

Havana Music And Art Tour

MAY 14-MAY 19, 2017

CubaDisco Week

6 Days & 5 Nights

Our itinerary:

Artists and Restaurateurs live complicated lives. Therefore our schedule is subject to change

DAY 1 Sunday, May 14

Check-in by 6:30 am - flight 8:58am- 1:05pm- NYC/JFK–Havana, Jose Martí Terminal 2

- Van from airport to hotel. Haydée or Ed will be there to greet you.
- Possibly grab a snack or just unpack and Chill
- **4pm-** Cuban Artist studio visit- Gustavo del Valle- with cocktails!
- **Fustalandia** (Gaudi-like fantasy folk area) near ISA and near one of Fidel's homes
- **7pm-** Dinner, Shanti Restaurant- beautiful setting on river
- **Evening-** CubaDisco Festival – Pass included. Hundreds of groups playing in Havana this week.



DAY 2 Monday, May 15

- Breakfast at hotel
- **9:30am-** Hotel pickup – Walking guided tour of Havana Vieja. Visit historic plazas.
- **10:30am-** Clandestina– store with 99% Cuban design. www.clandestinacuba.com
- **11:30am-** Partagas cigar factory tour in Habana Central
- **1pm-** Lunch on your own- check our listings of restaurants by neighborhood - print out a copy from http://cubamusicandart.com/PDFs/Havana_Restaurants_by_Neighborhood.pdf
- **4:30pm-** **Visit** with Cuban Musicians led by Roberto Carcassés of Interactivo, talk and demonstrate Contemporary Cuban music.
- Back to hotel- Rest, as it will be the first of many late night gigs!
- **8:30pm-**Dinner – Dinner La Fontana Restaurant One of the most romantic restaurants in Havana
- **11:45pm - Interactivo at Corner Cafe-** musicians we met earlier. One of the best live shows in town. Over by 1:30AM



DAY 3 Tuesday, May 16

- Breakfast at hotel
- **10am-** Drive to Santa Maria beach, Playas del Este, Habana - Lunch at beach
- **1:30pm** Drive to Matanzas- (1 ½ -2 hours)
- Walk around Matanzas- known as the birthplace of the music and dance traditions [danzón](#) and [rumba](#).
- **4pm-** Los Muñequitos de Matanzas- most famous rumba group- private gig at their rehearsal space
- **5:30pm-** Dinner- El Bukan- best restaurant in Matanzas
- Evening- Corner Café or Espacio Bar- Havana



DAY 4 Wednesday, May 17

- Breakfast at hotel.
- 10am -Art Deco- drive through Havana's 1950's Deco Diplomatic neighborhood- 5th Ave.
- 11:30AM- visit a dance studio and talk by choreographer
- 12:30PM -Lunch on your own
- 1:30PM-Visit Hemingway's Finca Vigia
- 3:30pm- visit Abdala Studios- best recording studio in Latin America
- 8pm- Dinner - el Cocinero- mega-trendy restaurant next to Fabrica del Arte
- 10:30pm- Fabrica del Arte- best club/gallery/performance space/bar in Cuba



DAY 5 – Thursday, May 18

- Breakfast at hotel
- 10 AM- car Tour of Old Havana - nice way to see non-tourist areas.
- Visit Yoruba Society in Old Havana - ceremony (if open today)
- Daiquiri's / Cocktails at El Floridita where the drink was invented
- Bacardi Art Deco Building
- 1PM- Lunch on your own
- 2:30- Shopping in galleria and downtown Obispo
- 4PM- Afternoon-Private home session with Telmary - Cuba's leading Spoken Word/Rapper
- 9pm-Dinner- La Commercial Cubana San Cristobal



DAY 6– Friday, May 19

- Breakfast at hotel
- 9:30am - Last minute souvenir, cigar and rum (Santiago 12 Year rum = best!) shopping.
- Free in the AM, but be sure to be back and ready to go at 11am!!!!

- **11am** - Our car to Jose Marti Airport, Terminal 2, for flight home.



This itinerary is jam-packed. You don't have to do/go to everything, but PLEASE let us know if you will not be attending an event or a dinner so we don't worry about you. And this is Cuba! Things work better and quicker than most Caribbean Islands but...it's still laid back.

Dinners, Breakfasts, NYC Flights, Accommodations, Local transportation and Guides included

Tour price: \$4,995 before February 24th, 2017 \$5,295 through April 28th, 2017

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