



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

**October 14-23, 2017**

### **Price schedule:**

*\$2,895 - airfare not included, double occupancy in 3-4 star hotels*

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*(or add \$500 for RT airfare from Miami to Santiago.)*

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 also meet with artists, visit community art projects, and experience 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 Cemetery, 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**.

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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 by a family of women.

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

**Mon, October 16 Santiago (B,L)**

9:00 am Visit to the **Casa De Caribe** and experience the gallery and briefing about Cuban culture and ethnicity with **Dr. Raul Miyares, anthropologist of the Casa de Caribe.**

11:00am Depart for our **excursion to El Cobre**, Our Lady of Charity Church, to visit, and to understand the power of the patron saint in Cuba and the popular religion of Santería.

**4:00pm** Enjoy a rehearsal at the **Orpheous Choir.**

7:30 pm Dinner Reservation

Evening is free live salsa.

**Tues, October 17 Baracoa (B, L)**

9:00am Meeting with **UNEAC, the Cuban Union of Artists and Writers**, to learn about the promotion of arts in Cuba.

11:00am Depart to make our way leisurely to Baracoa Cuba's eastern most city with a stop for lunch on the way in Guantanamo. Here we might even spy the US base. Upon arrival we will visit the **Galeria Osorio**, check into our hotel and have time self-guided exploration of your art work.

7:30 pm Dinner reservation at a local paladar El Poeta.



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**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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