

Committee on Design – 2016 Spring Conference

Cuba Daily Agenda

Saturday, April 16, 2016

Arrive in Miami for Early Departure on April 17

Time	Event Item	Notes
	Check into Airport Hotel in Miami	
All Day	<p>Arrive in Miami on Saturday, April 16, in order to ensure that you will not miss the charter flight on Sunday.</p> <p>There are many hotels of different levels available around the airport; we recommend you reserve a room in one in order to make the early morning charter flight to Havana on Sunday.</p>	<p>Should you miss the charter flight to Cuba, there are no refunds.</p> <p>We also recommend that if you choose to fly out of Miami on Sunday, April 24, that your flight depart no earlier than 7pm, due to the possibility of delays out of Havana.</p>

Sunday, April 17, 2016

Day 1: Group Arrival in Cuba

Flight Information

FLIGHT 1 – AA9448 (58 pax+2 CBF staff)

6:00 am- Check-in at Miami Airport- *CONCOURSE D, DOOR 1*

9:30 am- Departure

FLIGHT 1 - AA9448

10:30 am- Arrival in Havana

FLIGHT 2 – 815901 (101pax+2 CBF staff)

7:30 am- Check-in at Miami Airport- *CONCOURSE G (Border of Concourse F & G), IN FRONT OF DUNKIN DONUTS*

10:30 am- Departure

FLIGHT 2 - 815901

11:30 am- Arrival in Havana

Private coach transfer and orientation tour with knowledgeable guide.

Time	Event Item	Notes
1:30 pm	Lunch at El Aljibe	Known for their traditional Cuban food and garlic chicken
4:30 pm	Check in at Hotel Saratoga or Nacional	
7:30 pm	Meet at lobby; bus departs	
8:00 pm	Dinner at Club Habana	Guest of honor, Gladys Collazo, president of Cuban National Council of Heritage

Meals included: L+D

Monday, April 18, 2016

Day 2: Old Havana

Time	Event Item	Notes
8:00 am	Breakfast	
9:30 am	Official Welcome to Havana	<p>By the Historian of the City, Eusebio Leal Spengler, or Patricia Rodriguez Alomá, director of the Old Havana Master Plan at Aula Magna San Geronimo.</p> <p>Place: Aula de Actos de San Geronimo</p>
10:00 am	<p>Lecture #1</p> <p><i>Havana: Past, Present, & Future</i></p> <p>by Miguel Coyula</p>	<p>Miguel Coyula is an architect and urban planner; professor at University of Havana. This will be a discussion about history, economic, and society.</p> <p>Place: Aula de Actos de San Geronimo</p>
10:45 am	<p>Lecture #2</p> <p><i>Colonial Architecture of Havana</i></p> <p>by Isabel Rigol, PhD</p>	<p>Arch. Isabel Rigol, PhD is a Senior Professor at Faculty of Architecture at Higher Institute for Polytechnic Studies "Jose Antonio Echeverria" (CUJAE).</p> <p>Place: Aula de Actos de San Geronimo</p>
11:30 pm	Coffee Break	<p>At Palacio del Segundo Cabo</p> <p>Plaza de Armas, Havana's oldest square was laid out in the early 1520s, soon after the city's foundation, and was originally known as Plaza de Iglesia after a church.</p> <p>The Parroquial Mayo that once stood on the site of the present-day Palacio de los Capitanes Generales.</p>
12:00 pm	Explore Old Havana	<p>Plaza de la Catedral, Cathedral Square, is one of the five main squares in Old Havana and the site of the Cathedral of Havana from which it takes its name. Originally a swamp, it was later drained and used as a naval dockyard. Following the construction of the Cathedral in 1727, it became the site of some of the city's grandest mansions. It is the site of the Museo del Arte Colonial (Colonial Art Museum) and a number of restaurants.</p>

