



# Cuba 2019



## A People to People

## Afro-Cuban Cultural Exchange

**October 15-24, 2019**

### **Tuesday October 15:**

#### **Welcome To Cuba!**

Arrival in Havana via José Martí Airport from various US airports.

Hotel Check-In: Hotel Parque Central, a luxury hotel located in the heart of "Old Havana", with close proximity to many of Havana's famous sites and buildings.

Welcome Dinner and Cultural Introduction to Havana Cuba: Café del Oriente, Old Havana. This restaurant is one of the city's most elegant places to begin your Cuban experience.

*You will have an opportunity to experience & ride in Cuba's classic cars during the course of your time in Cuba!*



### **Wednesday October 16:**

#### **Havana: A Glimpse of its Historical Past.**

Breakfast at the Hotel (Included Each Day).

Morning: Panoramic (Bus) City Tour including Revolution Square, Vedado, Malecón, and Playa. A glimpse of The Habana Compas Afro Cuban Dance Company will be included.

Lunch & Tour of the Hotel Nacional de Cuba, considered a symbol of history, culture, and Cuban identity. The hotel stands out due its refined elegance since the 1930s.

Afternoon: Tour of the Museo de la Revolución.

Evening: Choice of eating at Paladares/Privatey Owned Restaurants (On Own Account).



## Thursday October 17:

Small Groups Walking Tour of Old Havana. "Habana Vieja", a UNESCO heritage site since 1982 (morning or afternoon).

Visual Arts of Cuba: Small group visits to the Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes with guides. This is Cuba's premier display of Cuban art from the Colonial to the Contemporary periods.

Studio visit with Choco, acclaimed international Cuban artist.

Evening: Dinner at San Cristobal Paladare: Located on the Malecón with beautiful views of the coast of Havana. This is the restaurant where President Obama & his family dined while in Havana in March 2016.

Late Evening (Optional):

**Fabrica de Arte (FAC-Cuban Art Factory)**

**A multidisciplinary art center experience featuring:**

- Visual Arts
- Cinema
- Photography
- Design
- Fashion
- Dance
- Theater

*Take a Siesta!* - FAC is open from 8pm to 3am, Thursday to Sunday only. (Own Account)



## Friday October 18:

**The Role of Afro-Cubans: Past, Present & Future.**

Morning: Salsa/Rhumba Class Lesson.

Visit to Casa de Africa. Specialized tour and lecture on Afro-Cubans with a museum specialist.

Discussion with Tomas Robaina, renowned thought leader, Afro-Cuban writer, and historian, .

Evening: Buena Vista All-Stars- Afro-Cuban Musical Show & Dinner.



## ***Saturday October 19:***

### **Cultural Potpourri of Havana**

Morning: Photography Tour #1 with photographer TBC.

Mercado Artesenal San Jose: Markets & Crafts of Havana.

Afternoon: The Cultural Romance of Tobacco & Cigars in Cuba. Visit to Cigar Bar; where you can experience, roll & purchase cigars.

Visit the Rum Museum with specialized tour and taste.

Salon Exhibit of the artwork of Juan Antonio Picasso-Parque Central Hotel.

Evening: Dinner and Exploration of the The Cultural Nightlife of Havana. (Own Account).

Optional: FAC (Cuban Art Factory).



## ***Sunday October 20:***

### **Afro-Cubans In Practice**

Morning: Photography Tour #2 with photographer TBC.

Visit to Callejon de Hamel, experience street art, murals and Afro-Cuban music; Lunch (included) nearby.

Visit to the Orisha Museum and the Afro-Cuban Tambor. *Orisha Drum Presentation.*

Evening: Dinner; Visit La Zorra y El Cuervo Jazz Night Club; FAC (Own Account).



## ***Monday October 21:***

Depart for Matanzas & Varadero Overnight Trip. Matanzas is known for its culture, poets, and Afro-Cuban folklore, and Varadero, a seaside community will contrast with the landscape of Havana.

Visit to Museo de los Esclavos - Slave Museum (Slavery-themed Museo de la Ruta de los Esclavos is set in the San Severino fort, which remained a prison until the 1970s).

Hotel Check-In: Iberostar Bella Vista. Located on the Varadero beachfront, this is a new 5-star all-inclusive property.



## **Tuesday October 22:**

Return to Havana from Varadero.

An Evening at the Tropicana: The Tropicana is a world-renowned and spectacular cabaret showcase and nightclub. It was launched in 1939 on a six-acre estate with lush tropical gardens, dancers and fun. A late night adventure!



