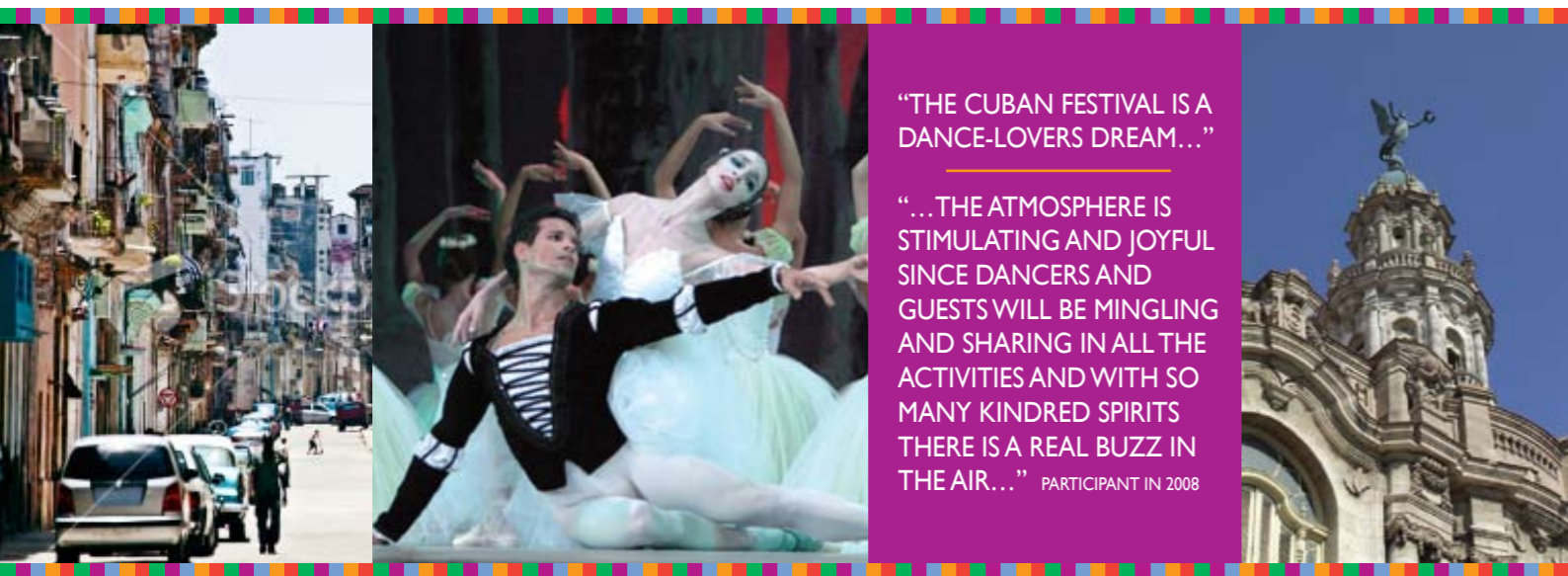


22nd INTERNATIONAL BALLET FESTIVAL OF HAVANA

TRAVEL PROGRAMME
28 OCTOBER – 6 NOVEMBER 2010



"THE CUBAN FESTIVAL IS A DANCE-LOVERS DREAM..."

"... THE ATMOSPHERE IS STIMULATING AND JOYFUL SINCE DANCERS AND GUESTS WILL BE MINGLING AND SHARING IN ALL THE ACTIVITIES AND WITH SO MANY KINDRED SPIRITS THERE IS A REAL BUZZ IN THE AIR..." PARTICIPANT IN 2008

THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THIS ICONIC DANCE FESTIVAL

This is the 22nd renewal of the bi-annual festival and for ten exhilarating days, dancers and guests gather from all over the world to participate in a wealth of ballet all under the keen eye of Cuba's indefatigable founder and prima ballerina assoluta, Alicia Alonso. Internationally famous stars from France, Russia, South America, Germany, Italy, Sweden and the UK all perform for excited audiences offering the latest pyrotechnical wizardries, while western choreographers show off new works created especially for the festival.