1:00 pm	Lunch at El Templete & Café del Oriente	Superior wine, real bread, & delicious everything is what they offer at restaurant El Templete. Café del Oriente - Smoked salmon, caviar, goose-liver pâté, lobster thermidor, steak au poivre, cheese plate and a glass of port.
2:30 pm	Explore Old Havana	Walk in the footsteps of Havana's colonial past visiting the rest of the plazas of Old Havana, a UNESCO world heritage site. Plaza San Francisco de Asis, Plaza Vieja.
3:30 pm	Board Bici-Taxis	Three-wheel bicycle taxis The Wall District
5:00 pm	National Capitol building & Gran Teatro de La Habana "Alicia Alonso"	The seat of government until the Cuban Revolution in 1959, the Capitol is now home to the Cuban Academy of Science. El Capitolio has a size of 681 by 300 ft. It's design and name recall the United States Capitol in Washington D.C. Completed in 1929, it was the tallest building in Havana until the 1950s and houses the world's third largest indoor statue. Gran Teatro de La Habana "Alicia Alonso" has been home to the Cuban National Ballet and, on its main stage, to the International Ballet Festival of Havana. The facilities include theatres, a concert hall, conference rooms, and a video screening room, as well as an art gallery, a choral center, and several rehearsal halls for danzarias groups and dance companies. It was officially opened in 1838, although its first presentation occurred on November 1837.
6:00 pm	Return to hotels	
7:30 pm	Meet at lobby; bus departs	
8:00 pm	Dinner at Divina Pastora <i>An Evening of Music and Dance</i>	This paladar stands out for its unique view of the Bay of Havana. It is placed in colonial Havana, has first class service, delicious food and a very pleasant atmosphere- Flamenco dancer to honor the Spanish influence in our Cuban history.

Meals included: B+L+D

Tuesday, April 19, 2016

Day 3: Art Deco

Time	Event Item	Notes
8:00 am	Breakfast	
	Lecture #3	Lilian Llanes, PhD, is specialist in urbanism, member of ICOMOS International Academy, Senior Professor at Faculty of Architecture at Higher Institute for Polytechnic Studies "Jose Antonio Echeverria" (CUJAE).
9:30-10:00am	<i>Havana Architectural Changes During the First Decades of the 20th Century</i> by Lilian Llanes, PhD	Place: Bellas Artes Theater
	Lecture #4	Dr. Maria Elena Martin Zequeira, PhD, is a Senior Professor at Faculty of Architecture at Higher Institute for Polytechnic Studies "Jose Antonio Echeverria" (CUJAE). Author of <i>Havana Architectural Guide</i> , and <i>Havana Deco: An architectural Guide</i> .
10:15 am	<i>Art Deco Architecture</i> by Dr. Maria Elena Martin Zequeira, PhD	Place: Bellas Artes Theater
11:00 am	Coffee Break	Break at Bellas Artes Theater
11:30 pm	Explore Bellas Artes Museum	
12:30 pm	Visit Art Deco Houses	Casa de la Amistad, DECO Mansion-Catalina Laza y Pedro Baro, House of the Festival.
1:00 pm	Visit and Lunch at Museum Decorative Arts/ Office of Havana Deco Group	Casa Gomez Mena Family. Greeting by Katia Varela and Gustavo Lopez, director and vice director of Decorative Arts Museum. Guests of honor: Presidents of UNAIC (National Association of Cuban Architects and Engineers), ISDI (Higher Institute for Industrial Design), UNEAC (Cuban Association of Artists and Writers, Faculty of Architecture of the Higher Institute for Polytechnic Studies (CUJAE), DOCOMOMO Cuba, ICOMOS Cuba. Dance performance by Retazos , a dance theater company created in Havana in 1987 by the choreographer Isabel Bustos.
3:30 pm	Art Deco Bus Tour	TBA (Explore Vedado and Marianao neighborhood, residential buildings e.g., Garcia Cabrera house, Lopez Serrano building, 23 Street,

Obeliscos)

5:00 pm

Visit Christopher Columbus Cemetery;
Catalina Laza Monument

Christopher Columbus Cemetery was founded in 1876 in the Vedado neighbourhood of Havana, Cuba on top of Espada Cemetery. The 140 acre (57 ha) cemetery is noted for its many elaborately sculpted memorials. It is estimated that today the cemetery has more than 500 major mausoleums, chapels, and family vaults.

