

CUBA

Rhythm and Views

A CULTURAL EXPLORATION LIKE NO OTHER!

Havana For Your Eyes Only

Experience the Heart and Soul of Cuban Creative Life

May 20-25, 2020

After six years of hosting arts and cultural delegations to Cuba, CR&V continues to provide safe and legal travel to Cuba in full compliance with new U.S. government regulations In Support of the Cuban People.

Since 2013, CR&V has introduced hundreds of arts and music aficionados to Cuba for the expressed purpose of exposing Americans to the enlightening exploration of creative life in Cuba. From classical music to jazz, dance and the visual arts, CR&V reveals the challenging reality of the arts in Cuba that is remarkably different from anywhere else in the world.

LEGAL,
SANCTIONED
TRAVEL TO
CUBA

Cuba is just a few miles south of the United States, but to the majority of Americans it might as well be on the moon. As the diplomatic relationship between the United States and the Republic of Cuba continues to degrade after 58 years of embargo, our cultural and educational experiences between the two peoples are deeply personal and one of the few legal opportunities for Americans to visit Cuba. And, there's much to see, learn and inspire you, especially in Havana.

CR&V is pleased to present this special opportunity for you to experience arts, culture, people and nightlife of Havana over five nights and six days. You will dine in Havana's world-renowned privately-owned paladares and stay in the finest hotel, the Meliá Cohiba. The reviews from our past delegates say it all.

SCHEDULE FOR SPRING 2020 DELEGATION

May 20:	Depart Miami for Havana
May 20-25:	Meliá Cohiba, Havana
Wednesday, May 25:	Return to Miami
Cost:	\$3,550 Double Occupancy
	\$4,150 Single Occupancy



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for info, reservations, video and FAQs

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 5 nights in Havana's most prestigious 5-star hotel, Meliá Cohiba
- 5 breakfasts, 3 lunches, and 2 dinners
- Roundtrip airfare between Miami and Havana—all land transportation via luxury coach
- A different private performance most days with Cuba's most celebrated performers from all genres
- All activities and events include admissions and ground transportation
- Baggage transfers and handling at airport and hotel arrival and departure
- Cuban visa fees, departure tax, and medical insurance while in Cuba

NOT INCLUDED:

- U.S. domestic airfare & passport
- 3 dinners and 2 lunches so you may explore local dining options
- Independent and private transfer for activities not on the itinerary
- Any baggage charges or fees
- Trip cancellation insurance
- Personal items such as internet access, telephone services, cigars, laundry
- We will collect 140 CUCs (Cuban Convertible Currency) from each traveler when in Cuba to cover all tips

ELIGIBILITY

Any music-lover or patron of the arts, be it jazz, classical, modern dance, ballet, son/salsa, and choral music are welcome to join our delegation on this historic trip. To secure your space, please fill out the [on-line application packet](#) by downloading to your desktop, or call 602.679.0590 to make your deposit. Priority will be based upon the order in which we receive deposits.



Neil Birnbaum & Woody Wilson

WHY CHOOSE CUBA RHYTHM AND VIEWS?

This trip is different from all the others. Our delegations uniquely blend full legal compliance with all US Government requirements with distinctive and insightful experiences in exclusive and intimate performance spaces not generally accessible to Americans. This 5-night trip includes the finest hotels and private restaurants (Paladares), in addition to offering up close and personal experiences with Cuba's most revered musicians, dancers, visual artists, and social activists. Our group size is limited to ensure that your experience is unique and memorable.

This is the only legal trip to Cuba designed for passionate lovers of music, dance and the visual arts...and Cuba has some of the best in the world. Other trips may, on the surface, appear to be less expensive, but we encourage you to take a closer look and examine hotel accommodations, whether your visa and round-trip Cuba airfare are included, the number of days of the trip, etc. Once you compare, we are confident you will conclude that Cuba Rhythm & Views is an incredible opportunity and a great value! CR&V has taken hundreds of people to Cuba since 2013 and our testimonials speak for themselves.

Your hosts, veteran music producers Woody Wilson and Neil Birnbaum, have more than 70 years of combined experience presenting the world's finest music and artists. Together, they have spent the past seven years exploring Cuba's creative arts, engineering major cultural exchanges, and building cultural bridges that help to support the Cuban people. Both men are dedicated to offering the highest attainable artistic excellence and a truly distinctive experience.