However, the highest accolades of the event must go to members of the Ballet Nacional de Cuba (BNC) who are required to take on the Herculean challenge of performing not only full-length classics most nights, as well as demonstrating contemporary works.

In Style Travel has worked closely with BNC to involve you in as much of the 'behind the scenes' activity as possible [always subject to rehearsal restrictions].

Tour 1 - 5 days

WEDNESDAY 27 OCTOBER UK-CUBA

Morning departure from London Gatwick airport on Virgin Atlantic. Early afternoon arrival into Havana. Private transfer to your hotel. "Welcome to Havana" dinner at a nearby restaurant.

THURSDAY 28 OCTOBER HAVANA

After breakfast, rendezvous in the hotel lobby with your guide and tour manager for a morning tour of Havana (on foot and by bus). Havana is probably Latin America's best-preserved colonial city. La Habana Vieja (Old Havana) was founded in 1519 and declared a World Heritage Site in 1982. Visits will be made to: Museo de la Revolución; coffee break at Edificio Bacardi. LUNCH is included at La Mina, continue on to Museo de Bellas Artes (Cuban wing). Remainder of the afternoon at leisure.

Rendezvous in the Bar Anacaona at the Saratoga Hotel for a cocktail before proceeding to the Gran Teatro de la Habana for the Opening Night of the festival [1].

FRIDAY 29 OCTOBER HAVANA-VALLE DE VIÑALES

Rendezvous in the lobby of the hotel with Carolyn and your guide for a full-day excursion. We're deliberately taking you straight out of the city today in order to use our available time to the full. Set off by coach for an excursion to Valle de Viñales. This lush, verdant limestone landscape (160kms to the south-west of Havana) is punctuated by table-top mountains and underground caverns and acclimate that's perfect for growing tobacco. The plantations here supply many of Havana's factories. In the pretty village of Viñales itself, the pace of life is much slower and the day will give you a flavor of the real Cuba. LUNCH is included at Mural de la Prehistoria. Afternoon return to Havana.

Evening performance at International Ballet Festival [2]

SATURDAY 30 OCTOBER BALLET DAY IN HAVANA

After breakfast at the hotel, rendezvous with your guide and tour manager for a day spent with the Ballet Nacional de Cuba. The final details of the programme will be finalised nearer the time. What we hope for is a tour of the theatre, a visit to the Cuban National Ballet School on Paseo del Prado (the largest ballet school in the world), possibly a class and/or rehearsal with the chance to meet with some dancers and leading members of the company and the ballet administration and subject to rehearsal demands, Madame Alonso herself. LUNCH is again included and will be at Restaurant Los Doce Apóstoles close to the harbour entrance.

Evening performance at International Ballet Festival [3]

SUNDAY 31 OCTOBER HEMINGWAY DAY

After breakfast, check-out of your hotel. Today you are going 'in the footsteps' of Ernest Hemingway to places made famous during the time he lived and worked in Havana between 1932 and 1937 (and various other periods during his life).

First, visit the Ernest Hemingway Museum, appropriately housed in Finca Vigia, the villa that the Nobel Prize-winning author bought in 1949 and where he worked on some of his most famous books, including For Whom the Bell Tolls. Preserved with meticulous care, the villa contains most of his possessions and library, kept as they were when the Hemingways left. In the garden is the author's pet cemetery and boat, Pilar, that inspired the classic tale of The Old Man and the Sea. LUNCH is included at Las Terrazas de Cojimar.

Afternoon transfer to Havana airport for the return flight on Virgin Atlantic departing Havana at 17h10.

MONDAY 1 NOVEMBER ARRIVE LONDON

Early morning arrival at London Gatwick airport.

Programme may be subject to change

Tour 2 - 8 days

SUNDAY 31 OCTOBER UK-CUBA

Morning departure from London Gatwick airport on Virgin Atlantic. Early afternoon arrival into Havana. Private transfer to your hotel. "Welcome to Havana" dinner at a nearby restaurant.

Evening performance at International Ballet Festival [1]

MONDAY 1 NOVEMBER HAVANA

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Evening performance at International Ballet Festival [2]

TUESDAY 2 NOVEMBER HAVANA

After breakfast, full day at leisure to explore the city.

