



Cultural Exchange to Cuba Saturday, March 16 to Wednesday, March 20, 2019

Join the Newark Museum on a fascinating 5 day/4 night trip to Cuba. The island remains a mystery to all but the most adventurous Americans. The Newark Museum is once again collaborating with Cuba Cultural Travel, a US based tour company.

The emphasis of the trip will be cultural interaction with the Cuban people. Cuba has a rich and varied heritage dating back to colonial times. We will be hosted by a variety of local scholars and artists who will offer in-depth commentary on art, history, architecture and religion. Our expert guides will give us a privileged “*behind the scenes view*” seldom granted to American visitors.

The vibrant contemporary art scene will play a prominent role in our itinerary and we plan on meeting artists, visiting studios, museums, galleries and art schools.

Havana offers a treasure trove of architectural styles that few cities can match. From Colonialism to Modernism, the city has benefited from the fact many neighborhoods have remained unchanged for generations. Music is omnipresent in Havana and our schedule will satisfy all tastes. From Latin Jazz to the sounds of the Buena Vista Social Club, music is never far away as you walk the streets of Old Havana.

We invite you to join us and take advantage of this unique opportunity to explore Cuba before the inevitable changes take place.

RESERVATIONS ARE LIMITED AND ARE ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Merle Lomrantz'.

Merle Lomrantz
Director of Member Travel Services



JOURNEY -TO- CUBA



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Cultural Exchange to Cuba
March 16-20, 2019

Organized by Cuba Cultural Travel

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ITINERARY

(Subject to Change)

DAY 1 **SATURDAY, MARCH 16**

Recommended flight to Havana on United Airlines flight 3742 departing Newark (EWR) at 9:59am and arriving Havana (HAV) at 1:50pm.

Afternoon Arrive Havana. Clear customs and immigration, a process that takes about 1 hour. The group will be greeted by an English-speaking Guide and Driver who will assist us to the bus along with our luggage.

Our first stop is the **Plaza de la Revolucion**. The center of government, this area contains most of the offices of the main ministries and is often used for massive rallies.

We will stop at a local Cuban Paladar for Tapas & drinks before making our way to the hotel.

4:30 PM Check into the Riviera. This iconic hotel is perfectly located in front of the Malecon. All rooms include a safe deposit box free of charge.

Hotel Riviera Havana

Paseo No1 e/ 1ra y Malecón, Vedado, La Habana, Cuba
Tel. 011 +53 78 364051

5:45 PM Meet in hotel lobby and board bus to **Centro Asturianos** for a private musical performance and dinner. Our evening begins with demonstrative lecture on **Cuban Music** at Bar Asturias by **Prof. Alberto Faya** who has been working as a musician, professor and researcher within the Cuban musical world since 1973. He has obtained national awards in music and musicology. He will be joined by a trio of musicians who will take us on a musical journey thru the history of Cuba. *Refreshments will be served.*

7:30 PM Dinner at **La Terraza** on the 3rd floor terrace overlooking the Prado.

DAY 2 **SUNDAY, MARCH 17**

Complimentary breakfast is served every day at the hotel.

10:00 AM Lecture by **Architect Victor Marin**, a renowned architectural historian and conservationist.

Victor will accompany us on a walking tour of **Havana Vieja**. Please make sure to wear comfortable shoes!

We stroll through the **Plaza de San Francisco**, a cobbled plaza surrounded by buildings dating from the 18th century, dominated by the baroque **Iglesia and Convento de San Francisco** dating from 1719.



Visit the **Plaza Vieja**, dating from the 16th century. Learn about the massive historic preservation program which began in this Plaza under the leadership of City Historian, Eusebio Leal.

1:00 PM Lunch at **Paladar Mercaderes**. This impeccably restored mansion in Havana Vieja is a welcome retreat from the bustling streets of the old city.

Afternoon Visit the **Plaza de Armas**, a scenic tree-lined plaza formerly at the center of influence in Cuba. It is surrounded by many of the most historic structures in Havana as well as important monuments.

Visit the **Taller de Grafica Experimental** located on the **Plaza de la Catedral**. The Taller is more than Havana's printmaking workshop. It is a studio, a school and most of all, an art institution that preserves and develops the sophisticated art of print making.

