

GLOBAL LINKAGES INAUGURAL

Havana Jazz Festival

JANUARY 25 - FEBRUARY 3, 2025





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YOUR JOURNEY AT-A-GLANCE



DAY 1 | SATURDAY, JAN 25

- Arrive in Havana | Jose Marti Airport from various US Airports
- Transfer to and Check-in at Grand Aston La Habana Hotel
- Welcome Dinner with Jazz Trio & Jazz Festival Panel Discussion ✓
- ★ La Fábrica de Arte Cubano (FAC)

DAY 2 | SUNDAY, JAN 26

- Walking Tour of Old Havana
- Lunch ●
- Callejon de Hamel
- ★ One Hour Classic Convertibles Car Ride
- Tropicana Club Dinner & Show ✓



DAY 3 | MONDAY, JAN 27

- Museo Casa de Africa
- Museum of the Orisha
- ★ One Hour Classic Convertibles Car Ride
- Opening of the Havana International Jazz Festival at the Nacional Theatre of Cuba

DAY 4 | TUESDAY, JAN 28

- Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes de La Habana
- Drive by National Capitol of Cuba
- Visit Centro Fidel Castro Museum
- Lunch at El Aljibe ✓
- Institute of the Friendship of the Cuban People
- ★ One Hour Classic Convertibles Car Ride
- Havana Jazz Festival
- ★ Dinner Options:
 - San Cristobal Palador ✓
 - Cabaret Parisien ●

DAY 5 | WEDNESDAY, JAN 29

- ★ Day Excursion to Matanzas
- All Others:
 - Visit to Compas Dance Company
 - Salsa Dance Workshop
 - Lunch at El Jardin de los Milagros ✓
 - Fuster Art Community
- ★ One Hour Classic Convertibles Car Ride
- Havana Jazz Festival
- ★ San Cristobal Palador - Group 2 ✓



DAY 6 | THURSDAY, JAN 30

- ★ Day Excursion to Matanzas
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 - Fuster Art Community
 - Cuban Music Workshop: The Intersection of Jazz & Hip Hop (Co-produced by Global Linkages)
- ★ One Hour Classic Convertibles Car Ride
- Havana Jazz Festival
- ★ Dinner Options:
 - San Cristobal Palador - Group 3 ✓
 - Cabaret Parisien ●
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DAY 7 | FRIDAY, JAN 31

- Museo del Tabaco
- Havana Club Rum Museum
- Almacenes San Jose Craft Market
- Cuban Music Workshops
- Lunch at La Barraca ✓
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- Havana Jazz Festival VIP Gala
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DAY 8 | SATURDAY, FEB 1

- Almacenes San Jose Craft Market
- Visit Studio of Eduardo Roco Salazar (Choco)
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DAY 9 | SUNDAY, FEB 2

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DAY 10 | MONDAY, FEB 3

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- Depart for USA



✓ INCLUDED

● NOT INCLUDED; ON OWN ACCOUNT

★ OPTIONAL ACTIVITY

Welcome to Havana



Havana is Cuba's capital city and home to more than two million inhabitants. It sits at the mouth of Havana Bay on the Northwest edge of the Caribbean island. Most who have traveled to Havana, or have looked into it, are already well aware of the wonders of the city's Old Havana district. Sweet Cuban melodies and the fragrant aroma of coffee drift out from living rooms and cafés into cobblestone alleyways. The maze of colorful buildings – some beautifully restored, others sorely in need – opens up onto a number of historic squares featuring the likes of 16th century basilicas and Ernest Hemmingway's favorite watering holes.





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GRAND ASTON LA HABANA HOTEL

Located on the world-famous 'Malecón', the Grand Aston La Habana Hotel is an urban oasis, ideally situated in bustling Vedado, the Capital's central business district. It is a haven of chic and contemporary sophistication that takes modern lifestyle living to the next level, unveiling unique design architecture; fresh rooms; eclectic dining; inspiring event spaces and gorgeous wellness facilities, including an astonishing infinity pool that overlooks the shimmering waters of the iconic Havana Bay.



LA FÁBRICA DE ARTE CUBANO



La Fábrica de Arte Cubano (known locally as FAC) is a funky art gallery and entertainment venue with multiple areas that offer drinks and fast food, music, art installations and performances, that was established inside of a former cooking oil factory built in 1910. In 2008 a group of Cuban artists and musicians began looking for a centralized location in which art could be shown, which led to the group's acquisition of the closed factory in 2010. The current location opened in February 2014.

