



## DANCE and PERCUSSION in CUBA

During Havana's 'Fiesta del Tambor' Music Festival

**March 4 – 13, 2018**

**Deadline to register: December 13, 2017 / Final payment due: January 31, 2018**

Join us on this exclusive tour to one of the most culturally rich destinations on the planet and experience total immersion into the music, dance, and traditions of Cuba. This March we are offering a percussion and dance program in Havana, with a day trip to Matanzas. The program features 4 hours per day of classes focusing on percussion OR dance, presentations and cultural exchanges with artists from internationally acclaimed groups, Ban Rarrá and Tierra Kaliente in Havana, and with Los Muñequitos in Matanzas. This program is also offered as a one-week package.

**DANCE: Salsa, Son, Rueda de Casino, Rumba, Afro-Cuban Folklore** - Dancers will be separated by level for three days of Salsa and Popular dance classes and everyone has a Cuban dance partner! There will also be two days of mixed level Afro-Cuban classes with live drummers.

**PERCUSSION: Afro-Cuban and Popular rhythms for Congas, Bongó and/or Batá** - Drummers will be separated by level and by their percussion instrument choice. Every group has its own teacher and translator.

The 'Fiesta del Tambor' is an annual event organized by Giraldo Piloto, revered musical director of Klimax. The festival features competitions among Cuba's hottest percussionists and concerts with top performing artists from all over the island. In addition to classes and the festival, we will go out salsa dancing with our teachers, attend concerts and performances, and spend an entire day in Matanzas for a class and show with the Muñequitos.

PlazaCUBA is the leading expert in Cuban cultural travel, with more than 20 years of experience and intimate connections with the most influential artists and performers in Cuba today. Our team is comprised of seasoned professionals who coordinate events and assist you on your journey. We're dedicated to connecting you with Cuban artists and giving you an insider's perspective on this magical country through the eyes of the people.

March 4-11 (one week) Double Occupancy Hotel - \$2,395 per person / Single Room Supplement - \$250

March 4-13 (full tour) Double Occupancy Hotel - \$2,695 per person / Single Room Supplement - \$350

FEE: Legal Authorization for Extended Dates in Cuba - \$100

DISCOUNT: Register by November 6 - \$50 off / Repeat Customer - \$50 off every time you travel with PlazaCUBA

### PRICE INCLUDES

- PlazaCUBA's unique people-to-people programming, including classes, private performances, lectures with renowned experts, and excursions focused on interaction with Cuban artists, musicians and dancers.
- **March 4-13 (Full tour)** 9 nights at the Hotel Kohly or similar hotel with breakfast daily, 2 special lunches, 5 days of classes, and activities included on the itinerary, plus a beach trip and excursion to Matanzas.
- **March 4-11 (One week)** 7 nights at the Hotel Kohly or similar hotel with breakfast daily, 2 special lunches, 5 days of classes, and activities included on the itinerary.
- Airport pickup upon arrival to Cuba, and ground transportation for group activities listed on the itinerary.
- English-speaking guide for programmed activities / Translator for all classes and group presentations.
- Expert staff of Cuban coordinators and PlazaCUBA representatives for on-site assistance.
- Access to competitions and events of the Fiesta del Tambor. Prior line-ups have included: Klimax, Rumbatá, El Niño, Raíces Profundas, Pupy, Timbalaye, Habana de Primera, Ban Rarrá, Osain del Monte, and more!

**Not Included:** Airfare, Cuban entry visa, hotel to airport transfer at the end of the program, meals not listed

## ARRANGING YOUR TRAVEL

PlazaCUBA is authorized to organize tours to Cuba for U.S. travelers. We offer our programs under the educational people-to-people license category and we provide you with the necessary documentation for your legal travel.

We are able to assist you with your travel plans, but you are responsible for booking your flight. Below find some recommended flights for those traveling from the San Francisco Bay Area. There are a number of departure cities in the U.S. and prices vary. You can research other options online. Let us know if you would like assistance, and remember to send us your itinerary as soon as you book your flight.

**Plan to arrive in Cuba on Sunday, March 4 and depart on Sunday, March 11 or on Tuesday, March 13**

If you're planning to stay in Cuba past our program dates, please check *Extended Dates in Cuba* on registration form.

### [Booking Commercial Flights to Havana Online](#)

When traveling with PlazaCUBA, you can legally book your flight online with one of many American carriers now offering direct service to Havana. The required Cuban medical insurance is included in the cost of the flight on commercial airlines. You will need to purchase a Cuban Tourist Visa. You can purchase this Visa at your departure gate at the airport and the cost is \$75-95. Check with your airline company for details.

When booking your flight online, you will need to enter your legal travel category, which is Educational People-to-People travel.

### **Recommended flights to/from Havana from San Francisco on American Airlines**

#### **From San Francisco to Havana (Daytime flight)**

Mar 4: American Airlines #1194 San Francisco to Miami / depart San Francisco 8:00am, arrive to Miami 4:26pm

Mar 4: American Airlines #2699 Miami to Havana / depart Miami 7:45pm, arrive to Havana at 9:10pm

#### **From San Francisco to Havana ("Redeye" flight)**

Mar 3: American Airlines #1153 San Francisco to Miami / depart San Francisco 9:35pm, arrive to Miami 6:01am

Mar 3: American Airlines #1447 Miami to Havana / depart Miami 9:30am, arrive to Havana at 10:45am

#### **From Havana to San Francisco**

Mar 11: American Airlines #802 Havana to Charlotte/ depart Havana at 1:00pm, arrive to Charlotte NC at 3:35pm

Mar 11: American Airlines #898 Charlotte to San Francisco / depart Charlotte 6:05pm, arrive to SFO at 8:31pm

Mar 13: American Airlines #802 Havana to Charlotte / depart Havana at 1:00pm, arrive to Charlotte NC at 3:35pm

Mar 13: American Airlines #898 Charlotte to San Francisco / depart Charlotte 6:05pm, arrive to SFO at 8:31pm

#### **From a different city to/from Havana on American Airlines**

You can book flights from other cities on American Airlines and connect with the group on the above flights.

