ARTS & CULTURE IN CUBA – ITINERARY
SUBJECT TO SLIGHT MODIFICATIONS
MAY 3 – 10, 2016

TUESDAY, MAY 3

10:00 AM Depart from Miami.
11:00 AM Arrive in Havana.
10:30 AM Brief city tour. Visit Revolution Square, the Anti-Imperialist Tribune.
12:00 PM Lunch at Paladar Motivo (cost included). Orientation meeting with local coordinators.
2:00 PM Transfer to Hotel Presidente.
Evening Rest and dinner on your own (cost not included).

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

9:00 AM Walking tour of Habana Vieja (Old Havana). Explore the historical and oldest district of Havana; walk along Plaza Vieja, Mercaderes street, Plaza de Armas, and the Cathedral. U.S. travelers will interact with Cubans to learn about the history of the city and how its communities have changed over time.
12:30 PM Lunch at El Mesón de la Flota in Old Havana (cost included). Participants will interact with individuals and hear about their perceptions of the ways Old Havana has changed during the last several decades.
2:00 PM Drive to Vedado and the Malecón for an opportunity to talk with individuals to exchange ideas about changing circumstances in Cuba and the ways Cubans are adapting to these changes.
4:30 PM Return to Hotel Presidente.
6:00 PM Group dinner at Cañonazo Paladar (cost not included).
8:00 PM Cultural activity at Fortaleza de San Carlos de la Cabaña that includes cannon firing ceremony at flank of fortress (8 CUC cover, cost not included).
Opportunity to interact with Cubans and learn more about the history of the fortress, the ceremony, and its importance in Cuban culture.

**Thursday, May 5**

**9:00 AM**  Visit to the Fine Arts University (ISA), including conversation about student interests and experiences and current trends in Cuban art.

**11:30 AM**  Visit to the home and art studio of ceramist and painter José Fuster and learn about his art community project, followed by dialogue between participants, artist, and assistants about access to materials for production and the export of Cuban art. Discussion will compare and contrast these experiences with those of counterpart artisans in the U.S.

**12:00 PM**  Lunch at art studio (cost included).

**2:00 PM**  Meeting with architect and urban planner Miguel Coyula to discuss Havana’s world heritage sites and the restoration work currently being done. This will be an opportunity to discuss how preservation and restoration practices evolved in Old Havana and what future trends look like.

**4:00 PM**  Return to the hotel.

**6:00 PM**  Meeting with members of the Community Project Espiral, a grassroots organization dedicated to educate young people on environmental issues and sustainable development. Discussion on various pressing issues in Cuba with college students and young professionals.

**8:00 PM**  Group dinner at Starbien (cost not included).

**Friday, May 6**

**9:00 AM**  Meeting with representatives of the The Cuban Institute of Friendship with the Peoples (ICAP), which is an institution dedicated to establishing people-to-people relations, including NGOs, social and political movements, and various institutions.

**10:30 AM**  Visit the Organic Agricultural Urban Cooperative of Alamar to meet with managers, specialists and workers and learn about the challenges and successes they have in supplying goods to the marketplace.

**12:30 PM**  Lunch at Conde de Villanueva (cost included).

**2:30 PM**  Visit the Fine Arts Museum, including a discussion with curator Omar Diaz on Cuba’s dedication to art education and how artistic styles in Cuba have evolved
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<td>7:00 PM</td>
<td>Group dinner at Mediterráneo Habana (cost not included).</td>
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<td>10:00 PM</td>
<td>Optional Jazz show at La Zorra y El Cuervo (cover charge not included); transportation provided one-way.</td>
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<td>12:30 PM</td>
<td>Lunch at La Mina (cost included).</td>
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<td>3:00 PM</td>
<td>Visit the art studio of Salvador Gonzalez and Callejón de Hammel, a street cultural project to learn more about individual and community art.</td>
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<td>Group dinner at El Cocinero (cost not included).</td>
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<td>8:00 PM</td>
<td>Optional visit to the Fabrica de Arte Cubano, an old cooking oil factory that has been restored and is now the venue for concerts and exhibits of vanguard art in Cuba. Travelers will have an opportunity to dialogue with individuals about the art scene and how this restored space supports and protects the arts in Cuba. Return to hotel by taxis.</td>
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<td>10:30 AM</td>
<td>Visit Las Terrazas, a biosphere reserve and national park in the Sierra del Rosario de Pinar del Rio. Walk around the community of 1,000 inhabitants and meet local artists. Learn about the history of this community founded in 1970 and the massive reforestation program implemented in the early 1970s, followed by discussion between participants, reserve staff and workers.</td>
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<td>11:30 AM</td>
<td>Dialogue with local artists to learn about their work and the process of marketing and selling their artwork. U.S. travelers will have an opportunity to share the experiences and knowledge about the arts in the U.S.</td>
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1:00 PM Lunch at Buena Vista Cafetal (cost included) and chance to talk with individuals about Cuban art and culture.

2:30 PM Visit Café de María and have discussions with local coffee producers and vendors.

3:30 PM Visit the San Juan River and learn about the natural pools that are still used today by local residents for recreation.

4:30 PM Return to Havana.

7:00 PM Dinner on your own (cost not included).

**Monday, May 9**

10:00 AM Visit the Literacy Campaign Museum and meet Professor Luisa Campos from the Pedagogical University and Director of the Museum, followed by discussion on the educational system’s impact on culture in Cuba.

12:00 PM Lunch at Doña Eutimia (cost not included).

2:30 PM Return to hotel and rest.

6:00 PM Cultural activity with the community project, Okan-Tomi, which explores and reworks Afro-Cuban dances and music traditions. Opportunity to talk to dancers and musicians about how Afro-Cuban traditions have influenced more traditional Cuban dance styles, and current trends in Cuban dance and music.

8:00 PM Farewell dinner with Cuban guests. Opportunity to converse with guests in a relaxed setting, learning more about Cuban art and culture, current trends, and their vision for the future (cost included).

10:00 PM Return to hotel.

**Tuesday, May 10**

9:00 AM Transfer to the airport.

9:30 AM Check in for flight.

12:00 PM Depart from Havana to Miami.

1:00 PM Arrive in Miami.