



A Culture of Arts in Cuba
Exploring Eastern Cuba with Ethical Traveler

October 14-23, 2017

\$3,395 per person, double occupancy

This is the time to visit Cuba! Avoiding crowded Havana for the less visited side of the island, our people-to-people delegation focuses on Eastern Cuba's lively visual arts, music and culture. We'll visit studios, galleries, World Heritage Sites and neighborhoods being revitalized through imaginative art projects. We'll meet with artists, visit community art projects, and experience firsthand how art and music help define Cuba's culture. Guided visits to important museums will also be featured—along with a day to enjoy Cuba's warm waters. Artists and writers are encouraged to join us! Each day will include time for painting, drawing, journaling and/or photography. A great opportunity for cross-cultural engagement, this journey will bring us face to face with Cuba's creative spirit.

Sat, October 14 **Santiago** **(D)**

Arrive in Santiago via your US airline—or by air with us from Miami.

5:00pm Welcome Mojito / Ethical Traveler Meet and Greet

7:00pm Welcome Dinner

Sun, October 15 **Santiago** **(B, L)**

9:00 Enjoy an presentation on the history of Cuba and its rich heritage the East with the **Historian of Santiago**.

10:30 am Meet in the lobby to leave for a **Santiago city tour** with a visit to Santa ifigenia Cemetary, the Cathedral of our Lady of the Assumption, and Cespedes Park. We will enjoy major highlights.

1:00pm Lunch at a local *paladar* or restaurant.

2:30pm Enjoy time visiting **local Cuban artists and galleries**. Visit to the **Moncada Barracks**.

4:00 pm Break time for personal reflection, or interactive arts time.

7:30 pm Dinner Reservation at **Tres Anas Paladar**, a wonderful private restaurant owned my a family of women.

Eve is free for the **Casa de las Tradiciones**



Wed, October 18 **Baracoa** **(B, L)**

9:00am Enjoy a **briefing by the historian of Baracoa**, to learn about the wonderful history and culture of this place (requested Alejandro Hartman) . It is here that Christopher Columbus landed on the 27 of November, 1492.

11:00 am Salsa Dance lesson and lunch at a local paladar.

2:30pm Cultural encounter or service learning opportunity the **Children's Choir** (requested with Directora Maria Matos) at the Casa de Cultura.

4:00pm Our afternoon is free for self-guided exploration and interactive arts time.

7:00 pm Dinner Reservation at a local paladar, Baracoando. Then our evening is free for local music and cultural activities.

Thurs, October 19 **Baracoa** **(B, L)**

9:00 am Enjoy and **eco-excursion along the Yumari river** and with a local expert from CITMA, the Ministry of the Environment on the region.

Lunch

2:30pm Afternoon is free to enjoy local beaches and/or self guided exploration and arts time.

Dinner Reservation at a local paladar La Rosa Nautica, and evening is free for local cultural activities like the **Casa de la Trova**.

Fri, October 20 **Baracoa/Camaguey** **(B)**

am Breakfast then check out to transfer to Camaguey.

pm We arrive to enjoy lunch at a paladar

3:00pm Visit to the **School of the Arts** to experience fine arts education in Cuba.

Check into our hotel and then our afternoon is free for self-guided exploration, interactive arts time or beach time.

Dinner Reservation and evening free for Cuban music at the local Casa de Trova.



Sat, October 21 Camaguey **(B, L)**

9:30 Let's start today with a **walking tour** so you will understand why this Historic Center is declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. One of the original 7 villages founded by the Spanish and is today Cuba's third-largest city and an important industrial center. Settled in its current location in 1528, the town developed on the basis of an irregular urban pattern that contains a system of large and minor squares. We will visit the Plaza de Los Trabajadores, Plaza de San Juan de Dios, the Plaza de Carmen and have lunch.

2:30pm Visit to the **Casa Nicolas Guillen**. This poetry-themed museum is located in the house where Guillén, the former National Poet of Cuba, was born in 1902. This poetry-themed museum is located in the house where Guillén, the former National Poet of Cuba, was born in 1902. Then we will visit the **Fabrica de Violines**, to see how local artisans carve beautiful violins out of hardwood.

Dinner Reservation and evening free for local cultural performances at the Teatro Principal or Galleria Colonial.

Sun, October 22 Camaguey **(B, D)**

Explore contemporary arts by visiting: **Estudio Galería de Arte JOVER and the Galería Taller Martha Jiménez Pérez**. Then our afternoon open for any local activities at the local Galleria UNEAC. 4:00pm

7:30pm Farewell Dinner

Mon, October 23 Hasta Luego Cuba **(B)**

Check out and transfer to airport

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