



Jazz and Culture from Santiago to Havana: A people to people journey with Dr. Segun Shabaka

January 25th - February 2 , 2025

Saturday , January 25th Arrival (B,D)

6:30am Check into your flight at Miami International Airport.
8:52 am Depart for Santiago's Maceo International Airport.
10:35am Arrival in Santiago de Cuba, Cuba the capital of Santiago de Cuba Province, facing a bay off the Caribbean Sea. Founded by the Spanish in 1515, it's known for rich colonial architecture and revolutionary history.
11:30am After clearing customs and immigration we will start **our Historical City Tour** of
1:00pm Lunch will be at the beautiful **El Moro, in the San Pedro de la Roca fortress** with its stunning views.
3:00pm Visit to the **Moncada Barracks and museum** to learn about the history of the M26 movement.
4:30pm Group Check in tour our accommodations at a local Hostal.
6:30pm Welcome Meet and Greet with a Welcome Mojito! We will have introductions engage and review our delegation together in Cuba.
8:00 pm Welcome Dinner
Eve free to enjoy the **Casa de Trova**.

Sunday, January 26th Welcome to Santiago (B, L)

8:00am Breakfast
9:00am Meet with the staff at the **African Cultural Center "Fernando Ortiz"** for an exchange on the African presence in Cuba and to learn about the work of this institution.
11:00am Our City tour continues with a visit to **Santa Ifigenia Cemetery**, a national landmark and then we will leisurely walk the cultural landmarks in downtown Santiago.
1:00pm Lunch.
4:00pm Enjoy a cultural exchange with to the **Foco Cultural Los Hoyos** or

another AfroCuban performance group.
Evening Free for our first night of **Jazz Plaza!**

Monday, January 27th **Cultural Roots in Oriente** (B, L)

Am Breakfast
10:00am Engage with the **Casa del Caribe**, an ethnographic research center, for a general overview on Afro-Cuban religious systems, an introduction to their research program and exchange with the researchers.
12:30pm Lunch
2:00 pm Visit to **El Museo de Carnaval**, we Will also learn about the rich cultural and spiritual influences from Haiti. After we will visit and enjoy an expo with a few of the dancers from the folkloric **group CUTUMBA** to learn about their Afro-Franco-Haitian-Cuban origins.
PM Dinner is free
Evening Enjoy our second night of **Jazz Plaza!**

Tuesday, January 28th **Pa' La Habana** (B, L)

Am Breakfast
9:00am Check out and depart for our excursion to the historic coffee plantation **Cafetal Isabélica** which was included in the UNESCO World Heritage List as part of the archaeological landscape of the first coffee plantations in southeastern Cuba in 2000. We will learn about how the Víctor Constanan grew corn, cocoa, and coffee grown after he fled Saint Domingue, today's Haiti. He named the plantation after his wife Isabel María. He was one of the French settlers who fled Saint Domingue's slave revolt.
12:30pm Lunch
4:00pm Transfer to the airport.
6:45 pm Flight to Havana. Arrival about 8:20 pm transfer to our hostel.
Evening is free to rest and dine.

Wednesday January, 29th **Orientation to Havana** (B, L)

8:00am Breakfast
9 :00 am **Invited Speaker** to hotel to give a historical overview of the development of Havana (Requested architect and urban planner **Miguel Coyula**). Here you will understand the history and the current political economy of Cuba.
11:00 am 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 artist negotiate between the tourist market, a socialist economy and new opportunities for individual

entrepreneurship. Visit the four major historical squares of Cuba, we will not gloss over their use during the slave trade. Today, the historian of the city's massive efforts to restore Old Havana's buildings, attracts tourism and new investment to improve social services for local residents.

Lunch in old Havana at la **Callesa Real**. Then we continue our City Tour that includes an exchange with the well known Cuban artist **Choco**.

3:00pm We learn about the history of the Literacy Campaign in Cuba with an informative visit to **the Literacy Museum**. This museum documents how Cuba educated its entire population and the programs that it inspires around the world today.

5:00pm Free time.

Evening Enjoy our 3rd night of **Jazz Plaza**

Thursday January 30th AfroCuban Voices **(B,L)**

9:00am Breakfast

10:00 am Optional A: Enjoy a **Drumming Workshop! Option B: Salsa Lesson**

12:00pm Lunch and exchange with **Nancy Morejon**. Hear about her career as a Cuban educator and writer. In 1986 she won the Cuban "Premio de la crítica" (Critic's Prize) for Piedra Pulida, and in 2001 won Cuba's [National Prize for Literature](#),^[3] awarded for the first time to a black woman. At Jardin de los Milagros.

3:00pm **Casa De Africa in Old Havana** to learn about the history of Africans in Cuba and we examine slavery from 1520 till 1886. The museum focuses on the continent of Africa and Cuba's African heritage, reflecting in a simple, but deep way, history, religion, art, wisdom, and emancipation battles. The Casa de África is devoted to research and the promotion of African culture and how it has shaped and defined Cuban culture.

4:30pm **Enjoy an intimate discussion of Race in Cuba with Gisela Arandia**. She is a journalist, social activist, and researcher on issues of race and society in contemporary Cuba!

6:00pm Break to rest or explore on your own.

Evening Dinner is free tonight

10:00 pm Enjoy live jazz at the **Zora y El Cuervo** (included)

Friday January 31 **Fruits of the Revolution** **(B, D)**

8:00am Breakfast

9:00 am Exchange with **Icap for an exchange** on US Cuban Relations and the impacts of the US embargo.

11:00am Visit to **ISA -the Institute of Fine Arts** to learn about music education in Cuba.

1:00 pm Free time for lunch and shopping at the San Jose De Almancenés Crafts market.

4:00pm Learn about internationalism and Cuba's commitment to global health with a visit to **ELAM- The Latin American Medical School** followed by dinner at El Cimarron Paladar <https://www.elcimarron-cuba.com/paladar>

7:30pm **Cruise in Classic Cars**. We will get picked up from dinner the cruise along the

Malecon and stop for a group photo at Revolution Square.

8:30pm Free for Jazz Concerts #4.

Saturday, February 1 Wrap-up (B, D)

8:00am Breakfast

9:00am Meeting and Exchange with **Gloria Rolando**, AfroCuban film maker to discuss national identity, ethnicity and the AfroCuban roots in Cuban Culture. She will also share about the Haitian Diaspora in Cuba. We will engage further on emancipation in Cuba and the role of Afrodecendientes played in the war against Spain and later in the Revolution.

<http://www.afrocubaweb.com/gloriarolando/gloriarolando.htm>

10:30am Then we cross the bay and explore **the community of Regla**, where we will briefly learn about Santeria as we visit the Church of Regla (dedicated to the Black Madonna, the Virgin of Regla which is also known as the ocean goddess or Orisha Yemaya).

12:30pm Lunch reservation at the serene **Finca Vista Hermosa** and organic farm.

2:30pm Enjoy a quick stop at **Guanabacoa**. **We stop at the municipal museum for a brief tour of this town and its overview of Ifa/Santeria. Then we visit our las cultural community project** that features local artists in a gallery, a beautiful garden and coffee shop. Here we will learn to **make our own Mojitos or Mocktail!**

6:00pm Free time

7:00pm **Farewell Dinner**

Sunday, February 2 Hasta Luego (B)

9:00 Check out of our hotel.

Am Free for personal research and personal exploration

Am Transfer to Jose Marti International Airport for our departures back to US

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