### [Booking Commercial or Charter Flights to Havana through a Travel Agent](#)

**Contact:** Laura Valdivia - Email: [laura@dmcandtravel.com](mailto:laura@dmcandtravel.com), Phone Number: 305.443.0417

### **Important Details**

- Register and arrange your travel early to save money and time (deadline to register is December 13, 2017).
- You are responsible for booking your Cuba flights, but we can assist you with your travel planning.
- You will be covered under PlazaCUBA's travel license for our program dates only. If you plan to stay longer in Cuba, you will need to arrange with us to have your legal documentation extended.
- There will be limited or no activities on the travel days.
- Allow sufficient time between flights. If you will travel on two different airlines, allow time for baggage handling and check-in for the international flight to Cuba. If you are on one airline for both flights of your journey, such as on American, your bags will be checked all the way through to Havana.

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**REGISTRATION and PAYMENTS**

Fill out the attached form and send it with your \$500 non-refundable deposit or full payment **by December 13, 2017**

*Your registration will be complete when we have received all of the following:*

- (1) Completed registration form with signed License Requirements, Limits of Liability, and Cancellation Policy.
- (2) Payment in full. Make checks out to PlazaCultura. Do not write "Cuba" on your check.
- (3) A copy of the information/photo page of your passport (submit with registration form).
- (4) Your Cuba flight itinerary (as soon as you book your flight).

**MAKE your check out to PlazaCultura** and mail payment to: PlazaCultura P.O. Box 3083 Berkeley, CA 94703

**MARK YOUR AREA OF FOCUS IN THIS PROGRAM (Check one)**

**Dance:** Salsa, Son, Rueda de Casino, Rumba, and Afro-Cuban Folkloric Dance

**Percussion:** Afro-Cuban and Popular rhythms for Congas, Bongó, and/or Batá

**MARK YOUR PACKAGE PREFERENCES AND DISCOUNTS (Check all that apply)**

**March 4-11 (One Week)**     **Double Room \$2,395** (per person) **OR**  **Single Room Add \$250**

**March 4-13 (Full Tour)**     **Double Room \$2,695** (per person) **OR**  **Single Room Add \$350**

**EXTENDED DATES in Cuba Add \$100** (Staying in Cuba longer than our program dates? Check here)

**DISCOUNT - \$50 off for Repeat Customers** (Traveled with PlazaCUBA before? Check here)

**DISCOUNT - \$50 off for Early Registration** (Registering before November 6? Check here)

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Full legal name (as it appears on your passport): \_\_\_\_\_

Address (City, State, and Zip): \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Media (Facebook / Twitter / Instagram) Usernames: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Country of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport No. and Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have special dietary needs or health problems that require assistance?      Yes      No

If yes, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

If you want a double room, do you have a preferred roommate? Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Where will depart for Cuba from? (Do you have a route/airline in mind): \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about us? (Internet, Event, Person who referred you): \_\_\_\_\_

What is your experience with dance or percussion in general, and with Cuban styles in particular? What is your level?

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**EMERGENCY CONTACT, LIABILITY AND CANCELLATION POLICY**

**EMERGENCY CONTACT**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLAZACUBA LICENSE REQUIREMENTS**

PlazaCUBA’s people-to-people status requires that all participants adhere to a full-time schedule of educational exchange activities that will result in meaningful interactions between the traveler and individuals in Cuba. PlazaCUBA is responsible for ensuring that all travelers comply with the people-to-people license requirements.

By taking part in this people-to-people program to Cuba with PlazaCUBA, I agree to participate in all the activities unless sick or otherwise physically unable.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**LIMITS OF LIABILITY**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand that I am responsible for making, obtaining, and securing all travel arrangements to and from the destination. Furthermore, I understand that PlazaCUBA acts only as an agent for the passenger in regard to ground transportation and/or all other related travel services as stated in the program description and itinerary, and thus assumes no liability for: injury, delay, irregularity, loss or damage to person or property, or additional costs resulting directly or indirectly from: acts of nature, detention, weather, failure of any means of transportation to comply with schedules, quarantines, strikes, civil disturbances, theft, government regulations related to customs, immigration, violations of law, or trade embargoes, discrepancies, and/or changes in transit or living accommodations over which it has no control, whether such changes arise out of or are incident to the program or otherwise. I understand that reasonable changes in schedule or prices may be made at any time when deemed advisable for the comfort and wellbeing of the participants. I understand that PlazaCUBA cannot accept responsibility for the property or personal illnesses of or injuries to any individuals. I understand the rules of legal travel to Cuba as described in the travel restriction guidelines of the U.S. Department of the Treasury. I understand that PlazaCUBA reserves the right to refuse to accept or retain any person as a participant.

**CANCELLATION POLICY**

I understand that my deposit is not refundable. Furthermore, I understand and agree to the following cancellation policy: for cancellations made 31 or more days prior to the date of departure, PlazaCUBA will refund the total payments minus the non-refundable \$500 deposit; for cancellations made between 30 and 15 days prior to the date of departure, PlazaCUBA may retain up to \$1,000 of the total payments; and for cancellations made 14 days or less before the date of departure, PlazaCUBA may retain up to 100% of the program fee.

I understand and agree to the terms as stated above in regard to my participation.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print name: \_\_\_\_\_