Return at your own pace via **Obispo Street**, a pedestrian promenade, stopping at some of the most significant buildings such as the Art Deco Style La Moderna Poesia, the Ambos Mundos Hotel, and the banks of the former Havana Wall Street.

7:00 PM Meet in the hotel lobby and depart for dinner at **Paladar San Cristobal**. This cozy paladar has a reputation of excellence in both atmosphere and local cuisine. The food is refined and the nostalgic atmosphere is unforgettable, adorned in a unique style of art nouveau.

DAY 3

MONDAY, MARCH 18

8:30 AM Group meets in the hotel lobby and boards our bus for our day trip to **Viñales Valley**. Considered by many to be the most beautiful place in Cuba, the Viñales Valley National Monument holds stunning landscapes. The area is also famous for being the premier tobacco growing area in the world.

Arrive in **Piñar del Río** for our visit to **Proyecto Grabadown**. The Grabadown Project was started ten years ago by Jesus Carrete and his daughter, Linianna, who was born with Down Syndrome. What began as a way for Jesus to share his love of art with his daughter has grown into a well-respected community project supported by many other families who have discovered the benefits of engaging their special needs children with art and music. Starting with a simple printing press that offered the children a chance to express their creativity, the program has grown into a multi-discipline creative workshop where the children are encouraged to sing, dance, create art and take a more active role within the community.

1:00 PM Arrive at **Finca Confianza** in the valley with stunning views of the mogotes. We will learn about the production of a multitude of organic fruits, vegetables, grain and tobacco. Lunch will be a community event on the farm where we will be served a large variety of organic fresh vegetables, fruits, chicken and roasted pork. This is a true field to table dining experience.

2:30 PM Visit the home of **Ramón Vázquez León**, an artist born in Viñales, Pinar del Río, who graduated from the National School of Fine Arts in Havana. Ramon creates fantastic worlds full of allusions with his bright colors.

4:00 PM Return to Havana. *Dinner on your own. Suitable recommendations will be provided.*

DAY 4

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

- 9:00 AM** Meet in the hotel lobby and board bus to attend a dance performance of the **Compañía Irene Rodríguez**. We will receive a warm welcome by Irene and her company at Centro Asturiano. Irene is considered by many to be the finest flamenco dancer in Cuba.
- 10:00 AM** We visit the **Museum of Cuban Art**. The museum is dedicated exclusively to Cuban Art from the earliest days of colonialism to the latest generation of Cuban artists. We will be guided by young art historian **Aylet Ojeda**.
- 11:30 AM** Visit to **Fusterland**. Artist **Jose Fuster** has made a major contribution to rebuilding and decorating the fishing town of Jaímanitas in the outskirts of Havana, where he lives. **Jaímanitas** is now a unique work of public art where Fuster has decorated over 80 houses with colorful ornate murals and domes.
- 1:00 PM** Lunch at **Vista Mar Restaurant**.
- 2:30 PM** Bus tour of **'Modern Architecture'** in Western Havana with **Architect Universo Garcia**. Few people realize the important place Havana holds as a treasure trove of 20th Century architecture. Our tour will highlight some of the best examples to be found in this incredibly diverse area of the city where some of its most fascinating buildings were built using different architectural styles.
- We will finish with a tour of the iconic **Hotel Nacional de Cuba** overlooking the Straits of Florida and the Malecón. When it opened in 1930, Cuba was a prime travel destination many illustrious guests including Frank Sinatra, Ava Gardner, John Wayne, Marlene Dietrich, Marlon Brando, and Ernest Hemingway.
- 7:15 PM** Farewell dinner at the **famous La Guarida** restaurant. One of the best in Havana and famous not only for its delectable dining, but also as the location for the film "Strawberry and Chocolate." It is housed on the third floor of a large, old town house carrying the charming ambience of the 1920's.





DAY 5

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

Optional visit to the **Arts & Crafts Market**, a great place to interact with local, everyday artisans. You'll find just about anything here, a great place to find souvenirs or gifts for your friends and family back home.

11:30 AM Check-out of the hotel and depart for the airport.

Recommended flight to Newark on United Airlines flight 3743 departing Havana (HAV) at 2:50pm and arriving Newark (EWR) at 6:23pm.

*Tips may be given to your Cuban guide and driver at this time. The recommended tip is minimum **7-10CUC per day**, per passenger for your guide and minimum **5-7CUC per day**, per passenger for your driver.

