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

Itinerary: December 7 -17, 2018

Price schedule:
$3,060 - Airfare included from Miami, double occupancy in 3-4 star hotels
$2,560 –Airfare included from Miami, double occupancy in casas particulares

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.

Friday, December 7 Santiago (D)

TBA 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

Sat, December 8 Santiago (B, L)

9:00 Enjoy an presentaiton on the history of Cuba and its rich hertiage 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 Tradicione**s

Sunday, December 9 Santiago (B, L)

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 Santeria. We will have lunch here and time to explore, draw, photograph or engage leisurely.

7:30 pm Dinner Reservation. Rest of the evening is free live salsa.

Monday, December 10 Santiago (B,L)

10:00 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.**

12:30pm Lunch

2:00pm Meeting with **UNEAC, the Cuban Union of Artists and Writers, t**o learn about the promotion of arts in Cuba.

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

7:30 pm Dinner Reservation

Tuesday, December 11 Baracoa (B, L)

9:00am 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 or your art work.

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

Wed, December 12 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 Colon 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 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, December 13 Baracoa (B, L)

9:00 am Enjoy and **eco-excursion along the Yumarí 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**.

Friday, December 14 Baracoa/Camaguey (B)

Early am Breakfast then check out to transfer to Camaguey.

Afternoon We arrive to enjoy lunch at a paladar

3:00pm Visit 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.

Saturday, December 15 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 Hertigage 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.

Sunday, December 16 **Camagüey** **(B, D)**

Morning	Explore contemporary arts by visiting: **Estudio Galería de Arte JOVER and the Galería Taller Martha Jiménez Pérez**. Then our afternoon open for any local activitis at the local Galleria UNEAC.
4:00pm	Free time to rest and restore.
7:30pm	Farewell Dinner

Mon, October 17 Hasta Luego Cuba (B)

Check out and transfer to airport leaving from Camagüey.

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