Visual Arts in Cuba: A Panoramic View

May 7-14, 2016 - REGISTRATION DEADLINE / January 7, 2016







This eight days-seven nights program allows for learning about the vibrant richness of the arts in Havana, Viñales and Pinar del Rio in Cuba. Our people-to-people exchanges take place when we have conversations with Cuban art experts and artists through a network of artists' studios, galleries and art centers.

As an art-focused program we promote the understanding of the Cuban people though their art, using an educational approach that integrates pre-travel informational emails about the sites to be visited and contemporary art in Cuba with onsite presentations, conferences and demonstrations by Cuban art experts and artists.

Program Cost

In double occupancy (per person) -\$3800 In single occupancy – add \$300.00

Payment Schedule

Four Months Before Departure January 7, 2016 - 50% of total cost

45 Days Before Departure March 23, 2016 - 50% of total cost

For a Registration Packet

Please visit www.jimbuart.com
Visual Arts in Cuba Trip or call
Dr. Pedro Schuck at 978-998-0039.



The Travel Experience - Itinerary

DAY 1 - Welcome to Cuba

Our journey from Tampa to Havana will take 52 minutes. Once in Havana our Cuban Tour Guide will take us to a hotel in Havana. In the evening we will enjoy a welcome dinner.

DAY 2 - Cuban Contemporary Art

On Day 2 we will start with a morning conference about contemporary art and culture in Cuba. After the conference we will be ready for a visit to the National Museum of Fine Arts – Cuban Collection followed by lunch. The museum will provide with a wide understanding of Cuban history through the visual arts.

DAY 3 - Old Havana 1

Founded in 1519, UNESCO declared Old Havana Universal Patrimony of Humanity. You will learn about Old Havana as a unique urban sustainable development project that integrates community and economic development with art. During this walking tour we will visit Plaza de Armas, Plaza San Francisco and the Restoration Crafts School for an exchange with faculty and students.

DAY 4 - Old Havana 2

On Day 5 we will continue with our exploration of Old Havana visiting Cathedral Plaza, the Experimental Graphic Workshop, craft shops, and galleries.

DAY 5 - Hemingway and Community Art Projects

We will start the day visiting "Finca Vigia" – Hemingway's Cuban retreat and, after lunch, visit the home-studio of José Fuster, a ceramist, draftsman, painter and printmaker. Fuster has decorated over 80 houses and parks with murals, paintings, sculptures, etc.

DAY 6 - Havana - Las Terrazas - Havana

In the morning our trip will continue outside of Havana visiting a planned community called Las Terrazas to meet artist Lester Campa in his studio. The quality of the agricultural landscape of Las Terrazas is enhanced by the architecture of the villages where a rich society lives. In the evening we will visit La Cabaña Fortress to experience the shooting of the cannon ceremony. Since Spanish colonial time, every night, at 9pm, the cannon is fired to announce the closing of Havana's Bay.

DAY 7 - Havana - Pinar del Rio - Viñales - Havana

After breakfast we will visit the city of Pinar del Rio and the Museum of Fine Arts. After this visit we will travel to the Valley of Viñales and after lunch experience the beauty of its landscape and visit a tobacco farm. Later we will travel back to Havana and enjoy a farewell dinner.

DAY 8 – Departure to Tampa

What is included?

- Face-to-Face orientation before the trip
- Travel Guide with tips for a safe, and informed trip
- Emailed CubaInfoBytes to learn about Cuba
- Admission fee to museums in the itinerary
- Round-trip charter flights from Tampa to Cuba
- Cuban tourist visa (not for Cuban-born participants)
- In-Cuba ground transportation in ac bus
- · Seven nights at Capri Hotel with daily breakfast
- Six lunches and two dinners
- Conference by a Cuban art expert
- Visit to Las Terrazas
- Visit to Pinar del Rio and Valley of Viñales
- Experienced Cuban Tour Guide
- Experienced Group Leaders
- License to travel to Cuba
- Travel health insurance and medical evacuation
- Gratuities for all meal included, Cuban Tour Guide and driver.

What is not included?

- Airfare to and from Tampa
- · One night at a Tampa airport hotel
- · Five dinners and one lunch
- WIFI service in hotel
- Trip cancellation insurance
- Gratuities for hotel maids, luggage handlers, and musicians