Old Havana



DAY 2
SUNDAY
JAN 26



- Breakfast at Hotel
- Walking Tour of Old Havana
- Lunch ●
- Callejón de Hamel

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Old Havana or La Habana Vieja is the city-center and one of the 15 municipalities forming Havana, Cuba. It has the second highest population density in the city and contains the core of the original city of Havana. In 1982, Old Havana was inscribed in the UNESCO World Heritage List, because of its unique Baroque and neoclassical architecture, its fortifications, and its historical importance as a stop on the route to the New World. A safeguarding campaign was launched a year later to restore the authentic character of the buildings.



CALLEJON DE HAMEL

Experience

Callejon de Hamel is an absolute gem in the heart of the center of Havana. This vibrant alleyway is a hub of afro cuban art and culture, filled with colorful murals, sculptures and lively music. This colorful narrow alley is full of lively colorful murals, street art and sculptures made of found objects, such as bathtubs, hand pumps, and pinwheels. The energy and creativity that radiate from every corner are truly captivating, offering visitors to Cuba's capital a taste of the city's local art.





Tropicana Club

Since 1939, the Tropicana has been Cuba's defining cabaret show. At this famous open-air nightclub in a lush tropical garden estate, you will be entertained by a colorful medley of song and dance reflecting elements of Cuban culture -- from salsa to bolero, even a bit of Afro-Cuban; while enjoying a meal and Cuba Libres.



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MUSEO CASA DE ÁFRICA



Established in 1986, the Museo Casa de África is located in Old Havana and displays several African items and collections that are unique to Cuba. The museum has a very interesting collection of African sculpture and other art pieces, most from regions of Africa where AfroCuban ancestors were taken as slaves.

MUSEUM OF THE ORISHAS



The museum, which is also a temple, offers an exhibition that brings to life the Afro-Cuban deities with 32 life-size sculpture representations of Orishas. While the Afro-Cuban pantheon of gods consists of about 401 orishas, only the best known are represented here. With the help of a guide, the exhibit offers a simple and fascinating vision of the main deities that form the basis of this colorful earthly fate.





HAVANA INTERNATIONAL

Jazz Festival

The 40th Havana Jazz Festival offers days of spectacular concerts by top Cuban musicians set in stunning venues across Havana including the National Theatre, Fabrica de Arte Cubano, and the Museum of Cuban Art. The trip goes beyond the festival itself, providing exclusive private concerts in intimate settings (think private jazz clubs, rooftops, stunning villas), an opportunity to meet the musicians, and lively workshops and receptions with renowned Cuban artists.

JAN 27 - FEB 2, 2025



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MUSEO NACIONAL DE BELLAS ARTES DE LA HABANA



Founded on February 23, 1913, the Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes de La Habana (or National Museum of Fine Arts of Havana) is a museum of fine arts that exhibits Cuban art collections from the colonial times up to contemporary generations. The museum consists of two buildings: one dedicated to Cuban art in the Palacio de Bellas Artes and one dedicated to the universal art, in the Palacio del Centro Asturiano.

MUSEUM OF THE ORISHAS



The National Capitol of Cuba is a public edifice in Havana that was commissioned by Cuban president Gerardo Machado. Prior to the Cuban Revolution of 1959, the Congress was housed here, but later the building fell into disrepair. "El Capitolio" towers at just under 700 feet tall, and is often compared to the United States Capitol, but it is not a replica. Cubans will tell you that it is similar but bigger and much richer in detail.

CENTRO FIDEL CASTRO MUSEUM



The Centro Fidel Castro museum is housed in an elegant mansion in Havana's Vedado district. It showcases Castro's legacy and ideas, and presents the story of the 1959 Cuban Revolution, and includes vivid exhibits and gardens, an amphitheater and extensive library as well as a bookstore. Cuba's government believes the centre will help spread Castro's message to visitors to cement his revolutionary legacy.

EL ALJIBE



El Aljibe has been in operation for more than 70 years and is one of Havana's most symbolic Cuban Creole food restaurants. In addition to great food, the restaurant offers a private lounge and bars, plus a wine cellar which is considered among the largest in Cuba.





