu</u>	ary 20	Orientation to Cuba Today	<u>B, L</u>
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8:00am	Breakfas	st at your leisure	

9:00am 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.

10:30 am Walking tour of Old Havana. Here we will visit the four major historic plazas. You will learn about the vast history of Old Havana, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Including Jewish history into our tour will be the Templo Union Hebrea Chevet Achim, Adath Israel and the décor in the lobby of the Hotel Rachel. We will also walk by the Mesquita/a practicing mosque today & of course point out important architectural sites!

1:00pm Lunch at the 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.

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.

6:00pm Evening is free for you to have dinner.

9:45pm Enjoy live Cuban jazz at the Zorro y El Cuervo.

Sunday January 21,AfroCuban RootsB, L,8:00amBreakfast at your leisure

10:00am Learn about the African Roots of Cuban music meeting with local rumberos.

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

2:00pm Exchange Callejon de Hamel

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

5:30pm Break or optional visit to engage with a local Santero.

Evening free for the opening of the Jazz Plaza!

<u>Monday, Janı</u>	ary 22 Guanabacoa and Culture	<u>B,L</u>
8:00am	Breakfast at your leisure	
10:00am	El Cimaron Bata Workshop	
11:30am Famliia)	Walking Historical tour of Guanabacoa with local historian (with Jesus
I:00 pm	Farm to Fork Lunch at a local farm.	

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

4:30 pm We end our day with coffee at a local community arts project, exchanging with the **Maritza Corrales**, a Cuban historian focusing and researching the history of Jews in Cuba. Born in 1948, she is a graduate of the University of Havana

(1972) and lives in Havana. She has been a consulting scholar to numerous research and academic institutions in Cuba and has published numerous articles on the history of Cuban Jews including: <u>The chosen Island: Jews in Cuba.</u> Our final highlight is a visit to the local **Jewish Cemetery** where we will honor the memory of many of the island's early Jewish forebears. The cemetery has had some recent restoration from the City Historians Office. The cemetery also has a 3-meter (10-foot) monument paying tribute to the 6 million Jews who died in the Holocaust.

6:00pm Return to Havana

Evening is free for dinner on your own.

We will share Havana Jazz Festival options when they are announced \mathcal{E} we will include three concerts!

 Tuesday January 23
 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 Museum to learn about important Cuban contemporary artists.

12:30pm Lunch in Old Havana.

2:30pmEnjoy an interactive exchange with Rosario Cardenas Contemporary dance troupe.

4:30pm Engage with the Jewish Community of Havana and learn about their work with the pharmacy for Havana that the Jewish community oversees. Exchange with (requesting Hella and Samuel) for an overview of the history of the Jewish community as we visit the **Centro Hebreo Sefardi de Cuba**, the Sephardic synagogue in Vedado. The Centro was founded in 1959 (requested Samuel).

Evening is free for dinner on your own.

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WednesdayJanuary 24Politics and Sustainability(B, L)

8:00am Breakfast at your leisure

10:00am Visit to a local cigar factory.

II:30am This morning we are briefed by ICAP- the Cuban Institute of Friendship with the Peoples, 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.

I: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 Enjoy an intimate conversation with our friends Roberto and Yociel who have a long relationship with Cubanakoa.

Evening is free for dinner on your own.

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Thursday January 25	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 .

I:00pm Lunch

4:00pm Enjoy a performance with Wil Campa y la Gran Union, or another group TBA!

Evening is free for dinner on your own.

9:00 pm 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! This is also a Festival Venue.*

Friday Janua	ry 26 th	Wrap up!	(B,D)
8:00am	Breakfast at	your leisure	

Exchange with a cultural community at a Geriatric Care center in Old 10:00am Havana. Here we will leave our medical donations.& dried milk!.

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

Exchange with dynamic community arts exchange, Muralleando 4:00pm that incorporates music and creative writing with the intergenerational community.

Time to Rest 5:30pm

Farewell Dinner! 7:00pm

Saturday January 27th Hasta Luego Havana (B)

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

