

CUBA: Art

(Note: This is only a sample tour)

Day 1: Depart for **Havana**. Upon arrival meet your English speaking tour guide. Transfer to the hotel for welcome reception and check in. At 8pm, transfer to the restaurant for your dinner in Old Havana. There will be a live band playing traditional Cuban music and a dance couple showing the basic steps of the Cuban rhythms.

Day 2: Board a bicycle and enjoy a city tour with the **Havana Cycling Club stopping at the Plaza de la Revolucion, the Statue of John Lennon, Cemetery Columbus and the Chinese Quarter**. Continue to Old Havana by bike and end at the lunch spot at the Plaza de Armas. This afternoon is an orientation walking tour through **Old Havana** passing by several squares and streets of the colonial town, Patrimony of Humanity by Unesco. Visit places like Plaza de la Cathedral, Plaza de Armas, Plaza Vieja and Plaza San Francisco. Visit the Palacio de Capitanes Generales and the guide will give you a thorough explanation of the colonial era during you stop here. Return to the hotel will be by classic American vintage cars of the 50's driving over Havana's Malecon and 5th Avenue.



Day 3: Visit a **cigar factory** where you will see how Cuba's most famous agricultural product, Tobacco is rolled into fine high end cigars. Continue with a visit to a fruit and vegetable market for locals and a food rationing store. Continue to a farm where you will tour the premises to learn how the food is grown in an organic way without using any chemicals. Return to Old Havana this afternoon where you are welcomed by a specialist photographer who will conduct a walking tour and describe how and where to take pictures of Old Havana, its buildings and its people. Of course everyone will need to bring your cameras. Around sunset go to **Morro Castle** view point for a view over the city. The photographer will explain how to take pictures in the different lights of the setting sun. Return to hotel. This evening go to jazz club of Vedado where you will have dinner and enjoy a concert of present day Cuban jazz.



Day 4: Meet your Spanish professor for your **introductory lesson in Spanish**. After lunch continue to the Santa Amalia project in Arroyo Naranjo area. Here the elderly of the quarter gather to make jazz music and dance as well. They will give you a performance and invite you to join in. This evening have dinner at a local restaurant. There is a live band and dancers that will invite you to dance to the Cuban rhythms.

Day 5: This morning drive to the **Finca Vigia** the villa where Ernest Hemingway used to live. Feel the atmosphere of his life and works. After the visit continue to Varadero and **check into your all inclusive resort**.

Day 6 - 9: Enjoy these few days at the all-inclusive resort where all meals are provided as well as all types of activities that you can choose to join in or relax on the beach or by the pool.

Day 10: Today after breakfast travel back to Havana for your flight home.



TOUR INCLUSIONS

- Return flight Havana
- All accommodation in Havana and Varadero in twin rooms
- All meals
- All transportation as indicated in the itinerary
- All activities as indicated in itinerary
- Local tipping
- Exit tax

