

PRELIMINARY APT MASTER Itinerary
February 4 to 20 2012

Feb. 4-13. 2012 USA

Saturday Feb. 4, 2012

-Havana

Checkin: Hotel Nacional

[Arrival in the afternoon. Time to be determined. We never set a schedule for this day because we are never sure whether the flights will be delayed or whether there are delays at the airport.]

[7:00 pm] - Welcome cocktails at the Maqueta de la Habana a model of the city that shows the historical zones and preservation categories for buildings.

Dinner at Santo Angel.

[2] Sunday Feb 5, 2012

- Vedado

[7:00 am] - Breakfast at The Hotel

[8:30 am] - Old Havana Four Plazas - All day tour

Leave hotel on foot and walk down pedestrian Obispo street to tour Habana Vieja, Cuba's first and most significant UNESCO World Heritage site. We'll see the four main plazas of the colonial city, beginning in Plaza de Armas, where we will see, among other things, the oldest Spanish fortress in the Americas, "El Templete", a Greek-Roman temple marks the spot where the first mass and town council meeting were held in 1519, and the Palace of the Captains Generals, seat of government from 1776-1930. Because this is a Saturday we will not have any official visits until Monday.

[1:00 pm] - Lunch either in Plaza Vieja at La Mina, another of the 4 main plazas of the city, which is technically interesting because of the removal of a 50s parking lot and the way collapsed buildings have been reconstructed. There will probably be work going on there.

[2:30-:430 pm] - Afternoon visit to the fortress installations that surround Havana Harbor, including the Castillo de la Real Fuerza, oldest in the Americas and the Cabaña Fortress, largest in the Americas. Visit to be guided by Victor Marin of the National Conservation Training Center or Julio Cesar Perez.

[6:30 pm] - Visit studio/ home of Cristina Vives, Cuba's most important contemporary art curator and her husband Jose Alberto Figueroa, Cuba's most important documentary photographer of the revolutionary period.

[8:30 PM] Dinner on your own. We can make reservations at paladares (private restaurants in people's homes)

[3]Monday Feb 6, 2012

Vedado

[7:00 am] - Breakfast at The Hotel

[8:30 am] - Capitolio Central Park and Prado

This area is lying on the border of the old city and Centro Havana municipality. Several architecturally and historically appealing buildings and sites abound around this zone that comprise the 1772 Prado Promenade, the 1877 Central Park, the 1845 Partagas Cigar Factory, the 19th-century Moorish-style Inglaterra Hotel, the 1929 Capitolio building, the eclectic style 1906 home of the second president of Cuba, the 1902-1906 Palacio de los Dependientes del Comercio, the first reinforced concrete building in Cuba, and the 1930 Bacardi building, recently restored by the Historian's Office. We would take this tour with Dr. Raquel Carreras, conservation scientist. Visit to the Capitolio if we can enter the building which is undergoing restoration.

[11:00 AM] - Visit to the museum of fine arts- Cuban collections and foreign collections, both housed in historic structures in and around the Central Park area.

[1:00 pm] — Armadores de Santander(Restaurant - Cuban cuisine)

[2:30 -4:30 pm] - Continue with morning program. As part of this tour the most ruined neighborhoods of Central Havana with an expert in concrete restoration and how they will deal with the overpopulation in these buildings and their inherent instability. Visit to the Colon Cemetery- oldest in Cuba.

[7:00 PM] Dinner at la Barraca

[10:00 PM] Recommend an evening of live Latin jazz- at La Zorra y el Cuervo or Gato Tuerto, depends on who's playing.

[4] Tuesday Feb 8, 2012

- Visits to preservation departments

[7:00 am] - Breakfast at The Hotel

[9:30] – Visits with the Office of the Historian of Havana to see architectural conservation projects.

[1:00 pm] -Lunch at Ambos Mundos Hotel rooftop

[9:30 AM- 12:30 PM] - Morning and afternoon visits with the Office of the Historian of Havana. Meet with planners, architects and hopefully with Eusebio Leal, the chief preservation officer in Cuba. Also visit the paintings conservation studio of the Historian's office and the Escuela Taller, a craftsmanship school under the aegis of the Historian's office that teaches preservation skills (masonry, carpentry, ironwork, plastering, painted finishes, etc) to young people.

[7:15 pm] - El Aljibe criolla cuisine (Restaurant - Cuban cuisine)

An outdoor thatch roof restaurant, offering the best rice, beans and chicken in Cuba.

Optional: Tropicana Cabaret: The Tropicana is the most famous show in Cuba founded in 1939. I'm partial to this space because A. One of its buildings is the most important modernist structure in the Caribbean, and B. It's been painstakingly maintained, and C. I wrote a book about it.

[5] Thursday, Feb 9, 2012

Havana -Cienfuegos- Trinidad

Checkout: Hotel Telegrafo

Checkin: Hotel Brisas Trinidad del Mar

[7:00 am] - Breakfast at The Hotel

[8:00 am] - Transfer to Trinidad

Depart Havana and take the National Highway to the Caribbean colonial city of Cienfuegos.