Evening performance at International Ballet Festival [3]

WEDNESDAY 3 NOVEMBER HAVANA-VALLE DE VIÑALES

Rendezvous in the lobby of the hotel with Carolyn and your guide for a full-day excursion. We're deliberately taking you straight out of the city today in order to use our available time to the full. Set off by coach for an excursion to Valle de Viñales. This lush, verdant limestone landscape (160kms to the south-west of Havana) is punctuated by table-top mountains and underground caverns and acclimate that's perfect for growing tobacco. The plantations here supply many of Havana's factories. In the pretty village of Viñales itself, the pace of life is much slower and the day will give you a flavor of the real Cuba. LUNCH is included at Mural de la Prehistoria. Afternoon return to Havana.

Evening performance at International Ballet Festival [4]

THURSDAY 4 NOVEMBER BALLET DAY IN HAVANA

After breakfast at the hotel, rendezvous with your guide and tour manager for a day spent with the Ballet Nacional de Cuba. The final details of the programme will be finalised nearer the time. What we hope for is a tour of the theatre,

a visit to the Cuban National Ballet School on Paseo del Prado (the largest ballet school in the world), possibly a class and/or rehearsal with the chance to meet with some dancers and leading members of the company and the ballet administration and subject to rehearsal demands, Madame Alonso herself. LUNCH is again included and will be at Restaurant Los Doce Apóstoles close to the harbour entrance.

Evening performance at International Ballet Festival [3]

FRIDAY 5 NOVEMBER HEMINGWAY DAY



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SATURDAY 6 NOVEMBER HAVANA

Breakfast at the hotel. Day free for independent sightseeing or shopping.

Rendezvous in the Bar Anacaona at the Saratoga Hotel for a cocktail before proceeding to the Gran Teatro de la Habana for the Final Night Gala [1].

SUNDAY 7TH NOVEMBER CUBA-UK

Afternoon transfer to Havana airport for the return flight on Virgin Atlantic departing Havana at 17h10.

MONDAY 8TH NOVEMBER ARRIVE LONDON

Arrive London Gatwick airport at 06h45.

Programme may be subject to change

TOUR PRICES (per person)

SUPPLEMENTS	TOUR 1 5-DAYS/4-NIGHTS		TOUR 2 8-DAYS/7-NIGHTS	
	HOTEL TELEGRAFO	HOTEL SARATOGA	HOTEL TELEGRAFO	HOTEL SARATOGA
	£1,699	£1,999	£1,799	£2,269
SINGLE ROOM FROM	£150	£295	£225	£495
PREMIUM ECONOMY FROM	£399	£399	£399	£399
UPPER CLASS FROM	£1,590	£1,590	£1,590	£1,590
CUBAN TOURIST CARD	£25	£25	£25	£25

THE PRICES INCLUDE:

economy class air travel on non-stop Virgin Atlantic flights including all taxes and surcharges, private transfers and all transportation, hotel accommodation at hotels specified [Deluxe patio rooms at Hotel Saratoga], private sightseeing with one of Havana's top guides including all admission and entry fees, breakfast each day, two dinners [Tour 1 & 2], three lunches [Tour 1] and four lunches [Tour 2], top-category tickets to performances as described, services of a UK tour manager to accompany you throughout each tour.

SUPPORTING BALLET NACIONAL DE CUBA (BNC)

In order to assist BNC in its development of young talent and to provide well needed assistance in the infrastructure of the ballet school and theatres, a donation will be made by In Style Travel and this presentation will be made to Alicia Alonso during the tour.

YOUR HOTELS IN HAVANA

HOTEL SARATOGA

The most luxurious hotel in Cuba and perfectly located for all the performances. Fully refurbished in 2005. Rooftop pool with stunning views over Habana Vieja, two restaurants, 3 bars, gym, spa 24-hour room service.

HOTEL TELEGRAFO

Superb 4-star hotel. Well located in Parque Central area of Old Havana.

HOW TO BOOK

Please contact In Style Travel LLP to check availability and to hold a place. Going by experience of the previous festivals, we expect demand to be very high and urge you to make contact without delay.

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