Delegates will be exposed to Cuba's world-renowned jazz and nightlife along with performances of classical dance and music. We will meet with individual artists of all genres as well as representatives of non-governmental performing arts organizations to strengthen civil society in Cuba. From grand theaters to intimate salons, travelers will have access to some of Cuba's most revered musicians and artists. While participants stay in the finest hotels and dine in Cuba's famous paladares, the authentic Cuba will always reveal itself to the insightful and inquiring mind. The result is a cultural exploration that has become the benchmark for legal travel to this remarkable and isolated nation.

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SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

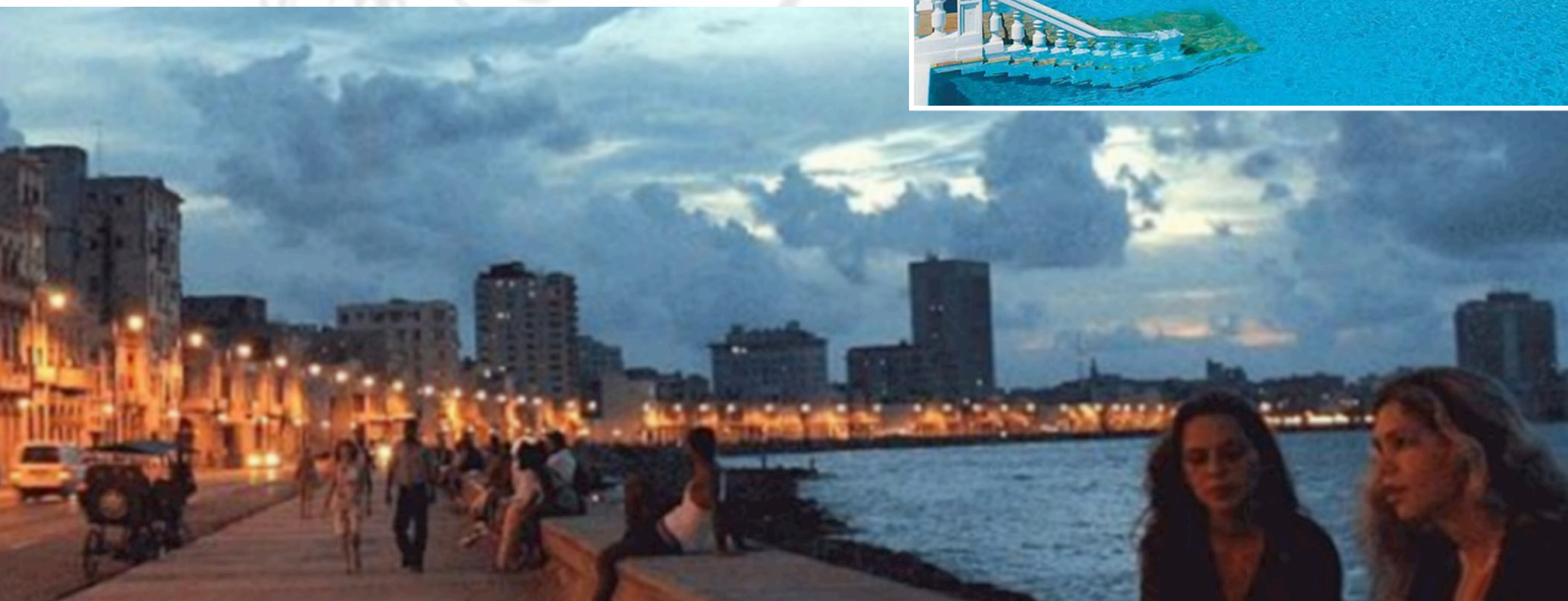
IMMERSE yourself in intimate, private experiences

MINGLE with the performers at special post-concert receptions and private dinner concerts.

ENJOY some of the most incredible music and dance in the world.

The Meliã Cohiba Hotel

Our headquarters will be the five-star Meliã Cohiba Hotel on Havana's historic Malecón. Meliã Cohiba is one of the finest hotels in the Caribbean. After a busy day in Havana, Meliã Cohiba is the place to relax, have a cold drink, check your email with available Wi-Fi, look at the sea, or take a stroll along the Malecón at sunset and be inspired by Havana coming to life after dark.



Classical Music & Dance

In Cuba, the classical arts are revered by every walk of life. During this trip, patrons will experience performances by such renowned groups as: Orquesta Sinfónica Nacional; Ballet Nacional de Cuba; Ballet Español de Cuba; Lizt Alfonso Dance Cuba; Danza Contemporánea de Cuba; Orquesta de Cámara de la Habana and much more. Events will include opportunities to attend private rehearsals as well as performances and mingle with the performers in intimate settings.

