### ITINERARY | DAY-BY-DAY





## Arts Management Journey to Havana

Cuba

9 days / 8 nights

October 21-29, 2016

\$4,799 (Based on double occupancy)

Enjoy the unique culture and traditions of Cuba while you spend time with the locals. This adventure includes opportunities to interact with the local people and your professional counterparts.

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#### **Cuba Highlights**

- ✓ 9 days & 8 nights
- ✓ Old Havana chat with local shop owners and learn from local historians about this World Heritage site
- ✓ Explore a local market while you learn about production of the handicrafts from **local artisans** and owners
- Interact with local artists over dinner at a local Jazz Café

#### **Community Connections**

- Meet local Cubans of all ages during an evening **neighborhood street party** with residents of the block participating.
- ✓ Talk to the people you pass on the street. You'll be delighted at how open to conversation the locals are, and you may surprise yourself with the new impressions formed.

#### **Professional and Personal Interaction**

- ✓ Gain insight into Cuba's arts management practices through the exploration of arts creation, management and community stewardship.
- Come back with an understanding of the **people of Cuba** and their culture especially as it relates to pathways to being an artist
- ✓ Discuss the **evolution of artwork** and what their hopes are for the next generation as well as learn about possibilities of exchanging art between our countries.

#### What's included?

- Hotel accommodations throughout
- All transportation and activities outlined in the itinerary
- Group transfers to and from the international airport
- International air to and from Cuba (gateway city set out of Miami)
- Meals as mentioned and most tips
- Departure taxes where applicable
- Cuban tourist visa & flight to and from Cuba

#### Not included:

- Personal expenses at the hotels including Wi-Fi or calls
- Meals not specified
- Tips for national guide
- Passport renewal or issuance
- Domestic flight to gateway city







## Miami, Florida

## DAY 1

Convene in Miami this evening

Travel by individual arrangement to Miami, Florida. Upon arrival in Miami, transfer to the Miami Airport Hilton Hotel—or a hotel of similar quality—to check in. Enjoy dinner on your own tonight.

### Overnight: Miami Airport Hilton (or similar) Included meals: N/A

• Arrival in Havana

## DAY 2

Arrival and Havana city tour

Depart the hotel early this morning for the Miami International Airport (transfer provided by the hotel). Airport check-in is required three hours prior to your scheduled departure time; optional breakfast choices will be available for purchase after check-in.

Upon arrival in Havana, meet your local guide and travel amid bicycles, bright yellow *cocotaxis*, and giant *camello* (camel) buses on your way to lunch at a local restaurant. Late this afternoon, transfer to your hotel.

This evening, enjoy a welcome dinner at a local Paladar (local family run Cuban restaurant).

#### Overnight: Quinta Avenida Included meals: Lunch & Dinner

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# DAY 3

Welcome and orientation

Put on your walking shoes for an exploration of the historic center of **Old Havana**, founded in 1519 and declared a World Heritage site by UNESCO. Walk through the area with your guide, exploring the restorations and current projects being worked on to preserve the history and architecture of this unique neighborhood.

After lunch, visit Regla to explore the church of **Nuestra Señora de Regla**, one of Cuba's most frequent places of pilgrimage. The most impressive statute is of the Virgin of Regla who cradles an infant in her arms. She is the patron and protector of sailors and is considered the equivalent of Yemaya, the goddess of the sea in the Yoruba religion.

Tonight enjoy a musical performance at a local Jazz Café with invited **professional guests** from the arts community.

#### Overnight: Quinta Avenida Included meals: Breakfast & Lunch

### **Travel Regulations**

What are the new regulations for travel to Cuba?

Recently OFAC changed the regulations for US visitors traveling to Cuba. Leisure travel is still prohibited, however, traveling with Nanda Journeys on a Career Enrichment program will ensure you adhere to the specified requirements. We will take care of all the regulatory paperwork on your behalf – your focus should be on creating new friendships and enjoying the wonders of Cuba.