BE SURE TO COLLECT YOUR BELONGINGS FROM THE SAFE DEPOSIT BOX IN YOUR ROOM

- ✓ **PASSPORT**
- ✓ **VISA**
- ✓ **OFAC LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION**

Note about Purchasing Art or other Cuban products:

The U.S. Government allows U.S. travelers to bring back an unlimited amount of Cuban art and informational materials such as books and CDs. If you feel you might be interested in purchasing art during your stay in Cuba you should carry additional money to pay on the spot. Your hotel room includes a safe deposit box in which you can keep your valuables safe.

Pursuant to the regulation changes on January 16, 2015; in addition to bringing back art, U.S. Citizens are now permitted to import goods for personal consumption including alcohol and tobacco products; normal duty taxes apply.

Acquiring additional money via an ATM machine in Cuba is not possible at this time. Some of the more established artists could possibly have U.S. bank accounts in which the payment can be wired. The art can normally be brought home and payment sent at a future date. Our first recommendation is that you bring additional cash.

* Please note: This is a "working" itinerary. There may be some changes, additions and/or subtractions to the final itinerary. All venues and artist's studios are subject to final confirmations. Be assured any changes made will be done to enhance the total program as well as to promote smooth operation of the tour.



TRIP COST

5 DAYS AND 4 NIGHTS

DOUBLE, PER PERSON: \$3,400

SINGLE OCCUPANCY: \$3,800

CUSTOM DESIGNED PROGRAM INCLUDES

- Itinerary design and coordination
- Compliance with US Treasury Department
- Iberostar Riviera Hotel Havana (standard room)
- All ground transportation
- Full time private tour escort
- Daily breakfast in Cuba
- Meals as listed in itinerary (including tips)
- Entrance fees to museums etc.
- Private music and dance performances
- Bottled water on bus and in room
- Gratuities for restaurants, porters
- Cuban Tourist Card/Visa

EXCLUDES

- Airfare to/from Cuba and associated fees
- Airline baggage fees
- Gratuities for guide and driver
- Individualized hotel expenses (mini bar, room service, laundry fees, etc)
- Trip cancellation insurance

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TOUR COST & CONDITIONS

Double room occupancy (per person): **\$3,400**

Single room occupancy: **\$3,800**

INCLUDED

- 4-night accommodations at **Hotel Riviera** (standard room)
- Daily breakfast in Cuba
- Meals as listed in itinerary (including tips)
- Air-conditioned transportation throughout the trip equipped with water at all times
- Admission to all museums and public buildings listed in itinerary
- Cuba Cultural Travel Escort and local Cuban tour guide
- Compliance with U.S. Treasury Department
- Cuban Tourist Card *

NOT INCLUDED

- Roundtrip airfare to/from Cuba and associated fees
- Meals other than listed on itinerary or described as on your own
- Gratuities for guide and driver (recommended amount is 7-10CUC per person per day for guide, and 5-7CUC per person per day for driver)
- Individualized hotel expenses (mini bar, room service, laundry fees, etc)
- Trip cancellation insurance

PAYMENT DUE DATES

DEPOSIT DUE BY: JANUARY 16, 2019

FINAL PAYMENT DUE BY: FEBRUARY 16, 2019

You may contact Laura Adams via email at Laura@CubaCulturalTravel.com or by phone at (760) 645-3269 Monday thru Friday from 9am to 5pm PST with any questions.

REGISTRATION: Registration is on a first come, first served basis with limited enrollment. Confirm your participation by completing and returning this form along with your deposit to the address noted below. **Your passport must be valid for 6 months after the dates of travel. If you need to renew your passport, please do so immediately.**

PROGRAM QUESTIONS: Please note, the proposed itinerary is subject to change. There may be some changes, additions and/or subtractions to the final itinerary. Be assured any changes made will be done to enhance the total program and promote a smooth operation of the tour.

REGULATIONS: Cuba Cultural Travel is a licensed California Seller of Travel. Under the Seller of Travel Act, 100% of customer funds are deposited into a business client trust account and can only be used to pay for your services. In the event legal travel to Cuba should be suspended due to new rules and regulations, your payments will be returned.

