

A Culture of Arts & Photography in Cuba
Joe Guerriero
October 14-21, 2024

Monday, October 14th 2024**Bienvenidos**

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| am | Arrive by 2 pm to HAV, to Havana's Jose Marti International Airport. Group transfer. |
| 3:00 pm | Check-In to the hotel Gran Aston, a 5-star property on the Malecon waterfront. Free time to relax at the hotel. |
| 5:30 pm | Orientation and Meet and Greet Session with a Welcome Mojito with Joe & your Cuban guide Joel. |
| 7:00pm | Welcome Dinner at San Cristobal |

Meals Included : Dinner

Tuesday, October 15th, 2024 :**History of Havana**

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| 8:00am | Breakfast is at the hotel daily 7-10 am. |
| 9:00am | Explanation of the history and development of Havana by an architect/urban planner, explanation of the social and political effects on the development of the Cuban Capital (Architect Miguel Coyula requested). |
| 11:00am | Enjoy a guided Walking City Tour of Havana , a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Delegates also have time to engage with Cubans at their art studios, galleries and markets where participants will meet with Cuban artists and find out first-hand how artists negotiate between the tourist market, a socialist economy and new opportunities for individual entrepreneurship. Visit the four major historical squares of Cuba. Historian's massive efforts to restore Old Havana buildings, attract tourism and new investment, and improve social services for local residents. See buildings and homes in different stages of reconstruction, meet with neighborhood residents. Learn about how tourism impacts economic good. |

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- 1:00pm Lunch at la **Doña Eutemia** paladar in Old Havana.
- 3:00pm Learn about Cuban Contemporary Arts on our guided tour of the **Bellas Artes Museum**.
- 4:30pm Enjoy a **film short and conversation with film maker Gloria Rolando**.
- 6:00pm Free time to rest.
- 8:00pm Dinner reservation at **Flor de Loto** in China town.
- Optional Cultural Activity: Tonight we recommend the phenomenal **Fabrica de Arte Cubano**. We will drop off those that like, & you can cab back to the hotel.
- Meals Included :** Breakfast & Lunch

Wednesday, October 16th, 2024**Cultural Roots**

- 8:00am Breakfast
- 10:00am Visit to **Fototeca**, with its inspiring photography (request to meet Lisette Rios Lozano).
- 12:30pm Free **Time to lunch and to shop for local arts** in Old Havana or at the San Jose de Almancenenes.
- 2:30pm Enjoy a photo walk & studio visit with **Cuban Photographer and artist Adrian Garrido**.
- 4:30pm Exchange with a **Community Development Project** like **Art Brut Project Cuba** is an art project created by RIERA STUDIO with the purpose of promoting and supporting singular art expressions, that share a stylistic distance from the existing visual culture based on academic or intellectual training; and whose makers have no knowledge of intellectual artistic issues.
- 6:00pm Break
- 8:00pm **Dinner at Casa Mia Paladar**.
- 9:45 pm Join us for live **Cuban Jazz at la Zora y El Cuervo!**
- Meals Included :** Breakfast & Dinner

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Thursday October 17th, 2024**Havana**

- 9:00 am Exchange exchange with the **Cuban Photographer Raul Cañibano**.
- 11:30am **Enjoy contemporary art and meet local artists at** Espacio de Arte Triana & Usich
- 1:00pm Lunch at a Paladar.
- 3:00pm Enjoy a cultural interactive exchange with the **Rosario Cardenas dance troupe**.
- 5:00pm Mojitos and Conversation at our hotel with **Sonia Baez**, a friend of Joe's, we will enjoy an intimate conversation about life and arts under the Revolution. She will share about the promotion of culture in the country and open for our questions.
- 6:15 pm
- Evening free**
- Meals Included :** Breakfast and Lunch

Friday, October 18th 2024**Athens of Cuba**

- 8:00 am Check out of the hotel and depart for the provinces of **Matanzas** known for its AfroCuban culture and legacy is called the "City of Bridges" or the Athens of Cuba. This will be a 3.5-hour drive.
- 11:30am Enjoy a brief city tour upon arrival. Visit **to Ediciones Vija**, book making artist collective.
- 1:00pm Lunch reservation at a local paladar.
- 3:00pm Check back into your Varadero resort **the Gran Muthu**.
- 5:00pm Free time for dinner at the resort and cultural activities.

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Meals Included : Breakfast and Dinner

Saturday, October 19 , 2024

Matanzas

- 8:00 am Breakfast and leisure time at the coast.
- 11:00am Learn about the history of the region at the **Castillo de San Severino** as we walk through this fort and learn about the Slave Route and the legacy of slavery in Cuba. This fort was declared a National Monument in 1978 and is a UNESCO World Heritage site. **Enjoy an AfroCuban dance performance.**
- 1:00pm Lunch reservation at a local paladar. You can order here off the menu.
- 3:00pm After we will enjoy an **exchange with a local Cabildo in Matanzas.**
- 5:00pm **Free evening for dinner at hotel and cultural activities.**
- 6:15 pm **Meals Included :** Breakfast and Dinner

Sunday, October 20th :

Wrap Up

- 8:00 am Free morning for coastal exploration.
- 11:00am Check out and depart for Havana. We will stretch our legs to enjoy the Sculpture Garden Walk and visit El Garabato art studio . Lunch stop along the way.
- 4:00pm Check in to our hotel in Havana the Gran Aston.
- 6:30pm Enjoy a **Classic Car ride** through Havana, the Malecon & for a photo opportunity at Revolution Square.
- 7:30pm **Farewell Dinner** at Los Mercederes Paladar. We will stroll the magical lit up streets of Old Havana after.

Meals Included : Breakfast and Dinner

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Monday, October 21

Departure

Breakfast and transfer to the airport in Havana

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