



*Brigada del Amor: Celebrating the International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia in Cuba
With Jesus Puerto*

May 12- 20th, 2027

May 12th

Arrival to Jose Marti International Airport, Havana (HAV). Please arrive by 3:00pm.

3:00 pm Upon arrival, transfer check into our posada and enjoy time to rest.

5:00 pm **Welcome Orientation** and Mojito with Jesus Puerto and your local Cuban guide.

6:30 pm **Welcome Cocktails at King Bar**, a vibrant restaurant favored by the gay community, followed by our **Welcome Dinner with invited guest**.

Meals Included: Dinner

May 13th

9:00 am **Briefing by Cuban architect Miguel Coyula** to discuss the History and Future of Havana. Learn about the historic development of the Capitol, and about the Master Plan for Restoration of Old Havana through the salvaging of neglected buildings, tourism for restoration investment, and the accompanying social services for local residents. Now we are off to explore the dynamic streets and plazas of Old Havana.

12:30pm Lunch with **guest from the Proyecto Arcoiris / “Rainbow Project”**, an independent, anti-capitalist collective of LGBTQ activists founded in 2011.

“Transforming Communities through Sustainable Philanthropic Travel”

- 2:30 pm Enjoy a guided tour of Contemporary Cuban art at **the Bellas Artes Museum** from a LGBTQ lens.
- 4:30 pm We end our day with **Proyecto HSH** (project prevention for men who have sex with men) to learn about what projects they have been working on for the prevention of HIV/AIDS in the LGBTQ community in Cuba. Return to the hotel about 5:45.
- 7:30 pm Dinner is on your own tonight but we will have a reservation at a **local Paladar**, a local restaurant. After dinner, we're free to move on to **Madrigal Bar Café**, an artsy gathering place with live music.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch

May 14th

- 10:00 am We start our day at **Cenesex (The National Center for Sex Education)**, a three-story converted mansion that has been transformed into offices and multipurpose rooms that staff use to host a variety of informational programs, safe sex classes, health care services and social events. Take a tour and learn about what they are doing in the local LGBTQ community and to help end discrimination in Cuba. *(request to meet with Mariela Castro).*
- 12:30 pm Lunch at El Figaro Paladar and meet with **Arte Corte Community Project**.
- 3:00 pm Meet at **Cabildo Quisicuba**, a Social and Cultural Project. Learn about the "Steel Roses" Club that was created as a result of their gender workshops and transgender research.
- 5:00 pm Free time
- 7:30 pm Evening is free to have tapas & drinks at Bar Bohemio, a mansion turned lounge. It offers a beautiful décor and patio where you can enjoy a nice cigar and play a board game that suites you. Or you are free to walk around El Malecon and the Rampa, a historic gathering place for locals along the sea wall.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch

May 15th

- 10:00 am Discussion circle with **Dr. Norma Guillard** as guest and founder of the **Grupo Oremi**, to share about black lesbians in the Cuban queer space.
- 12:30 pm **Lunch at local paladar**
- 2:30 pm Meet with **AfroDiverso** and learn about their advocacy to support the Afro-LGBTQ community.
- 4:00 pm **Afternoon for Jornada activities** (exact schedule once more program details are released)!
- 7:30 pm Evening is free to enjoy dinner and local cultural events.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch

May 16th

- 10:00 am Exchange with **the Karibuni community** development project and engage with Kenia, its founder.
- 12:30pm **Lunch at local paladar in old Havana.**
- 2:30 pm **Visit to ONA Galeria.** **ONA Galería** is a curatorial collective dedicated to promoting emerging and contemporary art in Cuba. With an intersectional approach, they focus on fostering and including LGBTQ+ artists, women (female gaze), and those who explore identity politics and visual memories.
- Afternoon for Jornada activities** (exact schedule once more program details are released)!
- 7:30 pm Evening is free to enjoy dinner and local cultural events, like wandering **Calle 23**, and for the night owls, a drag show at **Cabaret Las Vegas**.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch

May 17th**INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA, TRANSPHOBIA AND BIPHOBIA**

Day! Celebrate LGBTQ Pride in Cuba! May 17 marks the **International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia!**

Afternoon for Jornada activities.

*Dinner and evening are free for the **Fiesta por la Diversidad.***

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch

May 18th

9:00 am Travel to the City of Regla to visit the **Church of Regla**, and then on to the neighboring town of **Guanabacoa**. Have a Cafecito with some of Jesus' familia at Corrofalseo community art space. Lunch.

2:00 pm Then we are off to **Mi Cayito**, a very popular openly gay beach, to relax.

8:00 pm Evening free for dinner and to enjoy the sights and sounds of the phenomenal **Fabrica De Arte Cubano**, an artistic project driven by the need to rescue, support and promote the work of artists from all branches of art making serious strides in the art world of Cuba. FAC turns into a nightclub open until 3AM. We will drop you off and you can cab back!


Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch

May 19th

- 10:00 am Meeting **with ICAP, the Cuban Institute of Friendship with the Peoples**. Learn about Cuba's take on the impacts of US foreign relations and the embargo on the LGBTQ community. We also will have an invited Trans guest speak to the family code and Cuba's self-declaration for gender status.
- 12:00pm Free time for shopping at the **San Jose Arts Fair**, or walk around Havana.
- 3:00 pm Break up into **small groups in Central Havana to meet with locals in their homes**. Exchange with Dr. Orestes Quesada, doctor and geriatric specialist, and Eduardo Santos, a provocative Cuban artist and photographer.
- 5:00 pm Free time.
- 7:00 pm **Classic Car Ride** with a group photo along the Malecon and Revolution Square.
- 8:00 pm **Farewell Dinner** with live music with 5 of our Favorite Friends made along the way.
- Meals Included:** Breakfast, Dinner

May 20

- 8:00 am Breakfast and transfer to the Jose Marti International Airport to depart from Havana to Miami. Most flights are early afternoon, 1 or 2pm. Thus you can make your return flights home after 5:30pm.
- Meals Included:** Breakfast

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