Cuban Art, Architecture and Culture Tour
Saturday, January 7th – Sunday, January 15th, 2017

Day 1. Hello Cuba!
Arrival at “Jose Martí” International Airport in Havana
• Embark on a guided tour of Havana’s Old City.
• Visit to Plaza de Armas, Capitolio Nacional, the Bacardi Building, designed in 1930 by Cuban architects Esteban Martinez Campos and Pascual de Rojas, consisting of two theatres, a restaurant, and mills. This site is an UNESCO World Heritage Site. Trinidad is well known for its pottery makers.

Day 2. Havana
Morning: Guided tour of the Museum of Fine Arts Cuban Collection where we see the evolution of Cuban Art.

Day 3. Havana
Morning: Guided panoramic motor coach tour of Modern Havana.
• Visit to the Bellas Artes Museum which is a Spanish Renaissance palace now turned into a museum illustrating the Cuban modern art history.
• Visit to El Capitolio, the old Cuban Congress building that was built by the American company Purdy & Henderson. This monumental building is one of Cuba’s most outstanding architectural patrimonies packed with artwork from Cuban and foreign artists.

Day 4. Trinidad
Morning: Transfer to Havana City. En route we visit the city of Santa Clara.
• Visit to the Che Guevara Museum.
• Visit the Partagas Cigar Factory, founded in 1845 by the Spaniard Don Jaime Partagas. The factory is now located on the grounds of the Havana Country Club golf course. Only two of the schools were completed, the rest remain as open land. The factory produces the famous Partagas cigar.
• Visit to the old Havana Country Club, a relic of the early days of the Spanish colony with beautifully preserved streets and buildings with hardly any change in their original form. The Club contains a 9-hole golf course, hotel, swimming pools and stables. The Club was built by the Spaniards in the West Indies. The castle was recently renovated and reopened in June 2008. Renovated gardens are the work of the famous French Landscape architect, Forestier.

Day 5. Trinidad
Afternoon: Guided walking tour of Old Havana, UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit to Square of the Constitution, the Spanish Fort, the Parque Central, the Palace of the Captains Generals, the Old Cathedral, the Cathedral of the Holy Cross and Saint Ferdinand, the church of the Convent of the Santísima Trinidad, the Old Hospital, the Plaza de Armas, and the Plaza de la Catedral.

Day 6. Trinidad
Morning: Guided tour of the National Art Schools. The schools were designed and built by architects Fernando Casasod y Dominico Velázquez. Construction was completed in 1937. These buildings are a masterpiece of Cuban art deco architecture and are considered as two of the most outstanding examples of Art Deco architecture in Cuba.
• Visit to the Gran Teatro de La Habana Alicia Alonso Gutiérrez housed in the former Casa de la Ópera. This theatre is currently used for wedding ceremonies for its lavish interiors. Return to hotel.
• Visit to the El Club Latino. This cultural center was built in 1926 by Juan Pedro Baro as a club for the city’s affluent middle class. The club was originally used for dancing and sporting events. Renovated and reopened in June 2008.
• Visit to the majestic Casa de los Capitanes Generales. This building was the seat of the government from 1769 to 1898. The building is considered a marvel of Spanish Baroque architecture and was recently restored and reopened in March 2008.

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Day 8. Trinidad
Morning: We’ll stop at a mirador overlooking the city. We will then walk back down into the city.

Day 9. Departure
Lunch at Palacio del Valle restaurant.
Arrival at “Jose Martí” International Airport in Havana
Flights to Havana from Havana.