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**Bienal de la Habana  
The Construction of the Possible  
April 27 – May 2, 2019**

Havana (5), Cienfuegos (2)  
ARRIVAL DATE: APRIL 27, 2019  
RETURN DATE: MAY 2, 2019

**ITINERARY**

**Day 1: HAVANA Saturday April 27** - Arrive in Havana, clear custom formalities, and drive to historic Hotel Nacional. Enjoy a welcome drink in the “Hall of Fame” bar, while you view the murals of famous guests dating to the 1930’s. Dinner will be served family style in a special *paladar* this evening.

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**Day 2: HAVANA Sunday April 28** This morning we will walk along the *The Cultural Corridor on Linea Street*. Linea is a major road in Havana, running through the Miramar neighborhood to Vedado and ending at the Malecon. The street is home to multiple cultural centers including Carlos Acosta's dance company, jazz clubs, and theaters. All of cultural centers will throw open their doors to Biennial visitors with art exhibits, dance performances, and theater presentations. Fantastic street murals and vibrant colors throughout the city make for an even more festive occasion. There will be benches for visitors to relax and talk about all they are experiencing.

You will have time for lunch in the Old City. Be on the lookout for the secret pop up galleries everywhere.

This afternoon, you will enjoy a rehearsal by the contemporary dance company such as *Malpaso or Danza Combinatoria*, and have the opportunity to meet with them afterwards to discuss the place of the arts in Cuban society.

Dinner this evening in a Paladar.  
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**Day 3: HAVANA Monday, April 29** Today we will explore exhibits *Behind the Wall!* Behind the Malecon, on the one-kilometer stretch from Maceo Park to Prado Boulevard there will be displays from over 50 artists. Pabellon Cuba will have architectural exhibits.

After free time for lunch, you will walk through Cuban history from colonial times to today in *Museo de Bellas Artes*. You will then meet with contemporary artists in their studios or as you walk along *Paseo del Prado*.

Dinner is included this evening.

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**Day 4: CIENFUEGOS Tuesday, April 30** Depart for Cienfuegos - This morning we drive to Finca La Vigia, the Hemingway Farm. This beautiful property hosts the house where the Nobel Prize-winning author lived with his third wife Mary for over 30 years. Look into the open windows and doors to see the home in perfect condition with Hemingway's personal belongings as he left them. Walk the grounds to see his private writing studio, swimming pool, and beloved fishing boat, Pilar. The boat is featured in his novel "Islands in the Stream."

We have lunch in Cojimar, the charming fishing village depicted in the "Old Man and the Sea".

We continue on to Cienfuegos, where we arrive in time for dinner.

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**Day 5: CEINFUEGOS Wednesday, May 1** Explore Cienfuegos, *the Pearl of the South*, while you enjoy a short walking tour through Plaza Jose Marti, the main square in Cienfuegos. You will have a meeting at UNEAC, the Union of Artists and Writers and hear the city's history. You will then visit the special Bienal Exhibits called "Mar Adentro", where artists and architects will create an artistic space on the old docks. You will later hear a performance by a local youth orchestra, and have an opportunity to meet with members of the orchestra and their families.

You will dine in a paladar this evening and later enjoy listening and dancing to the Latin rhythms of a local salsa band.

**Day 6: HAVANA Thursday, May 2** This morning we will drive back to Havana, and arrive in time to once again immerse ourselves in the intriguing exhibits of the *Bienal*.

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**Day 7: HAVANA Friday, May 3** Our morning will begin with a drive through Plaza de la Revolución, and continue on for a visit to *Muraleando*, a community arts project. It is run by a group of artists who began with a huge rusty old water tank and transformed it into a social program that has beautified the neighborhood and offers music and art programs for all the local residents.

Local musicians will perform we learn a few new salsa steps! Time to purchase art from the artists of the project.

Later this afternoon we will enjoy a private performance by the Havana women's chorus *Coro Luna*, and have the opportunity to talk with them about music education in Cuba.

Farewell dinner in a Paladar

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**Day 8: Saturday, May 4** Return to USA. Depending on the time of your flight, you might have time to do some last minute shopping at the open-air markets.



**Cost: \$2980 Per Person, Double Occupancy**  
**Single Supplement Add \$600**

**Included:**

5 nights Havana - Hotel Nacional  
2 nights Cienfuegos Hotel or comparable  
7 Breakfasts, 7 Dinners  
Private Transportation  
Full Time Bilingual Tour Director  
All Museum Entrance Fees  
Visa  
Bienal Credentials  
Full Time People-to-People Program.

**Not included:**

Gratuities for Bus Driver; Tour Director, Porters, Chambermaids + Meal  
Servicers  
Flights

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