

GLOBAL EXCHANGE 
Reality Tours

Identity and Sexuality in Cuba
Draft Itinerary, subject to change
June 08 - 17, 2024

Day 1, Saturday June 08

Arrival at Jose Marti Airport, greeted by your guide and driver

Walking tour of Old Havana and the four main historic plazas; all a designated UNESCO World Heritage site.

Lunch TBD

Check in to the Hotel Gran Aston

Dinner and evening on your own

Day 2, Sunday June 09

Breakfast at the hotel

10am Visit to the Fine Arts Museum to enjoy a guided tour with a specialist viewing the Cuba collection.

Visit to the neighborhood of Regla to learn more about multifaceted Afro Cuban religions.

Lunch TBA

Meet with renowned filmmaker Gloria Rolando to learn of her work and the challenges Women and Women of Color face in the media.

Welcome Dinner at La Torre

Day 3, Monday June 10

Breakfast at the hotel

Meeting with ICAP (The Cuban Friendship Institute) your host institution while in Cuba, to discuss Cuba/US relations.

Meeting with CENESEX (National Center for Sexual Education) an organization founded by Mariela Castro, to learn of their important work across Cuba.

Lunch at El Aljibe for traditional Cuban food

Visit to Habana Compas, a mostly female performance group, to enjoy their music and learn about their work.

Dinner on your own

Attend the canonazo ceremony, a historical reenactment that used to signal the closing of the harbor at day's end. Enjoy a gorgeous view of Havana at night.

Day 4, Tuesday June 11

Breakfast at the hotel

Meeting with Federation of Cuban Women, an important and well respected institution in Cuba that was developed during the time of the revolution. Learn about how their work developed and has evolved to today.

Meeting with an expert to discuss race and gender in society.

Lunch TBA

Meeting with a community program to learn more about their work in Race and Gender (TBD)

Dinner and evening on your own

Day 5, Wednesday June 12

Breakfast at the hotel

Meet with specialist to discuss transformistas (transgender persons) and sex changes in Cuba

Lunch

Following lunch we'll have a unique meeting with the organizers of Cuba's "Pride" celebrations, which correspond to the International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia; a day that has grown to receive international recognition.

Dinner on your own

Visit to a Jazz Club to enjoy Cuban Jazz

Day 6, Thursday June 13

Breakfast at Hotel

This morning we'll begin with a meeting with specialists belonging to the Cuban Multidisciplinary Society for the Study of Sexuality (SOCUMES) to learn of their work and overview of gender and sexuality in Cuba.

Lunch TBA

Meeting with the Union of Cuban Jurists to discuss the rights of LGBTQ peoples and the most recent and epic changes to the family code, etc.

Dinner and evening on your own

Day 7, Friday June 14

Breakfast at hotel

Following breakfast we'll depart for Santa Clara with a stop to freshen up along the way.

Upon arrival in Santa Clara, we'll meet with Ramon Silveria, founder of Club Mejunje, to learn of their programs for the LGBTQ Community; a program that is unique to all of Cuba!

Enjoy Lunch in Santa Clara

Afternoon visit to the mausoleum of Che Guevara then depart for Cienfuegos

Check into casas particulares in Cienfuegos

Dinner on your own

After dinner we will reconvene to participate in a CDR Visit. The CDR's or Committees for the Defense of the Revolution, are essentially a block organization that can be found in every Cuban neighborhood since the time of the revolution. During this visit you will learn how the committees serve the community now. This is also the best time to bring donations to the community as well as enjoy snacks and beverages together and more importantly to exchange with Cuban's in their neighborhood and learn about the realities of their day to day life.

Day 8, Saturday June 15

Breakfast at your casa and then depart for Matanzas, a port city located on the north coast of Cuba and known for its danzon, rumba and Afro-Cuban folklore!

Upon arrival we'll visit San Severino Castle to learn a bit about slavery in Cuba and it's influence on the city.

Enjoy lunch in Matanzas

Depart for Havana

Check back into Hotel Gran Aston

Dinner and evening on your own

Day 9, Sunday June 16

Breakfast at the hotel

Today we'll slow down a little and begin with a visit to the San Jose Artisan Market; an example of the small business enterprises in Cuba.

Following the market we'll visit Coral Falso community project to learn about their work and then we'll enjoy a lovely lunch thoughtfully prepared for us by the folks at the project.

After lunch we'll return to the hotel to prepare for your return to US

Farewell dinner

Evenign on your own

Day 10, Monday June 17

Breakfast at the hotel

Depart for Airport

Return to US

END OF PROGRAM