FLIGHTS: Please do not book your flights prior to receiving confirmation and additional information regarding the trip.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTATION: Approximately two weeks prior to the final payment due date you will receive information regarding the necessary forms for travel, final invoice, and our comprehensive travel tips. Approximately two weeks prior to travel you will receive your travel documents and emergency contact information.

** Cuban born travelers, please contact Cuba Cultural Travel prior to mailing your deposit and registration form. Fees associated with special visas for Cuban born travelers are not included.*



To speak with Merle Lomrantz, Director of Member Travel Services for the Newark Museum, please call (973) 596-6643 or email her at mlomrantz@newarkmuseum.org.

A note from Cuba Cultural Travel: Trips to Cuba require quite a bit of walking on uneven cobblestone streets along with stairs where an elevator is not always available. Participants must be able to walk unassisted. Please keep these physical requirements in mind when making your reservation. If you require mobility assistance, please contact us directly, prior to completing your reservation form, as Cuba is not adequately able to accommodate physically handicapped persons.

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REGISTRATION FORM If reserving space in a double, please indicate names of both parties. Deposits may be paid separately. Please note Cuba Cultural Travel does not pair individuals. Deposit must accompany this form to confirm participation. Complete one form per room. **Initial here to indicate you understand the passport requirements previously noted:** _____

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION: **COMPLETE ONE FORM PER ROOM**

GUEST 1			U.S. CITIZEN: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
			CUBAN BORN: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
	LAST NAME (AS SHOWN ON PASSPORT)	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE
ADDRESS	ANSWER YES OR NO TO <u>BOTH</u>		
	STREET ADDRESS	CITY	STATE
PHONE	ZIP CODE		
	HOME	CELL	OFFICE
EMAIL**	ALT EMAIL		

** ALL INFORMATION, TRAVEL TIPS, FORMS, CONFIRMATIONS, AND INVOICES ARE SENT ELECTRONICALLY.

GUEST 2			U.S. CITIZEN: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
			CUBAN BORN: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
	LAST NAME (AS SHOWN ON PASSPORT)	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE
ADDRESS	ANSWER YES OR NO TO <u>BOTH</u>		
	SAME AS ABOVE <input type="checkbox"/> (IF NOT: STREET ADDRESS)	CITY	STATE
PHONE	ZIP CODE		
	HOME	CELL	OFFICE
EMAIL**	ALT EMAIL		

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ACCOMMODATIONS: (COST PER PERSON)

HOTEL RIVIERA	IF RESERVING SPACES IN DOUBLE OCCUPANCY IN PLEASE INDICATE:
<input type="checkbox"/> DOUBLE ROOM \$3,400 <input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE ROOM \$3,800	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 LARGE BED OR <input type="checkbox"/> 2 TWIN BEDS

Total amount of check \$ _____ . Enclose your deposit check payable to **Cuba Cultural Travel** for the amount of **\$1,000 per person** to reserve your space. **Deposit due no later than January 16, 2019.**

Upon receipt of your deposit, a letter of confirmation will be sent to you electronically. Additional information and forms to be completed will be sent at a later date. An invoice for the remaining balance owed will be included at that time. **Full payment is due by February 16, 2019.**

PAYMENT:

- Payments are nontransferable and nonrefundable after the dates noted in the cancellation policy
- Due to OFAC regulations, payment must be made via personal or business check; or cashier's check issued from a US bank/account
- Payments not honored by the bank are subject to a \$25 returned payment charge
- **CREDIT CARDS, BANK CHECKS ISSUED ONLINE, AND/OR WIRE TRANSFERS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED**

CANCELLATION POLICY:

- Cancellations made prior to January 16, 2019 will receive a full refund
- Cancellations made from January 16 to February 16, 2019 will forfeit full deposit of \$1,000
- Cancellations after February 16, 2019 will forfeit entire cost of trip
- All cancellations must be made in writing via email to Laura Adams at Laura@CubaCulturalTravel.com

By signing below, I hereby agree to the aforementioned cancellation policy.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

We strongly recommend you purchase Trip Cancellation Insurance to cover unforeseen circumstances requiring cancellation of your travel. Information on acquiring trip insurance will be sent to you with your letter of confirmation. You will have two weeks from the date of confirmation to apply for insurance for coverage of pre-existing conditions.

Please return this form along with your check made payable to **CUBA CULTURAL TRAVEL** to:

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