## **Wednesday October 23:**

Early Morning site visit to the Jose de la Cruz Caballero School and the dedication of the Ben Jones African Diaspora Library.

Free Day for shopping and other optional activities:

Community Partner-Centro Experimento, a creative visual arts center that allows participants to take a workshop or support its efforts for children in Cuba. Participants will be able to create a collage.

Fuster Art Studio visit. (Mosaic Installation).

Farewell Event: El Cimarron Restaurant.



## **Thursday October 24:**

Depart for the US or optional trip to Santiago.



**Cost: \$4885 per person/Double Occupancy–Single Occupancy/Additional \$1500 per person.**

**Trip Cost Includes:**

**5 Star+ Accommodations**

**Ground Transportation to and from Jose Marti Airport, Havana**

**Daily Breakfast**

**Lunch and Dinner where indicated**

**All Group Tours**

**Customized Events and Excursions**

**Group Ground Transportation in Cuba**

**English Speaking Personal Guides**

**Welcome Packages & Conference Call Orientations**

**On the Ground Assistance in Cuba**

**Hotels:** All Accommodations in Cuba will be 5 star.

**Air Travel:** Air travel between the US and Havana is not included in the base price given the number of direct and connecting flights that are available. Global Linkages will provide a listing of available flights from the US. If you desire, Global Linkages will coordinate your air travel and payments, or you can make arrangements via direct payments or using your frequent flyer points.

**Meals:** Daily breakfast included in all hotel packages. Other meals are included as noted.

**Tours:** Tours as noted in bold and are included in base price.

**The cost of Visa entry into Cuba as well as health coverage are included in the cost.**

A payment schedule and plan are available. Global Linkages will handle the payments for hotel reservations and tours.

**Trip must be paid in full by Thursday August 15, 2019.**

**Questions**

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**Logistics Coordinators for Cuba**

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## Reservation Form

Yes! Please reserve my space for the Global Linkages Cuba 2019 People To People Cultural Exchange. I have read and understand the attached payment and refund policy.

### ***\$500 DEPOSIT REQUIRED***

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

I would like the following accommodations (Check one) \_\_\_\_\_ Single \_\_\_\_\_ Double

If double, my roommate will be \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Method of Payment**

\_\_\_\_ Check or Money Order – Payable to Global Linkages

\_\_\_\_ Credit Card - (5% transaction fee will be added)

# \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

This card is a \_\_\_\_ MasterCard \_\_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_\_ American Express \_\_\_\_ Discover (check one)

\_\_\_\_ Paypal Email: lkjglobalink@aol.com (personal)

\_\_\_\_ Zelle Email: lkjglobalink@aol.com

#### **Send payments and form to:**

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# Payment Schedule and Refund Policy

Global Linkages accepts checks, money orders, and major credit cards (MasterCard, Visa, American Express and Discover). A returned check fee of \$30 will be charged for all returned checks. ***Please make checks and money orders payable to GLOBAL LINKAGES.***

**Final payment must be received by Global Linkages no later than August 15, 2019.**

Trip participants with balances due after this date will be charged an administrative fee of 10% of the balance cost of the trip.

\*While not mandatory, we recommend the purchase of travel insurance to protect against extenuating circumstances resulting in inability to attend the trip. Travel insurance information will be included the welcome package that you will receive following receipt of your deposit.

## **REFUNDS:**

**Anytime before June 30, 2018 – amount paid less \$100**

**July 1, 2018-September 30, 2018– amount paid less \$250**

**October 1, 2018 to January 31, 2019 – amount paid less \$500**

**February 1, 2019 to June 30, 2019 – amount paid less \$1000**

**July 1, 2019 to August 14, 2019– amount paid less \$1500**

**August 15, 2019 to trip departure – NO REFUND**



Global Linkages, founded in 1997 and based in the NJ-NYC metropolitan area is a management consulting firm that specializes in developing partnerships with the African continent and the diaspora. As part of its services, Global Linkages provides “boutique travel experiences” that connect individuals, educational institutions, governments and businesses with unique and exciting explorations in Africa. This is primarily due to those extensive relationships created by the firm’s international development work. Global Linkages Principal, Lorna K. Johnson, trained as a lawyer and urban planner, has been working in Africa for over 20 years and has made more than 150 trips to the continent. In 2017, Global Linkages expanded its journeys and development work to Cuba.

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