

Havana Jazz Festival

December 16 to 22, 2014

A People to People Program in Havana.

Program Highlights

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Program Features

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One of Havana's most famous music events, the Jazz Festival is a display of the link between Cuban rhythm and jazz, which goes back to the late 19th century when newly freed slaves emigrated to New Orleans. First started in 1979 as a local event, at the Casa de la Cultura de Plaza, this is the 30th edition of the festival that has grown in size and scope with venues that include several large theatres and nightclubs.



Cuba's José Luis Cortés (El Tosco) in concert.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Our program offers an overnight in Miami prior to departure, the comforts of the 5-Star **Hotel Parque Central**, centrally located in Havana's historic center, with exclusive events and activities.
- You will have the assistance of an expert English-speaking Cuban guide and private coach, meet with local residents with the aide of our guide for free exchanges of ideas and enjoy meals at *paladars* (private homes) and an artist studio.
- Visit the studios of some of Cuba's promising young artists. The contemporary works are available for purchase.
- Exclusive expert seminars by English-speaking Cuban experts on the **Roots of Cuban Music**, the **Cuban Revolution of 1959** and **Cuban Art** to learn about Cuban culture and people.
- Visit the Hemingway Estate outside Havana, just as "Papa" left it in 1960, and a *Santería* shrine to understand the connections between Christianity and the popular Afro-Cuban religion of *Santería*. We will also visit an Arfo-Cuban cultural center in the barrio of Havana.
- A day's excursion to rural Cuba, **Pinar de Río** visit the community and tobacco farms. Walk through the local community with a nature walk in the protected biosphere of this pristine reserve in western Cuba. Lunch will be at a farmer's house in the mountains, authentic Cuban Creole cuisine.
- Attend the nightly events of the **Jazz Festival** on your schedule. We are returning to Miami on Monday, December 22, to have you home for the holiday.
- You will be asked to bring humanitarian supplies to benefit the Cuban people.
- Our program includes full health insurance issued by the Cuban agency Asistur.



PROGRAM DATES & PRICING

Program dates are December 16 to 22, 2014 (7 Days/6 Nights). The per person rate in Double Occupancy is **\$3,998.00**, the Single Supplement is **\$975.00**, and is limited. The program includes our hotels in Miami and Havana; airport transfers; flights between Miami and Havana; private air-conditioned coach and local guide throughout; meals as indicated; all gratuities and the complete program and seminars as described. Flights to/from Miami are not included. Cuban Travel Card (Visa) and Cuban medical insurance are provided. Cuban Departure Tax of **25CUC** (equivalent to **\$30USD**) is additional and is paid individually in Havana.

THE FINE PRINT

This program is licensed to travel to Cuba by the U.S. government for People to People exchange. The program is limited to travelers willing to engage in the exchange program. Portions of the time in Cuba will be devoted to humanitarian activities. All travelers will receive a copy of the license and a letter authorizing travel under the Specific License issued by the U.S. government.

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