

DI MAGGIO/KALISH

WORKSHOPS & LEARNING CENTER

The Photographer's Eye on the People of Cuba: A Program with Joe DiMaggio and JoAnne Kalish, October 19 to 26, 2015 – Preliminary Itinerary Subject to Change

Sunday October 18. Group gathers in Miami, meeting with Joe DiMaggio and JoAnne Kalish at 5:30 pm dinner and a briefing on the trip. Overnight in Miami.

Monday October 19 Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

5:30 am Take hotel shuttle to Miami International Airport. Meet Debbie Ledesma of Common Ground for check in with CTS Charters, Concourse G. for flight to Cuba.

9:30 am Depart on SY8830

10:30 am Arrive Havana. After passing through Immigration & Customs, collect luggage and meet Celimar guide, Yoel. Drive through Siboney and other neighborhoods, stopping to photograph until arriving at ISA, the Higher Institute for the Arts.

11:30 am **Explore ISA with Alberto Faya**, long time Common Ground, musician and expert on Cuba's culture and cultural history.

12:30 pm Drive to **El Aljibe Restaurant for lunch (included)**, joined by Alberto Faya and Tony Diaz.

2:30 pm Depending on what time the group finishes lunch, visit Casa Habano around the corner from the restaurant for a chance to see the world of cigar *aficionados*.

3:00 pm Check in to **Melia Cohiba Hotel**.

Evening **Welcome dinner at El Patio (included)** in Cathedral Square, Old Havana.

Tuesday October 20 Breakfast

7-8:00 am Breakfast at the hotel.

9:00 am Meet with the Cuban Institute of Friendship with the Peoples (ICAP) for a chance to ask questions about Cuba and discuss Cuban-U.S. relations.

10:30 am Walking tour of Old Havana, with a visit to special projects of the Office of the Historian. Visit to the Arte y Corte project, one of the new efforts in economic self employment, sponsored by Office of the Historian.

12:00 pm Callejon de Hamel, the alleyway adorned with tributes to Afro-Cuban rites and rituals by the artist Salvador. Lunch at a local *paladar* (reservation only; direct payment)

3:00 pm Meet with Psico Ballet, organized by Claudia Figueroa for young people with disabilities A chance to photograph and to talk about the meaning of dance in the context of their art and work.

5:00 pm Drive to Jaimanitas, the neighborhood that the artist Fuster has decorated with his tile work in accordance with his neighbors whimsy and wishes.

Evening On your own. Enjoy dinner at a nearby *paladar* or in one of the hotel's restaurants, take a late night stroll along the Malecón seawall just a short block from the hotel, or check in to the hotel's jazz club or another club nearby.

Wednesday October 21 Breakfast

7-8:00 am Breakfast at the hotel.

9:00 am Visit Fototeca, Cuba center for photography and photography archives. Slide show of the Center's work and discussion with director and staff.

11:00 am Visit to the Rafael Trejo boxing gym in Old Havana. Meet with trainers and boxers.

Mid day Drive to Cojímar, seaside setting for *The Old Man and the Sea*. Stroll the town, meet local fishermen, and have lunch (reservation only; direct payment)

Afternoon Visit Finca Vigía, the Hemingway Museum.

Evening Evening of jazz, fun and photography at a one of Havana's fabulous jazz clubs.

Thursday October 22 Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

7 – 8:00 am Breakfast at the hotel.

9:00 am

12:30 pm	Arriving in Santa Clara, lunch at a restaurant near the downtown (included)
2:00 pm	Talk with a local specialist about the local economy and changes that are specific to the region.
3:00 pm	Tour the historic downtown of Santa Clara and then continue to the Che Monument At the Che Memorial and the Museum of the Latin American Guerrilla Struggles.
5:30 pm	Continue to Cayo Santa Maria. Check in and dinner at Hotel Meliá las Duñas. Dinner (included)
Friday	October 23 Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
7 – 8:00 am	Breakfast at the hotel.
Morning I	Explore the artisans' workshops at La Estrella town
Mid day	Lunch at the hotel (included) and departure to Remedios Spend the afternoon exploring the town, one of the oldest in Cuba, on foot and by bicitaxi. Meet with the Historian of the City, visit the Church of San Juan Bautista with its 13 golden altars, meet participants and organizers of the city's famed <i>parrandas</i> , or Christmas parades, and explore the artisans' workshops. In the late afternoon return to Hotel Las Duñas. Dinner at the hotel (included).
8:30 pm	Exchange with a local CDR, the local block committee in all Cuban neighborhoods, for a chance to meet local Cubans (and to photograph).
Saturday	October 24 Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
7 – 8:00 am	Breakfast at the hotel.
10:00 am	Depart for Caibarien. In Caibarien, visit the Sugar Industry Museum.
12:30 pm	Lunch (included)
3:00 pm	Tour other sites of Caibarien, including the Jewish cemetery, one of the few in Cuba. Meet with representative of the local Jewish community in Caibarien or in Remedios.
4:30 pm	Return to Hotel. Dinner (included) and evening at the hotel.
Sunday	October 25 Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
7 – 8:00 am	Breakfast at the hotel and depart for the Escambray Mountains. Spend the day in the Escambray, exploring, photographing and meeting the people in small villages, coffee plantations and settlements. Lunch (included). Return to Las Dunas at the end of the day.
7:00 pm	Farewell dinner included.
Monday	October 26 Breakfast, Lunch
7-8:00 am	Breakfast at the hotel. Check out and drive to Santa Clara. ‘
Mid day	Lunch in the city (included) and then transfer to the airport.
4:30 pm	Depart on SY8871, arriving Miami at approximately 5:30 pm.

Estimated Cost is \$4728.00 in double occupancy, \$5038 in single occupancy *

- Round trip charter flight between Miami and Havana
- Accommodations at the Hotel Meliá Cohiba in Havana for 4 nights with breakfast daily
- Accommodations at the Hotel Meliá Las Duñas in Cayo Santa María for 3 nights with all meals included
- 4 additional lunches and 2 additional dinners
- Transportation by air conditioned bus for transfers and all scheduled program activities and between cities and towns
- English speaking guide to accompany the group throughout
- Program of visits, excursions and meetings as outlined in the program
- Expert hands on photography coaching and mentoring provided by Joe DiMaggio and JoAnne Kalish
- Medical insurance while in Cuba Entry visa for Cuba
- Service fees, individual mailing fee, and assistance
- Speakers' fees and gratuities to driver, guide and tour office

Not included: Tips for meal or hotel services, personal expenses, airport departure tax of \$25, luggage fees (\$20 per suitcase plus additional fees for weight over 44 pounds per person), trip cancellation/ interruption/baggage insurance.

***Price subject to change according to final number of participants and final charter flight price**

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