

- 1 When is the festival? Easter each year. 8th - 12th April 2020
- 2 What should I expect from AfroCubanDanceFestival - You should expect a learning experience in Afro-Cuban dance technique. Each year the programme is different but does have similar elements. You will be amongs students from different parts of the world all interested in the same.
- 3 Where does the Festival take place? Havana Cuba in Theatre America.
- 4 When will the workshop schedule be announced? Our full programme will normally be up before Christmas each year. The frame works is - Oricha dances to live music every morning. Social dances in the afternoon. Often a recap and clarification of learning is conducted after lunch for Orichas and/or at the end of the day. The final workshop schedule is usually published at least three months before the festival.
- 5 I recently started with salsa. Is there a beginner course? This festival is a beginner friendly festival, Beginners are welcome, all teachers are from Cuba and are patient and capable of realizing when you need help. Depending on group dynamics we will seperate if needed/wanted.
- 6 Are there some professional Cuban dancers at the Festival with whom I can dance during the workshops? Yes, we have a number of assistants and dance teachers that accompany us during the festival and we endeavor to balance the male female ratio.
- 7 Can I refund my ticket? If you need to cancel your holiday due to an emergency or health reasons, the cancellation fee will depend on the date of cancellation:
Deposit: non-refundable
Up to 90 days before trip: 75% refund
90-60 days before trip: 50%
60-30 days before trip: 30% refund
1-30 days before trip: no refund
- 8 How do I get to Cuba? Cuba has direct flights from a number of capitals in Europe including France (Air France), Amsterdam (KLM), Moscow (Aeroflot), London (Virgin), Rome (Blue Panorama), Spain (Air Europa and Iberia). Travellers from Asia or the pacific may prefer to travel through the US and through a connecting country in Panama (COPA) or direct flights from Miami to Havana with charters companies such as Cuba Travel Services, ABC, Marazul, Gulfstream among others or through Mexico (AeroMexico and Interjet).
- 9 Do I need a visa to travel to Cuba and how does it work? Visitors to Cuba must obtain a tourist card before travel unless they come from one of the visa exempt countries or hold a valid Cuban visa. Tourist card grants maximum stay of 30 days (90 days in case of Canadian citizens) and can be extended once for the same period. Cuba requires that all arriving travelers have a Cuban Tourist Card (Visa) to enter the country. Please check carefully if your travelling through America. Your welcome to contact us if your in doubt.
- 10 Where can I stay in Cuba? You must arrange your own accomodation. We can direct you if you need. In the past years we have been very successful using AirB&B which has been easy for participants to arrange. We also create a whats app group and joint accomodation could be an option for you to explore.
- 11 Which hotels do you recommend? You can find hotels on line some are close to the event and all depends on your budget.
- 12 Are you working with an specific agency in Cuba? No

13 Can an American Citizen travel to Cuba? Yes - check requirements before.

14 Where to go to get treatment in Cuba? Medical insurance will cover fees for medical procedures in Cuba needed and provided due to ailments or injuries occurring and generated while in Cuba. For example, if a passenger breaks their leg and needs medical help/ medical procedures the medical insurance covers all costs. The medical insurance will not cover previous ailments or injuries, nor trip interruption or additional cost associated with such.

15 What is the Currency in Cuba? The major legal currency for Cuba is the Cuban Convertible Peso, CUC. It's what you exchange your foreign currency for and make all your purchases with in Cuba. Most tourists will only ever deal with CUC. For international exchange purposes 1.00 Cuban Convertible Peso = \$1.00 USD. Note that there is a 13% penalty charged when exchanging USA dollars cash, so, you will only receive 87 centavos CUC for one USA dollar when changing the money, allowing for the 13% interest.

The second legal currency in Cuba is the Cuban Peso, CUP, which is rarely used by the vast majority of tourists, but it's still something you should know about as it is perfectly legal for tourists to use.

16 How do exchange money in Cuba? The fee is the same no matter where you exchange your currency. You will need your passport to exchange money. In Cuba, they will not accept bills that are torn or written on when exchanging into CUC. We change on arrival at the airport and later in the bank. When exchanging money into CUC, try to get small denominations to make purchases easier, as many places (little stores, bars and restaurants do not always have the possibility to break down larger notes for you).

17 Can I use my Credit Card? Yes you can but places are limited - you can draw money at the cash points. It is advisable to bring cash in order to make any purchases in Cuba or pay for most services. Most places will not take USD or EURO, so you must exchange currency upon arriving. Traveler's Checks may also be difficult to cash while in Cuba.

18 What should I expect upon arrival into Cuba? Upon arrival to Cuba, you will make your way to immigration with your visa and passport. Be prepared for questions they may ask, and a photo will be taken during the check-in process. You will then turn in your customs and health form to an official. Taxi cab can be arranged or take one from the airport.

19 How safe is Cuba? Though Cuba is generally a very safe place to travel (more than other parts of the world), it is always best to watch your belongings and beware of pick-pockets and purse snatchers. Leave expensive jewelry in the safe and only carry what you need for that day.

It is advisable to leave valuables, including passports in the safe. A copy of the passport should suffice for ID purposes. You will however need your passport for exchanging of currency.

20 Is the water safe to drink in Cuba? It is best to drink bottled water while in Cuba. You will find that both still and sparkling water are available. It is also not necessary to use bottled water to brush your teeth, as the tap water has also been purified. Salads and fruits are also acceptable to eat at all included or recommended restaurants.

23 Is there Internet access in Cuba? Wi-Fi is becoming more and more available however it's not available throughout Cuba and you will need to adjust to the lack of availability. We have found it available in our AirB&B. Most hotels also have a business center with computer, with limited hours, where internet service is available. There are now certain Wi-Fi hot spots throughout public areas in Cuban cities where a card can be purchase for access, 1 CUC per hour.

24 Will my cell phone, smart phone or PDA device work in Cuba?

Generally, your cell phone, texting and smart phone-based Internet will not work in Cuba. Also, please note that satellite phones are not allowed in Cuba.

2 What Clothes Should I Pack for My Trip? It's not going to get cold in Cuba, no matter what time of year one may travel, so pack light clothes.

26 Will I Need an Adaptor? It is necessary to have an adaptor that fits into American sockets. The electric outlets use two to three prongs and have a 110-volt current. Some hotels and resorts may have European sockets and 220 volts and even though this is quite rare, it's worth checking with the hotel before getting there. Make sure to be not only equipped with an adaptor but to also pack a voltaje converter too, just in case. These aren't easy to come by in Cuba so it's better to be prepared before getting there.