

### Weekend in Havana 5 Days/4 nights Meet the people, Learn the History, Listen to the Music A Meet the People Cultural Experience

# Day 1 – Fri: New York, Havana

Upon arrival at Jose Marti International Airport you be welcomed by our VIP Service that include special assistance, VIP lounge to enjoy a welcome cocktail, expedited baggage delivery, Immigration and customs control. Then meet with the tour guide who will transfer you to your hotel in Havana. The rest of the day is at leisure. After dinner you will go to "La Zorra y el Cuervo", the best-known jazz club in Havana for a late night jazz session. *Return transportation by taxi is at your own cost and is both safe and easily arranged at the show's entrance.* Accommodation in your hotel. [D]

### Day 2 – Sat: Havana

This morning enjoy a walking tour through Old Havana and its five main plazas, with stops at the residence of the island's Captain General during the colonial era, the Havana Cathedral, Obispo Street, the Capitol building, and more. This tour provides the opportunity for cultural exchanges and gives you a taste of the island that feels like stepping into a time machine. Old Havana has buildings and streets that are some of the oldest in the Americas, with some buildings dating to the 17<sup>th</sup> century. Though the buildings are hundreds of years old, they are still used to house a significant number of Havana's inhabitants. Old Havana features the first church built on the island, a street paved with wooden bricks, palatial residences, and much more! Lunch at a private restaurant. In the afternoon you'll attend Salsa classes to receive expert dance instructions. Music plays a large part in the lives of most Cubans, and Cuban music has influenced many musical styles around the world. It's now time for dinner at a private restaurant and, later, to visit "La Fabrica de Arte Cubano," for an art exhibit and live music. *Return transportation by taxi is at your own cost and is both safe and easily arranged at the show's entrance.* Overnight at your hotel. [B/L/D]

### Day 3 – Sun: Havana

After breakfast at your hotel get ready for an Afro-Cuban religion visit at Cuban Yoruba Association that will give you a brief overview of Santeria, covering the merging of Catholicism and African religions, and the role and significance of drums in the religion. Santeria has been present on the island of Cuba since colonial times, and is currently practiced by more Cuban's than at any time in history. This workshop covers the main deities of the religion, their origin, myths, colors and vestments associated with them, and their roles in human life. Guests are usually amazed that the colorful decorations worn many by Cubans are associated with the religion. After the workshop we'll have lunch at a private restaurant and, in the afternoon, we'll visit the fortresses that surround the city of Havana, most dating to the 17<sup>th</sup> Century, El Morro and La Cabana. A little pause before dinner at a cooperative restaurant, with staff and management on hand to answer any questions about Cuba's recently established cooperative businesses. After dinner attend the Cannon Blast Ceremony to witness one of the oldest traditions of colonial era Cuba that still takes place, the nine o'clock cannon blast at the San Carlos de la Cabana Fortress. The cannon shot signaled the closing of the city walls during the colonial era. Visit La Cabana Fortress and its museum before a short drive to a live music show at "La Casa de la Musica Miramar." *Return transportation by taxi is at your own cost and is both safe and easily arranged at the show's entrance.* Overnight at your hotel. [B/L/D].

# Day 4 – Mon: Havana

Enjoy breakfast before leaving today's museum experience, visiting the Havana "Museo de Bellas Artes," that includes the national Cuban Museum of Art and the International Museum of Art, both located in old Havana. The national and international branches of the Cuban "Museo de Bellas Artes" feature the highest quality artwork on the island, in strikingly different settings. The international branch is housed in the ornate former "Centro Asturiano," which houses a society of Spaniards from the province of Asturias who resided on the island, and is located steps away from the capitol building. The national branch is housed in a strikingly looking modern building, considering that it was built before the revolution in the 1950's. Lunch will be served at a private restaurant. For the rest of the day you will have the car and driver/guide at your disposal to



complete Havana's visit focusing on the sites and people that interested you the most and to have dinner at restaurant of your choice. Return to your hotel for overnight. [B/L/D]

### Day 5 – Tue: Havana, New York

After breakfast visit to the "Callejon de Hamel" to appreciate modern Cuban street art, before a farewell typical Cuban lunch served at your bed and breakfast. Transfer to Jose Marti International Airport for your return flight to New York/JFK. [B/L]

**Note:** We will make our best efforts to follow the above itinerary, however we reserve the right to substitute and/or make changes to certain elements of the itinerary including but not limited to routing, restaurants, hotels and activities in the event of unforeseen circumstances. Please note that activity times shown are for reference only and that actual times may differ significantly – everything runs on "Cuban time" and is part of the cultural exchange experience.

[B] = Breakfast | [B/L] = Breakfast and Lunch | [D] = Dinner | [B/L/D] = Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

### Your Tour Includes:

- Round trip transfers in Havana
- Airport assistance
- 4 nights accommodation in Bed & Breakfast
- Meals
  - o Daily breakfast
  - o 3 lunches
  - o 1 Farewell luch
  - o 4 dinners
- Hemingway's tour
- Old Havana walking tour
- La Zorra y el Cuervo Jazz Club
- Salsa and Rumba dance workshop
- La Fabrica de Arte Cubana art exhibit
- Afro-Cuban religion workshop
- Tour of Havana fortresses
- Cannon Blast Ceremony
- Visit La Cabana Fortress
- Live music show at La Casa de la Musica Miramar
- Visiting to Havana's Museo de Bellas Artes

- Visit to Callejon de Hamel
- Driver/guide
- Local English speaking guides
- Transportation by late model, A/C

   Sedan up to 5 passengers
   Mini-van 6 to 8 passengers
- Cuban entry visa

# Price does not include:

- International or domestic airfares
- Taxes and fees related to air transportation
- Taxes & Medical Insurance
- Excess luggage
- Optional activities
- Personal expenses
- Travel Insurance
- Tips to guides or drivers
- Expenses of a personal nature
- Meals and services not mentioned in the itinerary



# Hotels in your Tour:

Name	Room Type	Tripadvisor			
First Class					
NH Capri	Standard	4			
Deluxe					
Iberostar Parque Central	Standard Modern	4.5			
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#### **Tour Prices:**

Season	Double	Single*	Single**	Triple	
First Class					
Apr & Oct	\$2,315	\$2,645	\$2,465	\$2,129	
Jun-Sep	\$2,275	\$2,609	\$2,425	\$2,095	
Nov01-Dec21	\$2,529	\$3,019	\$2,835	\$2,345	
Dec22-Jan02	\$2,749	\$3,399	\$3,219	\$2,569	
Deluxe					
Apr - Oct	\$2,555	\$2,829	\$2,645	\$2,375	
Nov01-Dec21	\$2,749	\$3,035	\$2,855	\$2,569	
Dec22-Jan02	\$3,099	\$3,389	\$3,205	\$2,919	

**Single\***: Passenger traveling alone - **Single\*\***: Third passenger in a single room Prices are per person and may change without notice Prices are valid up to January 2<sup>nd</sup> 2018

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