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A Culture of Arts and Jazz in Cuba

January 23- February 1, 2027

Saturday , January 23 Welcome to Cuba D

am Arrival into Jose Marti International Airport.

2:00 pm Check into our posada.

4:30pm Orientation Meeting and Mojito Meet and Greet, followed by an engaging 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).

7:00 pm Welcome Dinner at San Cristobal.

10:00pm Then we are off to check out live jazz at the "*La Zorra y El Cuervo*" (if you feel up to it.)

Sunday, January 24 Orientation to Cuba Today B, L

8:30am Breakfast at your leisure

9:30am Enjoy learning about this history Cuba and the urban development of Havana with architect Miguel Coyula.

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 artist 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.

1:00 pm Lunch. Then we continue our walking tour.

3:00pm Then enjoy a private exchange with Cuban musicians to discuss Music and Life in Cuba. Learn how musicians are trained and what life is like to live as a professional musician. Then enjoy a private concert with **Julio Valdez and Penta Jazz.**

5:00 pm Free time for Dinner

Evening Opening of the Jazz Festival!

Monday, January 25th Afro-Cuban Roots (B, L)

8:00 am Breakfast at your leisure

9:00 am 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 Afrocuban traditions are well preserved and practiced.

11:00am Exchange with the community project of **Quisicuaba and learn about their community food kitchen based on Afrospirituality.**

12:30 pm Lunch in Old Havana

2:00pm Visit to **Callejón de Hammel**, a famous alley due to its murals, art, and local music performances.

4:00 pm Visit with local **AfroCuban documentary filmmaker Gloria Rolando** to preview a short, to learn about her next project on the Buffalo Soldiers and to answer

your questions about race and gender in the media.

5:30 pm Break for rest and dinner on your own.

9:00 pm Free for the Jazz Festival

Tuesday, January 26th Guanabacoa and Culture (B,L)

8:00 am Breakfast at your leisure

9:30am We are off to **Guanabacoa** across the Havana harbor. Here we will exchange with Jesus' family, walk and learn about the town's history.

11:00 am Next we are off to the **Vista Hermosa Farm** . We will tour the finca and learn about the different crops and productions of the farm. Lunch there is farm to fork.

2:30 pm **Guanabacoa Cultural Community exchange at the municipal museum** and with an AfroCuban dance troupe.

5:00 pm Return to Havana and enjoy time to rest.

Eve Live Jazz at La Zora y el Cuervo.

Wednesday January 27th A Culture of Arts (B, L)

8:00am Breakfast at your leisure

10:00 am We start our day with a guided tour of the **Bellas Artes Museum** to learn about important Cuban contemporary artists.

12:30 pm Lunch

2:00pm Visit to the ISA the **Institute of Superior Artes** or ENA the National School of Arts to learn about arts education.

3:30pm Exchange with **Rosario Cardenas Dance Program**.

5:00 pm Return to Havana and enjoy time to rest.

Eve Free for the Jazz Festival.

Thursday, January 28th Sol de Cuba-Regla (B, L)

8:00am Breakfast at your leisure

10:00am Visit to the **Church of Regla** to see the Black Madonna.

11:30am Exchange with **Reglasol** to learn about vegetarian Cuban food and get hands-on for lunch.

3:00pm Visit to the **Proyecto Orunmila** .

5:00pm Free time in Havana.

Optional dinner reservation for Indian food and Jazz at the Buena Vista Curry Club.

Evening free in Havana for local dining, shopping and cultural events.

Friday January 29th Solidarity, Cheers! (B, L)

8:00 am Breakfast at your leisure

10:00 am Our late morning starts with a visit to a **conservatory of music Paulita Concepcion** to learn about music education in Cuba we will leave our donations here for school children.

11:30am Exchange with our friends **Dr, Orestes and Lazaro**, at a geriatric center in Old Havana. Here we will leave our donations of medical supplies and dried milk.

1:00 pm Lunch in Old Havana.

3:00 pm Learn about the history of sugar and rum at the **Museum of Rum.**

4:30pm Let's have fun at a **Cuban Cocktail Making Class and Croqueta making class!**

6:30 pm Free time

8:00pm Optional cultural activity: tonight for those that would like we will have a drop-off at the vibrant community integrative arts space the **Fabrica del Arte.**

Saturday, January 30th Sol de Cuba-Guanabacoa (B, L)

8:00am Breakfast at your leisure

10:00am We are back off to Guanabacoa! We start with an exchange at the **Taller de Arte Arturo Montoto** (requested).

11:30am Learn about the libreta and the food plan in Cuba as we experience shopping for local foodstuffs at a local market in Guanabacoa.

1:00pm Lunch followed by a hands-on **Cooking Class at Coralfalso** with your very own Jesus Puerto; then enjoy dinner and time **in Guanabacoa for a rum tasting**!

Free time

Evening free for Jazz Plaza!

Sunday, January 31st Wrap up! (B, D)

8:00am Breakfast at your leisure

10:00 am Exchange with Afro Cuban artist Francisco Gordillo.

11:30am Enjoy the vibrant music and drumming of **Habana Compass Dance Company.**

1:00 pm Free time for lunch in Old Havana and shopping San Jose de Almancenes Artists' Fair to see local artists sell their sculptures, products and paintings. Afternoon to rest.

7 :00pm **Farewell Dinner and Jazz at Cesars Jazz Club**

Sunday February 1st Hasta Luego & Aloha Havana (B)

Am Checkout and depart for the airport

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