

# Just the Havana jazz festival

## Day 1 • Tuesday • Say hello to the city of music

- Arrivals at Havana's José Martí International Airport
- Collect your luggage and proceed through Cuban customs to the arrivals lobby
- Transfer to your hotel. Your hotel check-in is pre-arranged, you simply present your passport.
- Time at hotel to settle in and freshen up
- Dinner is served at your hotel's restaurant
- Time to explore Havana's vibrant nightlife, and make new Cuban friends. We'll keep you posted on evening entertainment options.
- Havana Jazz Festival Performances, choose among events taking place at several different venues (transportation NOT INCLUDED)

## Day 2 • Wednesday • Old Havana, History and Capitol building

- Greet the day with tasty breakfast served at your hotel
  - Followed by a private walking tour of Old Havana, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We'll visit four historic plazas that make Havana unique in the western hemisphere. Together they contain the largest collection of remaining Spanish colonial-era architecture in the world
  - Later on, we'll visit Cuba's National Capitol Building, a Latin American architectural treasure. Its size and appearance are similar to Washington's Capitol Building, but the Pantheon in Paris inspired its opulent neoclassical form and art nouveau flourishes.
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- Welcome lunch at the private restaurant Mojito-Mojito. Ideally situated in Plaza Vieja, its friendly atmosphere, and delicious food makes it rank high on TripAdvisor. The restaurant's slogan: "A single mojito is not enough."
- Return to your hotel and freshen up
- Welcome dinner at the private restaurant Le Petit.
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### **Day 3 • Thursday • Cuban dance + Festival Performances**

- Greet the day with tasty breakfast served at your hotel
- Morning visit to one of several Cuban dance companies. We'll visit and meet the troupe during their practice performances
- Lunch at Atelier, included.
- Return to your hotel and freshen up
- Dinner not included in tour cost. An occasion to sample Havana's stellar private eateries and taste the diversity of the island's distinctive cuisines. We'll provide suggestions for restaurants most popular with Cubans and our travelers
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### **Day 4 • Friday • Rum, art, crafts + Festival Performances**

- Greet the day with tasty breakfast served at your hotel
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- Visit Centro Cultural Antiguos Almacenes de Depósito San José. This marvelous restoration of an old dock warehouse has resulted in a gigantic market fair exhibiting the wares of hundreds of Cuban artists and crafts workers. It's an amazing shopping opportunity for memorable Cuban gifts and souvenirs
- Visit the Museum of Rum
- Lunch will be served today at La Moneda Cubana.
- Return to your hotel and freshen up. Explore the city with your tourmates and new Cuban friends
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### **Day 5 • Saturday • Afrocuba, Hemingway farm + Festival Bands**

- Greet the day with tasty breakfast served at your hotel
  - Visit to Callejón de Hamel, a magical section of Old Havana filled with Afrocuban murals and art
  - We're off to visit Finca la Vigía [Lookout Farm] where North America's literary titan Ernest Hemingway spent twenty-one of his most important and productive years adding to the building blocks of English literature.
  - Tour highlight. We have a special lunch arranged for you by our friends at Ajiaco paladar [private restaurant].
  - We'll visit the village of Cojímar, the setting for Ernest Hemingway's "The Old Man and the Sea." Here adoring local fishers cast a bronze bust from old anchors, props and tools.
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### **Day 6 • Sunday • Cuban Art + Festival Closing Finale**

- Greet the day with tasty breakfast served at your hotel.
- Later on, we'll examine Cuba's greatest visual masterpieces spanning three centuries at Havana's world class museum of modern art – Palacio de Bellas Artes.
- Lunch today is included in a private restaurant.
- This afternoon is for you to explore the city on your own with your tourmates and new Cuban friends.
- Return to your hotel and freshen up
- Attend a big jazz event this evening (transportation included).
- Farewell group dinner at local restaurant, included

### **Day 7 • Monday • Goodbye to Havana – missing Cuba already**

- Greet the day with tasty breakfast served at your hotel
  - Check-out of your Havana hotel
  - Transfer to José Martí International Airport in Havana for flights home
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- We'll miss you and hope you will return soon. In Cuba we say: A true friend remembers the song in your heart when you have forgotten the lyrics