Cabaret Parisien

SHOW & DINNER

Dine at one of the most historic venues in Havana and enjoy the unforgettable, vibrant and extravagant spectacle -- the Grand Show "Habana de Fiesta", a fusion of Indo-American, Hispanic and African cultures, that led to the Cuban culture.

SAN CRISTÓBAL PALADAR



San Cristóbal Paladar encapsulates Cuba's culture and heritage. The Havana of the early 1950s is present in every corner of the paladar and in the meticulous composition of each dish. This restaurant offers a visual experience derived from a family home that has been transformed into a living museum. The spacious venue is decorated to keep your eyes moving. Complimentary cigars after dinner are a unique touch.

DAY EXCURSION TO MATANZAS

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HABANA COMPAS DANCE



Founded in 2004, Habana Compas was the living example of Cubanness, through the mixing of Afro-Cuban and contemporary rhythms with flamenco and other Spanish dances. However, the inclusion of percussion in their repertoire allowed the group to achieve the dream of being completely different from what was done in Cuban music and dance.

FUSTER ART COMMUNITY



Fuster Art Community or Fusterlandia is now a destination for artists and visitors, but it began as an art installation in Cuba's Jaimanitas neighborhood. Created by Cuban artist Jose Rodriguez Fuster, the project was inspired by his time in Europe and public architecture projects like Gaudi's Park Guell. In 1976 Fuster began transforming his home into art, and over time, expanded it to include the entire neighborhood featuring colorful mosaics, sculptures and murals.



Salsa Dance

WORKSHOP

Salsa is a Latin American dance, associated with salsa music. It originated in Eastern Cuba and gained popularity in New York in 1960. It is a mixture of Cuban dances, such as mambo, pachanga, and rumba, as well as American dances such as swing and tap.



EL JARDIN DE LOS MILAGROS

This sweet restaurant is situated in a neighborhood. When you walk in you are surprised with a lush garden and beautiful atmosphere. The true experience of venturing into a magical garden. Large spaces full of greenery, small fish ponds in every corner, a bar and a kitchen that will delight all visitors to this sensory experience that is offers traditional Cuban dishes.

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MUSEO DEL TABACO



The Museo del Tabaco (Tobacco Museum) is dedicated to the preservation and display of the plantations, production and commercialization process of Cuban tobacco. The museum has a collection of pipes and leaves along with the Casa Especializada del Habano, a small shop where you are able to purchase different Havana cigars and items for smokers.

HAVANA CLUB RUM MUSEUM



The Havana Club Rum Museum (Museo del Ron) offers a guided tour exhibiting the complex rum-making process in old machines. It explains the entire process, from the manufacturing white oak barrels to the rum's fermentation and aging process, a scale-model copy of a sugar mill, as well as a tasting. The museum also contains a bar and shop.

LA BARRACA



The newly renovated restaurant is located on the patio of Hotel Nacional offering spectacular views and a variety of international dishes, as well as a full menu of drinks and cocktails. Its the ideal great place to enjoy a relaxing.

ALMACENES SAN JOSE CRAFT MARKET



A huge indoor market, located in a vast harbor front warehouse, where you can purchase handmade crafts, ceramics, leather goods, humidors, guayabera shirts and the largest possible selection of Cuban souvenirs.



DAY 8
SATURDAY
FEB 1

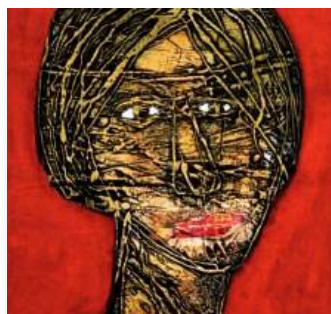
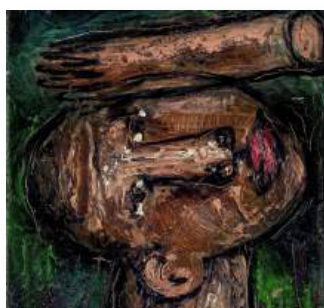
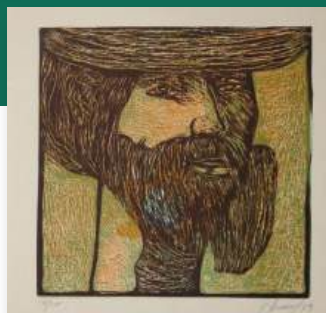
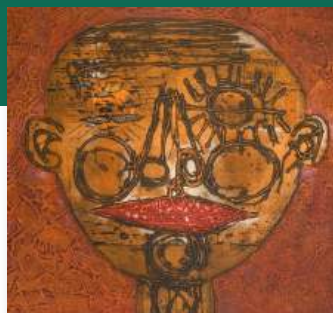
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Eduardo Roca Salazar