Traditional Cuban Music

Traditional music and its evolution over the centuries is at the heart of the Cuban soul and mystique. The history of music in Cuba is the story of its people; from slavery, political upheaval, revolt and a joyful celebration of Cuban cultural life.



Danza Contemporánea de Cuba



Orquesta de Cámara de La Habana



Orquesta Sinfónica Nacional



Ballet Español de Cuba



Orquesta de Cámara de La Habana

Cuban Jazz & Nightlife

Cuba has some of the finest young jazz musicians in the world. The Afro-Cuban tradition has evolved into a robust music scene that has a solid foundation in the classical music training musicians receive at the prestigious music schools throughout the country. In Havana, jazz thrives. Our patrons are not only immersed into Havana's jazz nightlife, but will be treated to private, one-on-one concerts from the best and brightest of Cuba's jazz elite, including pianist Aldo López-Gavilán. This unique exposure to one the world's most active jazz scenes is a CR&V exclusive. You will better understand the day-to-day sacrifices as well as the financial and artistic challenges, including the difficulty of buying and maintaining instruments in Cuba.

Architecture and Historic Preservation

Some of the most exquisite historic buildings in the Caribbean are in Cuba. Havana is celebrating its 500th anniversary. But, despite 58 years of embargo, Cuba has managed to preserve and restore some of its most important heritage structures, neighborhoods and monuments. Using tourist dollars and financial incentives, much of Old Havana, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is gradually being rehabilitated to its former beauty as the city celebrates five centuries of life. A noted Cuban architect or urban planner will provide our patrons with an insight into what it takes to gradually restore one of the world's great cities, one building at a time.



Out for a night on the town



Aldo López-Gavilán



Buena Vista Social Club



Grupo Harold López-Nussa



Ballet Español de Cuba

Visual Arts

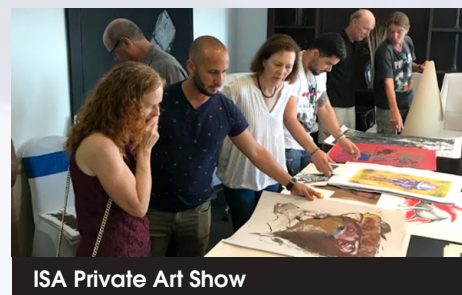
As part of our cultural exchange, our patrons will visit notable Cuban artists' studios, galleries and homes. They will discuss their work and their artistic visions and the state of Cuba's control of artistic expression. These personal encounters will help you understand cultural life in Cuba before the Revolution as well as today. Artwork will be for sale at all studios and galleries. In addition, a CR&V exclusive private show of original art for sale by Instituto Superior de Arte (ISA) professors and students is always on our itinerary.

Cuban Cuisine and Paladares

The growing movement of private restaurants, or paladares, in people's homes is flourishing in Havana. This movement is at the vanguard of economic change and private ownership in Cuba. The best dining in Cuba is in paladares along the backstreets and alleyways of Old and New Havana. The restaurants are being reviewed internationally and Havanaphiles are slowly finding their way to these wonderful free-enterprise culinary destinations. All of our meals outside of the hotel will be in paladares. And, for the meals not included in the package, you will be given the names and locations of Havana's best private restaurants, all within a ten-minute cab ride from the Meliá Cohiba.

Additional Activities *In Support of the Cuban People*

Meet with career Cuban diplomat Camilo García López-Trigo for a talk about US/Cuba relations; Dr. García is a professor at University of Havana International Relations School and an expert in US political studies. You will also visit a day care center run by The Sisters of the Love of God, visit a classroom in session, learn about the remarkable work the sisters do for families in need and be inspired by the humanitarian work of their order.



ISA Private Art Show



Sisters of the Love of God



Camilo García López-Trigo

Don't take our word for it!

Here's what people said about our recent trip:

From day one, we were given intimate glimpses into the hearts and souls of the dancers, singers, musicians and teachers who shared their lives with us. We have been on many "tours" to other countries but have never experienced anything as moving and beautiful as this. —Thomas and Sally K. Tempe, AZ

Where do I start??? The trip you provided for us in Cuba was nothing short of a miracle – the musicians, dancers, students etc would never have crossed our paths without your superb and thoughtful planning. —Sue W, Montreal, Quebec

Your efforts and attention to detail really made the trip a success. Planning, networking, flexibility and knowledge are your trademarks. —Jim L, Seattle, WA

We have not stopped talking about it to everyone we have been in contact with these 2 days. This will be a beautiful memory for us for a long, long time...You two have put together such a special experience – we are proud to have been a part of it.

—Jody V, Carolina, Puerto Rico