Your commitment to full participation in the program is required if you choose to join the group. Most tourist-oriented activities are forbidden by the U.S. license, and this license does not allow for independent exploration in Cuba.





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## DAY 4

Career Enrichment

Meet with representatives from the **Cuban Institute of Friendship with People** at the Casa de la Amistad. This mandatory meeting focuses on Cuban/U.S. relations, and is a required component of all U.S. visits to Cuba.

Immediately following, meet with staff from the **National School of Arts (ISA)**. Meet with their team to discuss topics such as the inspiration and evolution of arts managers and the greatest resource in managing the arts in Cuba.

The goal of this program is to share arts management practices between Cuban and American arts managers, non-profit board members, and patrons through the exploration of arts creation, management, audience engagement, and community stewardship. We will also look at art as a cultural product and explore its societal and economic impacts. Arrive with an open mind and open heart. Depart inspired, motivated and focused on a vision for your role in the cultivation, creation, administration and exchange of arts and culture.

Lunch will be provided at a local restaurant.

Later explore the **Centro Cultural Antiguos Almacenes** to chat with **private sector owners** of more than 300 different booths selling art, handicrafts, clothing, and a variety of Cuban products.

Return to the hotel for some free time and a chance for dinner on your own arrangement.

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**Overnight: Quinta Avenida Included meals: Breakfast & Lunch** 



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## DAY 5

**Career Enrichment** 

This morning a meeting has been requested with staff from **Kcho Estudio Romerillo Art Lab and Cultural Center** to continue your exchange and discussions on what the future hold for arts, innovation and creativity.

Lunch will be provided this afternoon.

This afternoon, meet with the **National Union of Writers and Artists of Cuba** (pending availability). They are a prominent social, cultural and professional organization of writers, musicians, actors, painters, sculptors and artists of all genres. Founded in 1961, their objective is to promote the arts and support the artists.

Enjoy some time to relax this evening and explore independently with dinner on your own.

Overnight: Quinta Avenida Included meals: Breakfast & Lunch







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## DAY 6

Cultural program

Immediately after breakfast, spend the morning visiting a **local ballet school**. Have a chance to watch a performance and interact with the teachers and students about their dance programs.

After a stop for lunch, continue on to watch a rehearsal of the **Mariana de Gonitch Chorus**. Hear a performance from this lovely choral group and time permitting afterward meet with the students and instructors about music arts in Cuba.

Return to the hotel to relax with dinner on your own this evening.

#### Overnight: Quinta Avenida Included meals: Breakfast & Lunch

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## DAY 7

**Explore Havana** 

Begin your day with a journey to the **Hemingway House**. Visit the home and gardens where he penned many of his great novels and short stories.

Stop for lunch at a local Paladar.

This afternoon a meeting has been requested with the staff at a **local music conservatory**. Spend some time learning about training of musicians and music appreciation in Cuba. Learn about the unique musical traditions influenced mostly by West African and European (especially Spanish) music.

Dinner this evening will be provided at the La Fontana Paladar.

**Overnight: Quinta Avenida Included meals: Breakfast & Lunch** 



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# DAY 8

**Continued Explorations** 

Begin your day with a visit to the **Opera de la Calle** on Opera Street. This is a community project founded in 2006 that incorporates a children's opera with about 120 children who also perform. The project aims to bring opera singing to the people of Cuba. You will have a chance to interact with the **artists and choreographers**.

After lunch, visit the **National Museum of Fine Arts** for a tour and a chance to talk to the art docent. The Palacio de Bellas Artes (Palace of Fine Arts) is dedicated exclusively to housing Cuban art collections spanning the 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> centuries. The most notable works are those of René Portocarrero and Wifredo Lam. A modernist sculpture by noted Cuban artist Rita Lonja stands outside the main entrance.

Enjoy a farewell dinner at the Café del Oriente.

### Overnight: Quinta Avenida Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner

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# DAY 9

Depart

Say goodbye to Cuba and all of your new friends! Your guide will accompany you to the local airport for your charter flight back to Miami this morning.





### • Miami

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