

Cuba4u Havana Jazz Festival

2023 Jazz Fest Tour January 21st - 29th

Extended Tour to February 2nd



Saturday 21st You will be picked up from [Jose Marti](#) airport and driven to your Casa in the heart of Havana's tree lined [Vedado](#) district. Welcome cocktails and orientation will create a soft landing. Depending on what time your flight arrives you will be able to rest or we can get a light bite to eat at a local Cuban restaurant.

Sunday 22nd Let the fun begin! [Breakfast in the casa is included every day](#). You will be served fresh tropical fruit, bread and eggs along with delicious Cuban coffee in the relaxed atmosphere of your own Colonial home away from home. Our adventure begins with a walk along the famous Malecon to Old Havana. You will enjoy a leisurely breakfast in the casa, after which we will make our way to [Callejon Hamel](#), the alley in Central Ha-



vana, painted top to bottom by the artist Salvadore, where an AfroCuban drum and dance event will give you a glimpse into the world of Santeria. Among the painted images of the gods of Santeria, such as Yemaja, the goddess of the sea and Shango, the god of male prowess, you will experience the music that is such an integral part of many Cubans spiritual life. If anyone has trouble walking long distances (a one hour stroll) I will put you in a taxi. Our well informed guide, Maria-Rose will explain

the history of each of the 4 squares that define this 15th century [UNESCO](#) site.

[Welcome Dinner \(included\)](#).
Let's Bond over a mojito.

Opening night of Jazz Festival ([full access pass included](#))



Monday 23rd Breakfast in casa. Classic American cars will take us on a top down cruise along the Malecon to an artist studio in the town of [Jaimanitas](#), unlike any you have seen. Fuster has turned his entire neighbourhood into a mosaic dream.

Continue to the Plaza of the Revolution for photos and a walk about the seat of Cuban government.

Visit the famous [Riviera Hotel](#) that Mayer Lansky, the mafioso built and had to abandon on December 1959 when Fidel Castro overtook the government. Time stood still here and you step back into 1960's lobby. Afternoon (weather permitting) we can relax poolside at the famous rooftop Havana Libre pool, another blast from the past.

Dinner at your own leisure (**not included**)

Evening Jazz Festival activities



Afternoon back to rest up for the night ahead.

It is time for the rich musical treats to continue with a night at [La Zorra y el Cuervo](#), for a late night of jazz at one of the best clubs in the world.

Tuesday 24th Breakfast in casa

Our chauffers will then take us to the [Eastern Beaches](#) where we can swim and have lunch fresh from the sea (**weather permitting**). If the weather is not good we will exchange activities. One must be flexible in Cuba.



Wednesday 25th After breakfast our driver will take us to the famous [Cementerio Colon](#), the second largest cemetery in the world. Here we will explore the intricately carved tombs of famous Cubans, including revolutionary hero's and members from the Buena Vista Social Club. We will walk through the Vedado neighbourhood where the sugar barons built magnificent mansions that are now in various states of renovation or disrepair, lending to their charm. Visit [El Colon](#), the second largest cemetery in the world. Some famous revolutionaries and notable Cubans are laid to rest here among the intricate tombs and sculptures.



Late lunch in the lovely Persian restaurant, [Topoly](#) (**not included**).

After a nice rest and cocktail in the casa lets head out to the Jazz Festival for another night of music.

Thursday 26th After Breakfast we will visit the [Museum of the Revolution](#) where you will learn all about the events that led up to the current situation. The museum is housed in the former palace where Batista lived. Across the street awaits the National Cuban art gallery, [Bellas Artes](#), where many interesting pieces from contemporary Cuban artists are displayed.



Lunch nearby in Old Havana and visit a local artist in his studio for an espresso and wander the maze of cobblestone back streets

Free time.

Jazz Festival activities continue

Friday 27th

Step back into literary fame at Ernest Hemingway's home, [Finca Vigia](#)

Lunch in Cojimar (**not included**) where he wrote The Old Man and the Sea.

Free afternoon

Meet up for Jazz Festival



Saturday 28th This is your Free day! Options include: salsa classes, music lessons or transportation for you to visit the museum of rum or the artisan market. Jazz Fest Finale.

Sunday 29th

People departing today will be picked up by our driver and chauffeured to the airport. We bid you adios until the next time.



Those who are remaining for the extended tour will depart for [Cienfuegos and Trinidad](#) this morning.