6:00 pm

Return to Hotel

8:30 pm

Dinner at Hotel Nacional

With former musicians of the Buena Vista Social Club band

Meals included: B+L+D

Wednesday, April 20, 2016

Day 4: Modern Havana

Time	Event Item	Notes
8:00 am	Breakfast	
9:30 am	Lecture #5 <i>Tropicana Modern: A Cultural Journey Through Havana's Nightclub Era 1925-1959</i> by Rosa Lowinger	Rosa Lowinger is President and Chief at RLA Conservation, Inc. Place: Salon Copa Room, Hotel Riviera, notable example of rationalist architecture of the Modern Movement in Cuba
10:15 am	Lecture #6 <i>The Legacy of Florencio Gelabert Perez, Notable Sculptor, Draftsman, & Teacher</i> by Florencio Gelabert	Florencio Gelabert is a sculptor, illustrator and teacher. Son of Florencio Gelabert, notable sculptor, who during the twentieth century was well known for his tireless work and his sculptures of the Hotel Riviera, the Havana Bus Station, and others. Place: Salon Copa Room, Hotel Riviera, notable example of rationalist architecture of the Modern Movement in Cuba
10:45 am	Lecture #7 <i>The Architecture of the Modern Movement in Cuba: History & Preservation</i> by Eduardo Luis Rodriguez	Architect Eduardo Luis Rodriguez is a professor of the National Union of Architects and Engineers, Director of the magazine <i>Arquitectura Cuba</i> , President of DoCoMoMo Cuba, and author of several architectural books. Place: Salon Copa Room, Hotel Riviera, notable example of rationalist architecture of the Modern Movement in Cuba
11:30 am	Coffee Break at Hotel Riviera	
12:00 pm	Vintage Car Tour	Vedado and Miramar neighborhood Final Stop: Casa Verde. Board bus.
1:00 pm	Lunch at Vistamar	Paladar Vistamar in Miramar is in the 2nd-floor family-room-turned-restaurant of a private residence, which faces the sea. The ocean side ambience is embellished by a beautiful swimming pool that spills its water into the sea. Delicious seafood dishes overlooking the crashing ocean
2:30 pm	Visit Institute Superior of Art	Meet with professors and students at Cuba's most prestigious university for artists. The unique and unfinished architecture is the subject of the

award-winning documentary film,
Unfinished Spaces.

4:30 pm Cocktail and visit the House of
Schulthess

The House of Schulthess was built by architect Richard Neutra in collaboration with the Brazilian landscape architect Roberto Burle Marx, and Cuban architect Raul Alvarez in 1955. Actual house of the Ambassador of Switzerland.

6:00 pm Return to Hotel

8:00 pm Dinner (optional)

10:00 pm Tropicana (optional)

Meals included: B+L

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Day 5: Theaters

Time	Event Item	Notes
8:00 am	Breakfast	
9:30 am	Lecture #8 <i>An Overview of Lutgardita Neighborhood</i> by Pilar Fernandez, PhD	Pilar Fernandez PhD is a professor, architect, and consultant of the Superior Institute of Art. Place: Lutgardita Theater
10:00 am	Lecture #9 <i>Cuban Architects at Home and Abroad- The Modernist Generation</i> by Victor Deupi, PhD	Victor Deupi, PhD is with the University of Miami School of Architecture. Place: Lutgardita Theater Explore Lutgardita neighborhood
11:45 am	Visit La CUJAE, University City José Antonio Echeverría CUJAE	House of the high studies in Engineers. Meet Luis Rueda, dean of the Faculty of Architecture. Explore the University campus created on December 2nd, 1964.
1:00 pm	Lunch Paladar at La Guarida or Casa Miglis	La Guarida, on the top floor of a spectacularly dilapidated Havana tenement, La Guarida's lofty reputation rests on its movie-location setting (<i>Strawberry and Chocolate</i> was filmed in this building) and a clutch of swashbuckling international newspaper reviews. The food is up there with Havana's best, shoehorning its pioneering brand of Nueva Cocina Cubana into dishes such as tuna with a sugar-cane glaze
2:30 pm	Explore Central Havana and Old Havana Neighborhood	Visit Theater Marti, Mella Theater, Cinema La Rampa, America Theater
April 21	HAV/MIA-AA9449	Departure 4:00 PM
5:45 pm	Return to Hotel	
8:00 pm	Dinner (Optional)	