[11:30 AM] Light Lunch at Aguada de Pasajeros

[12:30 AM] Arrive in Cienfuegos. Visit to historic center of Cienfuegos, guided by its chief preservation architect, Irán Millán. Visit the Tomas Terry Theater, one of Cuba's three exemplary 19th century regional theaters and the Palacio del Valle, an early 20th century Moorish revival mansion. If time allows we will visit Cienfuegos' historical cemetery. Visit preservation office and meet colleagues.

[3:00 PM- 4:30 PM] Continue with tour of Cienfuegos, focusing on preservation projects around coast and the bayfront area.

[6:30 pm] - Arrive in Trinidad. We will be staying either in private houses within the city limits themselves or at a coastal hotel on the Ancon Peninsula.

[8:00 pm] — Dinner in the Houses

[9:30 pm] - Night of music in Trinidad. On their own transportation will be provided
Head to town for extraordinary Cuban music in the historic center.

[6] Friday Feb. 10, 2012

- Trinidad de Cuba

Casas Particulares

[7:00 am] - Breakfast at Las Casas

[8:30 am] -Leave las casas for historic center.

[9:00 AM] Meet Nancy Benitez for a tour of historic center of Trinidad, Cuba's second UNESCO World Heritage site and a bastion of Caribbean vernacular earthen architecture. Begin at Office of the Conservator of Trinidad where we will see the studios and meet with preservation colleagues who are spearheading preservation efforts throughout the region. All day historic tour of Trinidad. Visit will include numerous historic mansions now turned into museums, Romantico, Cantero and Arquitectura public squares where pilot conservation projects have been carried out, and visits to numerous private homes representing all stages of preservation of the regional art and architecture. This is a highlight of the trip.

[12:30 PM] Lunch in town with members of the conservation department at El Jigue restaurant

[4:00 PM] End tour at La Canchanchara, a bar housed in a 17th century structure that is the oldest extant building in the city. Drink a traditional regional cocktail made of aguardiente (raw rum), honey and lemon that originated during the first Cuban war of Independence.

[5:30 pm] - Return to las casas

[7:30 pm] - Restaurant in the houses, and paladares for those who want to go into town.

[9:30 PM] Traditional Cuban music in town on your own

[7] Saturday Feb. 11, 2012

Valley of the Sugar Mills, Sancti Spiritus

Return to Havana

[8:00 am] - Breakfast at las casas.

[9:00- 2:00 PM] Morning visit to the Valley of the Sugar Mills to see plantation houses and industrial archeology of the sugar industry. Will include visits to the Manacas Iznaga tower, vernacular plantation houses and the industrial archeological site of San Isidro. We will see exceptional decorated painted surfaces on this part of the visit. With Nancy Benitez. Lunch will be at the Manacas Iznaga plantation prior to returning to Havana.

[2:00 PM] - Return to Havana

[7:30 pm] - Check in to Hotel Telegrafo

[8:30 pm] - Evening on your own

[8] Sunday Feb 12, 2012

-Modern Havana

[9:30 AM- 11:00 AM] Visit to sites of modern Havana in the outlying sections of the city. If possible due to restoration, begin with visit to the Instituto Superior de Arte a 1960s building complex housing the national art schools. The buildings were never finished and are now experiencing severe preservation problems as a result. Presently undergoing restoration/ conservation. We will make an effort to visit the site with Roberto Gottardi one of the building complex's three original architects.

[11:30- 1:00 PM] Visit to sites in modern Havana, including the boulevards of Vedado, and key preservation projects from the era, including the University of Havana, modeled after Columbia University, the Lopez Serrano Art Deco Tower, the Hotel Nacional, built in 1930 and restored in 1994, the Riviera, a 1958 building where the renovation has been very sensitive to modernist issues, including leaving original furnishings in situ. Our guide today will be either Eduardo Luis Rodriguez, Cuba's most important modernist architecture historian, an architect himself, author and preservationist, Julio Cesar Perez, or Cristina Figueroa, an art historian with a specialty in modern buildings. We will visit residences and municipal buildings in Art Deco and Mid-century modern styles.

[1:00 pm - 2:00 PM] Lunch- La Ferminia

[2:00- 5:00 PM] Continue with visit to modernists houses in Havana, including houses by Mario Romanach and if possible the Neutra house that is now the Swiss Embassy. Finish visit at Plaza de la Revolucion.

[7:00 PM] Dinner, or alternatively ballet or baseball game, depending on season.

Saturday, February 12, 2011

[9:30 AM- 12:00 PM] Optional visit to Partagas cigar factory (additional charge of \$10 CUC app), Finca Vigia, the Hemingway home in the outskirts of Havana (additional charge of 10.00 CUC app) .

[1:00 PM] Lunch Paladar- La Moraleja or other paladar- On your own.

[2:00- 5:00 PM] Optional afternoon for shopping or ALTERNATE SCHEDULE- Visit Pinar Del Rio for the day- San Cristobal, Bohio architecture- cigar vernacular architecture

[7:00 PM] Private Dinner at Cafe del Oriente

[2] Monday Feb 13, 2011

[12:00 PM] Depart from hotel to Havana Airport Airport