Cuba Music Week + CubaDisco 18TH Year
Havana Music Tour May 17-24th

Our itinerary: Subject to change based on restaurant quality, schedule adjustments and government whim.

DAY 1 TUESDAY MAY 17Th

- **NYC/JFK**– Flight: B68803 T5 12:00 PM Arrive 3:30 PM in Havana, Cuba Jose Martí Terminal 2
- Private A/C van from airport to hotel. Guides: Michel and Solangle will be available for most of your stay. As will Haydee, Ed’s Cubana assistant. Study up on your Spanish- It will help.
- Hotel-check in- go directly to the 9th VIP Floor, Meliã Havana • Settle in, swim/drink at hotel.
- Melia Habana Hotel address, 3d Ave between 76 and 80, Miramar, Playa. +53 720-48500.
- 7PM- Evening– Welcome Cocktail Party - 9th floor of Hotel- distribute CubaDisco schedule.
- Receive your CubaDisco All Access Pass.
- 8:30PM- Dinner/orientation for CubaDisco, Center Commercial San Cristobal, San Raphael #469 ent. Lealtad y Campanario,. Havana Vieja. Obama and JZ liked it. Best in Havana.
- Night – CubaDisco shows. There are plenty of live shows every night-jazz, Latin, classical, reggaeton. Your assigned Cuban guides will escort you around to help smooth your movements and translate where needed.

DAY 2 WEDNESDAY MAY 18TH

- Breakfast at hotel
- 11:30AM- Partagas cigar factory tour.
- 1PM- Lunch at La Bodeguita del Medio – Sign your name on the walls and join Hemingway who drank mojitos (they claim invention) here. Empedrado entre Cuba y San Ignacio.
- 4:30PM- Home visit with top Cuban Musicians led by Roberto Carcassés, Piano, with Trumpet, Bass and Drums - talk and demonstrate about Contemporary Cuban music.
- Back to Hotel to rest and swim.
- On your own for dinner – see our guidebook for suggestions.
- 11:45PM ’round Midnight - Interactivo at Bertolt Brecht Theater- the musicians we met earlier. One of the best live shows in town. Big Cuban stars always drop in. Over by 1:30AM
- Late-night clubs - Our handbook will have listings of places to go after midnight. Lots!
DAY 3 THURSDAY MAY 19TH
• Breakfast at hotel
• AM - free to explore. We will offer suggestions/addresses, like Hemingway house (90 minute drive) Cuban boxing, and shops, forts, stores, museums.
• On your own for lunch – see our guidebook for suggestions.
• 2:00PM- Museo Bellas Artes tour with our guide on Calle Trocadero e/ Zulueta y Monserrate, +5378621643. Cuba's premier modern art museum.
• 4:30PM- Late afternoon – Cuban Artist studio visit, Gustavo del Valle and ISA visit-Instituto Superior de Arte, University art school.
• Drive through Fustalandia (Gaudi-like fantasy folk area) near ISA and near one of Fidel's houses.
8PM- Dinner – El Idilio very pleasant restaurant specializing in grilled seafood and meat. 351 Calle 15, La Habana, +53 7 8318182
• Night – CubaDisco live events / music throughout in the city.

DAY 4 FRIDAY MAY 20TH
• Breakfast at hotel.
• 9:30AM- Drive to beach – Van to Santa Maria Beach.
• Light Lunch at the beach.
• 3:00PM- Drive to Matanzas - Los Muñequitos de Matanzas will perform in their loft. They are the most respected and talented folkloric ensembles in Cuba.
• Drive/tour around Matanzas.
• 6PM- Dinner El Bukan Calle 110 E/ 127 y 129 Playa Matanzas +(53)52963126
• Evening- Drive back to Havana – check out a Jazz venue- try - La Zorra y El Cuervo Entre N y O, Avenida 23, La Habana: +53 7 662402, Jazz Café Paseo and 3, La Habana: +53 7 8383302, Cafe Miramar Calle 5ta Esquina A 94, Miramar Playa +53 7 8383302
DAY 5 – SATURDAY MAY 21
• Breakfast at hotel
• 9:30AM - Van Tour of Old Havana – nice way to see non-tourist areas.
• Visit Yoruba Society in Old Havana – ceremony.
• Daiquiri’s / Cocktails at El Floridita where the drink was invented Obispo +53 7 8671300
• Bacardi Art Deco Building 261 Esq. San Jan De Dios, Havana, Cuba.
• 1:30PM- Lunch at Antiguos Almacén do Madera y Tabaco, Ave del Puerto Avenida Puerto y San Pedro +53 7 8647780
• 4:30PM- Afternoon – Private session with Telmary - Cuba’s leading Spoken Word/Rapper
• On your own for dinner – see our guidebook for suggestions.
• Night – Clubbing and CubaDisco events.

DAY 6– SUNDAY MAY 22
• Breakfast at hotel.
• 10AM- Painter’s building in Habana Vieja. Private workshop- Zaida del Rio, Ernesto Rancano, Carlos Guzman, Roberto Fabelo. Oficios, N6 e/Obispo y Obrapia, Plaza de Armas, Havana Vieja
• 12PM- Lunch Sandwichería La Bien Paga Aguacate No 259 off Obisbo. Havana Vieja
• 2PM- Early Afternoon - Callejón de Hamel, Centro – rhumba dance – with instructor.
• Vedado/ice cream @ Coppelia
• Back to hotel to relax.
• 8PM- Dinner @ el Cocinero– next door to Fabrica del Arte Calle 26, La Habana.
  Night – Fabrica club – art space, concert hall, night club Calle 26, La Habana +53 7 8382260
• After Hour Clubs– Espacios or Up-&-Down.
DAY 7 - MONDAY MAY 23

• Breakfast at hotel
• Free day. There are also CubaDisco events all day. See Guidebook.
• On your own for lunch – see our Guidebook for suggestions.
• **7PM** - Dinner Mediterraneo Havana Restaurant. 13 St ent. F y G #406, Vedado
  +53 7 8324894
• **9:30PM** - Night – CubaDisco show Karl Marx Theater. Ave 1ra, Habana +53 7 2091991

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DAY 8 TUESDAY MAY 24TH

• Breakfast at hotel
• Last minute souvenir, cigar and rum (Santiago rum = best!) shopping.
• Free in the AM, but be sure to be back and ready to go at 1pm!!!!
• **1PM** - Meet in hotel lobby – Our van to Jose Marti Airport, Terminal 2, for flight home.
• **4:30PM** JetBlue B68804 Terminal 2 – Arrive 8:00 PM JFK, NYC Terminal 5.

There may be a few special visits to the drama and music school during your stay.

This itinerary is jam-packed. You don’t have to do everything, but PLEASE let us know if you will not be attending an event or a dinner so we don’t worry about you.

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