



***Culture and Jazz in Havana***  
***A people-to-people journey with Dr. Segun Shabaka***  
***January 24 - February 1, 2026***  
***\$3,950.00 (Double Occupancy)***

Saturday , January 24<sup>th</sup> Welcome to Cuba D

TBA Flight arrival into Jose Marti International Airport. Transfer to your hotel.  
3:00 pm Check into our hotel the iconic and beautiful Hotel Nacional.  
5:30pm Orientation Meeting after welcome words by **Cuban poet Nancy Morejon.**  
7:00 pm **Welcome Dinner!**

Sunday , January 25<sup>th</sup> Orientation to Cuba Today B, L

8:00am Breakfast 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.*  
11:00am Enjoy a **walking tour of Old Havana**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.  
1:00 pm Lunch in Old Havana.  
2:30pm Explore Cuban contemporary arts with a docent tour of the **Bellas Artes Museum.**  
4:30pm Time to rest and enjoy a break Eve **Opening night of the 41<sup>st</sup> international Jazz Plaza!** for dinner.

Monday January 26 Afro Cuban Roots B, L

8:00 am Breakfast at your leisure  
10:00 am Learn about Cuba's relationship with Africa with a visit to the **Casa de Africa.** Here we end with a dance performance! After we walk to visit a local entrepreneur at **Zulu Cuba leatherworks.**  
12:30 pm Lunch  
2:00pm Exchange with the **Callejón de Hammel**, a famous alley due to its murals, art and local music performances.  
4:00 pm Learn about the African Roots of Cuban music meeting with a local musician and enjoy a **Bata drum workshop** in Pogolote, a working-class barrio where Afro Cuban traditions are well preserved and practiced.  
5:30 pm Break for rest and dinner on your own.  
7:00 pm Dinner at Jardin de los Milagros Paladar. Here we will meet with the filmmaker, **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. She is currently working on a documentary on the Buffalo Soldiers.

Tuesday, January 27 Arts Education B, L

- 8:00 am Breakfast at your leisure  
9:30am Visit to the **Literacy Museum** to learn about Cuba's literacy campaign.  
11:00 am Learn about the power of community with Kenia Serrano at community project **Karibuni**.  
1:00 pm Lunch  
2:30 pm Learn about Cuban arts education with a visit to a local conservatory, or **ISA, the Superior School of Arts**.  
4:00pm Enjoy the drumming of **Havana Compass Dance!**  
5:00 pm Return to Havana and free time for Dinner  
Eve **Free for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Jazz Festival Concert.**

Wednesday January 28<sup>th</sup> Matanzas! B, L

- 7:00am Breakfast  
8:00am We are off for the provinces of **Matanzas** known for its AfroCuban culture and legacy is called the "City of Bridges" or the Athens of Cuba  
We stop at the **Bacunayagua Bridge** on way to Matanzas town.  
Next we are off to 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.

Beach stop at Varadero and return to la Habana at 5pm.

Evening free for dinner and personal exploration.

Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup> Afro Cuban Sacred Expressions B, L

- 8:00am Breakfast  
9:00am **Connect with Santeras as their casa templo** to learn about the legacy of African spiritual roots (this will be a living shared explanation of Ifa and Santeria. We end with group purification ceremony).  
11:00am Visit to the **Church of Regla**, that houses the Black Madonna, also known as Yemaya, the Orisha of the Seas.  
1:00pm Lunch with **Regla Sol community project**. Here we will exchange with Magica, about hip hop culture.  
4:00pm To end our day we meet **Afro-Cuban painter Francisco Gordillo**. He will share with us about the patakines and the symbolism of the ancestors and the Orishas.  
Return to the hotel and time for dinner and rest.

**Enjoy our 3<sup>rd</sup> Jazz Festival Concert!**

Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup> Community Futures B, L

- 8:00am Breakfast at your leisure  
9:00am Meeting with **ICAP, the Cuban Institute of Friendship with the People**. Discuss the impacts of the embargo on Cubans today.  
11:00am Enjoy an exchange with **Proyecto Sociocultural Cabildo Quisicuba**.  
Learn about their community work and food kitchen.  
12:30pm Lunch

2:00pm Exchange an intimate exchange with a representative from **Color Cubano!**  
3:30pm Visit to the Fidel Castro Museum.  
5:00pm Return to hotel for rest and dinner.  
Evening free for our **last Jazz Festival Concert!**

**Saturday, January 31** **Wrap up!** **B, D**

8:00am Breakfast at your leisure  
10:00 am Explore the **San Jose de Almacenes Artists' Fair** to see local artists sell their sculptures, products and paintings. Free time for lunch in Old Havana.  
2:00pm Learn about the importance of sugar production at the **Museo de Ron.**  
3:00pm Return to the hotel.  
5:00pm **Wrap-up meeting.**  
6:30pm **Classic Car Cruise.**  
7:00pm **Farewell Dinner**

**Sunday, February 1st Hasta Luego Havana** **B**

Am Breakfast, check out and transfer to the airport!

The price of this journey includes a 5-star hotel, the gran Muthu hotel, full time guide and translator, jazz tickets, donations to local organizations, entrance fees, honoraria to speakers, private AC motorcoach, tips for our meals and to the driver and guide, and 2 meals a day. What is excluded: your evisa \$55, your flight to and from Havana, tipping chamber staff \$1-2 a day, and personal souvenirs).

The price varies on the number of travelers: 10-12 \$3950 (dbl. occ.). Singles are available for \$525.

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