



Havana International Jazz Festival Tour

January 15 – 22, 2018

Legal people-to-people travel focusing on music, dance and culture

Deadline to register: November 15, 2017

Experience the roots of Afro-Cuban jazz first hand on an unforgettable adventure with PlazaCUBA! Our Havana International Jazz Festival Tour takes you deep into Cuba's music scene with an all-access pass to the festival and entrance to exclusive engagements with Cuba's most talented musicians.

The festival is an international event that showcases the innovative sounds of Cuban music, featuring performances by Cuba's newest rising stars, as well as musicians from around the globe.

In addition to jazz performances, we'll take you on an exploration of the arts and culture of Cuba. Tour the Escuela Nacional de Arte (La ENA) and meet young musicians, dancers and painters, visit famous artists in their studios, travel to Matanzas or Viñales, take in the Ballet, Old Havana, Bellas Artes Museum, and a rooftop urban garden that exemplifies Cuba's growing and vibrant self-sufficiency.

Our team of English-speaking Cuban hosts and PlazaCUBA representatives is made up of seasoned professionals who coordinate events and provide assistance every step of the way.

You will be staying at the historic Havana Libre Hotel (or a similar hotel), which features a gorgeous pool, breathtaking views, restaurants, a business center, and WiFi. We have options for upgraded rooms and suites for an additional fee. Please contact us if you would like to be notified about upgrade availability.

Prices and Discounts:

Double Standard - \$3,695 per person / Single Supplement - \$700 / Extended Dates in Cuba - \$100

Register by September 27th discount - \$100 / Past Participant Discount - \$50

Program price includes:

- Authorization for legal travel to Cuba in the people-to-people category, provided by PlazaCUBA.
- Airport transfer to the hotel in Havana on January 15.
- Seven nights standard accommodations at the Havana Libre (or similar hotel), with breakfast daily.
- All access pass for entry to all of the Havana Jazz Festival performances and special events.
- Exclusive parties, performances and intimate gatherings with musicians, dancers and artists.
- Guided excursions focused on interaction with the Cuban people.
- English-speaking guide for programmed activities.
- All in-country ground transportation for group activities.
- Five additional meals at some of our favorite local restaurants and paladars (in-home restaurants).
- Ground transportation to all group activities.
- Expert staff of Cuban coordinators and PlazaCUBA representatives for on-site assistance.

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

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ARRANGING YOUR TRAVEL

PlazaCUBA is authorized to arrange 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.

Plan to arrive in Cuba on Monday, January 15 and depart on Monday, January 22

If you are planning on staying in Cuba longer, please contact us before you book your flights.

[Booking Commercial Flights to Havana Online](#)

You CAN book travel to Cuba with one of many American carriers that now offer direct service to Havana from the U.S. You will need to purchase a Cuban Visa from the airline at the gate or make arrangements to purchase one in advance of your flight. The required Cuban medical insurance is included in the cost of your flight on all commercial airlines.

[Recommended flights to Cuba on American Airlines](#)

[From San Francisco to Havana](#)

Jan 15: American Airlines #1194 San Francisco to Miami / depart San Francisco 8:00am, arrive to Miami 4:26pm

Jan 15: American Airlines #2699 Miami to Havana / depart Miami 7:45pm, arrive to Havana at 9:10pm

Jan 22: American Airlines #802 Havana to Charlotte/ depart Havana at 1:00pm, arrive to Charlotte NC at 3:35pm

Jan 22: American Airlines #898 Charlotte to San Francisco / depart Charlotte 6:05pm, arrive to SFO at 8:31pm

[From a different city to Havana on American Airlines](#)

You can book flights from other cities on American Airlines and connect with the group on the following flights:

Jan 15: American Airlines #2699 Miami to Havana / depart Miami 7:45pm, arrive to Havana at 9:10pm

Jan 22: American Airlines #802 Havana to Charlotte/ depart Havana at 1:00pm, arrive to Charlotte NC at 3:35pm

If you'd like to research other flight options, American or Delta tend to have the best routes and prices. JetBlue has flights from New York and Fort Lauderdale; Alaska has a flight from LAX; and United has a flight from Newark. When booking on-line, enter the city you want to leave from (ex: SFO, LAX, New York) as your departing city and Havana, Cuba (HAV) as your arrival destination.

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

Contact: Laura Valdivia - Email: 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 Nov 15, 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 inform us for your legal documentation.
- 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 legs, such as on American, then your initial check-in will include the baggage routing to Cuba.

Travel insurance is not included in the package. If you plan to purchase travel insurance, we can provide you with the documentation for this legal trip to Cuba. Past travelers have utilized Travel Guard (800-826-4919) or DMC and Travel (305-443-0417).

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REGISTRATION and PAYMENTS

To begin the registration process, fill out the form below and send it to us along with your \$500 non-refundable deposit, or your full payment. The deadline to pay in full is November 15, 2017.

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

- (1) Completed Registration Form and Deposit OR Payment in Full.
- (2) Signed License Requirements, Limits of Liability, and Cancellation Policy
- (3) Copy of your passport information page (good for at least 6 months after the program return date)
- (4) Your complete flight information for the Cuba portion of your trip (once it is booked)

Checks are the preferred form of payment. Make your check out to **Plaza Cultura** and mail it with this form to:

Plaza Cultura

Phone: 510-872-9505

P.O. Box 3083, Berkeley, CA 94703

Email: plazacuba@yahoo.com

REGISTRATION FORM

Circle your rooming preference:

Standard Double Occupancy: \$3,695 (per person)

OR

Standard Single Occupancy: \$4,395

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

Complete Mailing Address: _____

Street

City

State

Zip

Cell Phone: _____

Website: _____

Work Phone: _____

Home Phone: _____

Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Country of Birth: _____

Occupation: _____

Passport # and Citizenship: _____

Passport Expiration Date: _____

Do you have special dietary needs or health problems that require special assistance?

Yes

No

If yes, please describe: _____

If you have requested double room, who will be your roommate? _____

What city will you be departing from to fly to Cuba? _____

How did you hear about our programs? _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

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LICENSE REQUIREMENTS and LIMITS of LIABILITY

PLAZACUBA LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

PlazaCUBA's people-to-people license 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 unable.

Signed _____ 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 change in transit or living accommodations over which it has no control, whether it arises out of or is 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 well being 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 Travel restriction guidelines of the Department of the Treasury. I understand that PlazaCuba only provides guidance in coordinating an individual professional research or other type of project. I understand that PlazaCuba reserves the right to refuse to accept or retain me as a participant.

CANCELLATION POLICY

I understand that my deposit is not refundable and that for cancellations made thirty-one (31) or more days prior to date of departure, total payments made minus the non-refundable \$500 deposit will be refunded. I understand that for cancellations between thirty (30) and fifteen (15) days prior to the date of departure, up to \$1,000 of the total payments made may be retained by PlazaCuba. Furthermore, I understand that for cancellations fourteen (14) days or less before the date of departure, that up to 100% of the program fee may be retained by PlazaCuba.

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

Signature _____ Date _____

Print name _____