Our first stop will be in the French influenced, tranquil town of Cienfuegos, a calm oasis of Cuban life. We will visit the exotic Arabic style mansion for a mojito on the tower, walk the pleasant Malecon and hitch a ride by bicycle taxi and horse carriages. The main square of Cienfuegos is a lovely place to have a rest and pay a visit to the original 18th century theatre.

We continue to the town of Trinidad, a 15th century [UNESCO HERITAGE SITE](#), nestled between the Caribbean sea and the Esprey mountain range.

Monday 30th

There is much to explore in [Trinidad](#), including the two towers that serve as museums now and afford a magnificent view of the entire valley. Markets offer linens and handiwork made by the local women. Invest in a tablecloth or runner for your dining pleasure back home.

[Playa Ancon](#) for the afternoon for a few hours of nothing but gorgeous sand and sea before going back to freshen up for the evening activities.



Music is the heart of Trinidad night life and the choices are abundant, from the outdoor Casa de la Musica on the famous steps in the main square to the cozy, old school style of the [The Casa de la Trova](#) where you can practice your Rhumba and Salsa steps with locals eager to twirl you around the floor.

Tuesday 31st

Enjoy breakfast on the balcony overlooking the ancient, red tile

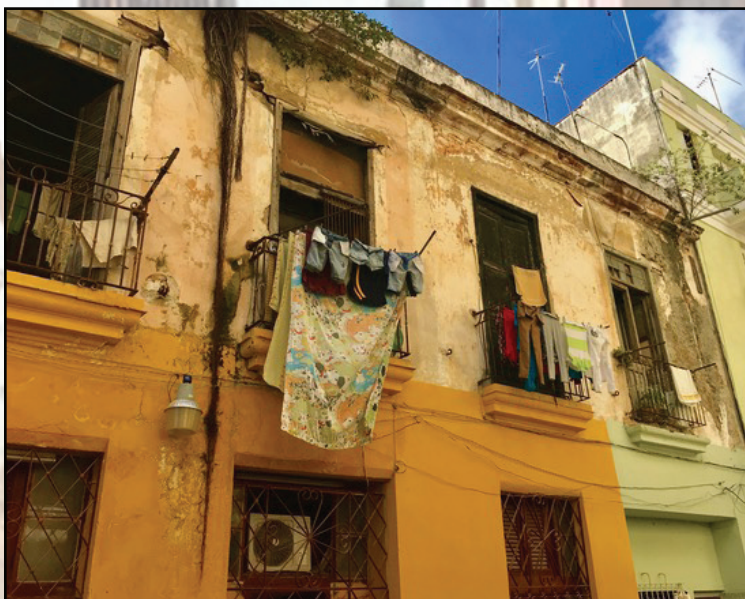
rooftops.

This is a free day with options that include a steam engine train ride to an old sugar plantation, or a horseback ride in the backroads. We can arrange whatever activity you choose or just lounge on the beach for another afternoon!

Our final night in Trinidad to explore the cobblestoned streets, music venues and cute restaurants adorned with antiques.



Wednesday 1st



Return to Havana where we will stay in the heart of the old city for your last night. Enjoy your final afternoon at your leisure.

Farewell dinner at La Guarida, a 17th century clinic transformed into a restaurant with delicious fusion Cuban International flavours.

Airport transfer
Hasta la Proxima Amigos!!!

Thursday 2nd



Price includes:

All accommodation in double room with breakfast in

high quality Casas with private bathrooms. Airport pick up and drop off.

Welcome Dinner & cocktails.

All access Jazz Festival Pass

Transportation within Havana for all group excursions.

Private transportation to Cienfuegos, Trinidad and back.

All museum and art gallery entry fees.

Classic car tour to Miramar, Fusters art village and Playa de L'este beaches.

Guided tour of Old Havana.

Does not include extra excursions, dinners or lunches that are not marked as included, tips and alcohol.



\$2500.00 Price for 8 Day Havana Jazz Festival experience.

\$3600.00 Price for 12 Day Tour (double occupancy)

Gabriella has been immersed in Cuban culture for 25 years and her connections in the arts and culture sector will guarantee some special surprise events for her guests



Price for 12 Day Tour (double occupancy)

Includes: All of the above and Lunch in Cienfuegos 3 night stay in Trinidad and one final night in the heart of Old Havana.

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