



Celebrating 60 Years of Jazz in Havana!

April 27- May 5th, 2025

Summary:

Join us to celebrate KCSM's 60 years promoting 24-hour jazz in the Bay Area. This Support for the Cuban People Journey provides you with a way legally to travel to Cuba while learning about the rich history of Cuban music and jazz as curated by KCSM. Explore diverse musical genres, Cuba's visual and graphic arts, and explore the relationship between personal expression, community development and musical collaboration. We'll visit studios, galleries, World Heritage Sites of extraordinary beauty, and neighborhoods that have been revitalized through imaginative art projects. Much of our time will be spent meeting with individual artists and musicians, visiting community art projects, and seeing how music is integrated into the public sphere in Cuba's Socialist culture. Guided visits to important museums and cultural centers will also be featured.

Sunday, April 27th Bienvenidos a La Havana (D)

AM Arrival into Jose Marti International Airport, Havana Cuba. We will arrange two transfers this morning. Please arrive by 2 pm.

3:00pm Check in to our home for the week, **the 5-star Hotel Gran Aston.**

6:00pm Welcome Meet and Greet, with a Mojito of course! After a brief orientation, learn about **"A century of Cuban Music" through a live musical overview** of diverse genres by Prof. Fayas at the hotel Nacional.

8:00pm Enjoy Welcome Dinner at **San Cristobal Paladar.**

Monday, April 28

(B, L)

Breakfast is at your leisure daily 7 – 10 am.

9:30am This morning we start our day with a brief visit to learn about music education at the primary level at the **Amadeo Roldan Music School** (we can bring donations here).

11:00am Enjoy a lively **briefing by architect Miguel Coyula**, an architect and urban planner for an overview of the History of Cuba and its Capital.

1:00pm Lunch at **La Calesa Real Paladar**.

3:00pm Experience the City 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 as they engage in selling arts and crafts on this **guided walking tour of Old Havana**. Learn about the Master Plan for Restoration of Old Havana through the salvaging of neglected buildings, tourism for restoration investment, and the accompanying social plans. Additionally there will be dialogue with staff about the importance of UNESCO World Heritage Sites, national patrimony, restoration and urban planning. One highlight of the day is a visit at the **Taller Grafica**.

5:00pm Free time to rest & break for dinner

8:00pm **Enjoy a private Jazz Concert with Zule Guerra.**

Tuesday, April 29th

(B,L)

Breakfast at your leisure.

9:30 am **Optional Salsa Dance Class!**

11:00am Learn about music education in Cuba today with a visit to a local conservatory, or **ISA the Institute of Superior Arts in Cuba**.

1:00pm Lunch at paladar **Jardin de los Milagros**.

2:30pm Exchange with the community arts project **Muraleando**.

5:00pm Break to rest & have dinner.

8:00pm Live concert with Julio Valdez & PentaJazz & the Hermanos Arango.

Wednesday, April 30th (B, L)

Breakfast

10:00am Learn about the African Roots of Cuba & the religious synchronism of Santeria. We will also watch a 20 min short Dialogues with My Grandmother with documentary filmmaker & storyteller **Gloria Rolando**.

12:30pm Lunch at Paladar Fress.

2:30pm Learn about higher musical training at the **Conservatory of Music**.

4:30 pm Exchange with **Rosario Cardenas Modern Dance Troupe**.

6:00pm Break at the hotel to rest and enjoy dinner

8:00pm Private Concert tonight with then **Nussa Family!**

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Thursday, May 1st (B,L)

Breakfast

8:30am Excursion to the province of Matanzas! We will visit the San Severino Castle & museum to learn about the African diaspora in Cuba, the history of the transatlantic slave trade & Santeria. Lunch in Matanzas town.

2:00pm Experience the energy of **Los Munequitos de Matanzas!**

3:30 pm Enjoy the coastal beauty & beach time at **Varadero**.

5:00pm Return to Havana & free time for dinner.

Friday , May 2nd

(B,L)

Breakfast

10:00am Visit to **CIDMUD the Center of Studies for Music.**

12:30pm Lunch at El Aljibe restaurant.

2:30pm Learn about recording music with a brief exchange at a recording studio.

4:00pm **Abreu Family Private Jazz Fusion Performance.**

6:00pm Break at the hotel to rest and enjoy dinner

8:00pm Dinner Reservation at La Tierra; then enjoy the interactive community arts & music space of the **FAC, the Fabrica de Arte Cubano.**

Saturday May 3rd

(B,L, D)

Breakfast

10:00am Enjoy a docent guided visit through **the Museo de Bella Artes** , the Cuban Fine Arts Museum for an overview of Cuban contemporary arts.

12.30pm Lunch at Uruguyas Paladar in Old Havana.

2:30pm We end our day with **Havana Compas Dance!**

4:00pm Free time at Hotel.

6:30pm **Dinner at Casa Mia Paladar**

8:00pm 60th Year Celebration with Jazz (Opening act Hermanas Songaluez) & Live Cuban Salsa (Will Campa Y la Gran Union [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= NocbBJVQZA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NocbBJVQZA))!

Sunday , May 4th _____ (B, D)

Breakfast.

9:30am **Free Morning! Free time !**
For those that like we can arrange transport to the San Jose de Almancen Craft market in Old Havana and visit with local artists.

3:00pm **Concert with Pianist Alexis Bosch & his ensemble.**

6:00pm **Cruise the Malecon in Classic Cars!**

7:30pm **Farewell Dinner at Los Mercedes.**

10:00pm **Live Cuban Jazz at La Zora y el Cuervo (with 1 drink).**

Monday, May 5th _____ Hasta Luego! _____ (B)

Breakfast and departures from Havana, Cuba back to the US.

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