Meals included: B+L

Friday, April 22, 2016
Day 6: Industrial Architecture

Time	Event Item	Notes
8:00 am	Breakfast	
9:30-10:00 am	<p>Lecture # 10</p> <p><i>Industrial Heritage South of the Bay of Havana-Challenges and Opportunities</i></p> <p>by Architect Orlando Inclán</p>	<p>Place: Fábrica de Art (F.A.C.) FAC is an artistic project driven by the need to rescue, support, and promote the work of artists from all branches of art such as theater, music, dance, theater, visual arts, literature, photography, fashion, graphic design and architecture; that by integrating art/artist promote exchanges and direct approach between the public and the creator a massive scale.</p>
10:15 am	<p>Lecture # 11</p> <p><i>Fabrica de Arte Cubano- An Endless Project</i></p> <p>by Ernesto Jimenez</p>	<p>Ernesto Jimenez is an architect and art curator. He will explain about the engineer project at FAC, followed by a walking tour within the installation.</p>
10:45 am	Coffee Break at FAC	
11:00 am	FAC walking tour: facilities and exhibitions	<p>Presentation of architectural projects by young Cuban architects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Habana Re Generación (HRG) • Estudios Albor (Casas Cienfuegos) • Labrador • Alejandro Riso
1:00 pm	Lunch at El Cocinero	Cool, trendy paladar & bar located next to FAC
2:30 pm	Industrial Architecture Tour	<p>Talla Piedra, San Jose and Wood Warehouses, Port Avenue Project, etc.</p> <p>Presentation of architectural projects by young Cuban architects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infra • Martínez and Becerra (restaurants and houses)
5:00 pm	Return to Hotel	
6:00 pm	Passover Seder & Service at Synagogue Beth Shalom (Optional)	Located at Calle I esq. 13, Vedado, Habana
8:00 pm	Dinner at Atelier (Optional)	The first thing that hits you at Atelier is the stupendous wall art – huge, thought-provoking, religious-tinged paintings. The second is the antique wooden ceiling, terrace, and general old-school elegance.

At some point you'll get around to the food – Cuban with a French influence – and it doesn't falter.

Meals included: B+L+D

Saturday, April 23, 2016
Day 7: Matanzas

Time	Event Item	Notes
8:00 am	Breakfast	OPTIONAL: MATANZAS CITY or FREE DAY
9:00 am	Transfer to Matanzas OR Free Day	Stop at Bacunayagua Bridge's Observation Point. Open (inaugurated) on September 26th of 1959. Considered as one of the 7 wonders of the Cuban Civil Engineering
11:00 am	Lecture #12 <i>Academic Cultural Heritage: Matanzas and Varadero</i> with Adriana Galup	Meet and explore the city with architect Adriana Galup, a graduate of the Faculty of Architecture CUJAE. On the way to meet -LoLo- Meet with artists Osmany "LoLo" Betancourt Falcon, Manuel Hernández Valdes, Osmany Betancourt Falcón, Julio Fleita, and/or DarielLozan at the Taller de Ceramica. We will enjoy a preview of some of the most famous locations around the historical center of the city. Sauto Theater, "Palacio del Junco" Museum, Liberty Square, Cathedral, San Pedro Church, Monserrate Chapel and the Pharmaceutical Matanzas Museum, first Pharmaceutical Museum of Latin America, opened in 1882
1:00 pm	Lunch at La Casa	<i>*For those in Havana</i> Pick up point is Hotel Nacional or Hotel Saratoga at 12:30 pm
1:30 pm	Lunch at Xanadu Mansion (Dupont Estate)	<i>*For those in Matanzas</i>
4:00 pm	Return to Havana	
7:00 pm	Synagogue Beth Shalom (optional)	Location: Calle I esq. 13. Vedado, La Habana
8:30 pm	Farewell dinner - Cathedral Square	

Meals included: B+L+D

Sunday, April 24, 2016

Day 8: Return to Miami

Event Item

Notes

Breakfast

Transfer airport for return flights home

11:45am - AA9449 Departure 77 pax + 2 CBF staff

12:45am - 815902 Departure 85 pax + 2 CBF staff

Your flight should leave no earlier than 7pm, due to the possibility of delays out of Havana.

"Adios Amigos!"