AKA "CHOCO"



Eduardo Roca Salazar is a painter, engraver and sculptor. He is commonly known as Choco because it is said he resembles Kid Chocolate, the famous Cuban boxer of the 1930s. Choco graduated from the School of Art Instructors in 1963 and from the National School of Art in 1970. He is a member of the National Union of Writers and Artists of Cuba, the Graphic Experimental Workshop of Havana and the International Association of Plastic Artists. He has been decorated with several awards and honors, and his work is exhibited in museums and galleries around the world. Enjoy a visit to his studio and meeting and talking with him; as well as viewing and purchasing a piece of his exquisite art.





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RESTAURANTE LA TORRE



Elegant restaurant on the top floor of the Focsa building, in Vedado. With a magnificent scenic view, you can enjoy local and international cuisine, as well as the wide range of international cocktails.



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TRIP INFORMATION

2025 TRIP COST \$3,550*
 SINGLE OCCUPANCY +\$600

** Excludes airfare*

AIRLINES

X Independent Air Travel Arrangements

HOTELS

✓ Grand Aston La
 Habana Hotel - 5 stars

MEALS

✓ Breakfast: Included daily at all accommodations
 ✓ Lunch and Dinner: Included where indicated

ACTIVITIES

✓ Jazz Festival Performances are included
 ✓ All tours and excursions are included except for Optional activities

YOUR CUBA INCLUSIONS

- ✓ Jazz Festival Performances
- ✓ All Group Tours
- ✓ Luxury Bus Ground Transportation
- ✓ Group Personal Guides & Assistants
- ✓ Welcome Packages & Zoom Call Orientation Meetings
- ✓ Ground Assistance in Havana, Cuba

EXCLUSIONS

- ✓ Visa Fees for Cuba
- ✓ All Flights: USA-Cuba-USA (Domestic add-on flights for an additional cost)

LOGISTICS COORDINATOR
Marazul Tours, Inc.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

A deposit of \$500 will be required to reserve a place and can be paid by check, money order, credit card, PayPal or Zelle. A payment plan and schedule are provided as a separate attachment.

Trip must be paid in full by or before November 22, 2024

CONTACT INFORMATION

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

RESERVATION FORM | \$500 DEPOSIT REQUIRED

Use this form to register and reserve your spot for Global Linkages' Inaugural Havana Jazz Festival 2025. I have read and understand the attached payment and refund policy.

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 _____

Select: ___ MasterCard ___ Visa ___ American Express ___ Discover (*check one*)

___ **Paypal Email:** lkjglobalink@aol.com

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PAYMENTS AND REFUND POLICY

Global Linkages accepts checks, money orders, major credit cards (MasterCard, Visa, American Express and Discover) and electronic payments including Zelle and PayPal.

- ✓ Please make checks and money orders payable to GLOBAL LINKAGES, INC.
- ✓ A return check fee of \$40 will be charged for all returned checks
- ✓ All credit card transactions incur a 5% transaction fee
- ✓ Transmit Zelle and PayPal payments to lkjglobalink@aol.com
- ✓ When paying via PayPal, indicate "Personal" to avoid a transaction fee
- ✓ All final payments must be received by Global Linkages no later than November 22, 2024.
Trip participants with outstanding balances after this date will incur a penalty equivalent to 10% of the balance due.

REFUNDS

Global Linkages will provide refunds equivalent to the canceling participant's total amount paid minus payments that have been made on his/her behalf, including jazz festival and hotel accommodation cost.



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 30 years and has made over 300 trips to the continent. In 2107, Global Linkages expanded its journeys and development work to Cuba; and began traveling to Morocco in 2019, East Africa in 2022, and looks forward to its inaugural journey to Brazil in 2025.

