

# Specialty Program: Featuring Giraldo Piloto's International Festival of the Drum March 8th - 12th, 2018

#### Join us for "La Fiesta Del Tambor" & MetaMovements Most Popular Cultural Programming:



MetaMovements Artists Collective invites you to join us for an exciting whirlwind in Cuba filled with Music, Dance, & Cultural exchange! Enjoy workshops, performances, and some of our featured cultural exchange activities (favorites of past travelers) alongside one of the best festivals that Havana has to offer!

Every year this event draws top musicians, percussionists, and dancers from Cuba & abroad for concerts, gala performances, competitions and master workshops. Whether you are a professional dancer or musician, a beginner just starting to take classes, or simply a lover of cultural performances, we have designed a special program that enables you to experience in the best moments of the festival ... while still enjoying the most popular components of our signature trips-- in a cultural immersion like no other!

#### A look into your daily schedule:

Your mornings will be free to explore the city, enjoy private workshops, or visit the festival for master classes with local & international top level percussionists! Each afternoon you'll enjoy programming provided by MetaMovements --and later in the evening after our cultural programming & workshops we will travel to different locations around the city to enjoy live performances from Havana D' Primera, Los Van Van, Muñequitos de Matanzas, Maykel Blanco, Yoruba Andabo & more!

#### **Highlights of Your Program Schedule:**



\*Experience an inside look into the world-famous Cuban arts & culture scene, including opportunities to watch high level performances, and take workshops with top instructors in your areas of interest

\*The Cuban Panorama: An interactive presentation on the cultural and social history of Cuba, told through its traditional and popular dances!

\*Visit important historical locations including Old Havana and other UNESCO World Heritage Sites

\*Witness Cuba's natural beauty first-hand, from the ocean to the river and the forest, and beautiful endemic flowers and trees

\*Walk down the streets of your hosts' neighborhood to be immersed by the vibrant history and local culture, and learn what "a day in the life" looks like for them.

\*Visit the homes, studios or community revitalization projects of local artists, and learn about the artist movements that are revisualizing art as a vehicle for improving lives, uplifting communities, contributing to health and well-being, and inspiring positive changes for all involved.

\*Stay at a casa particular, dine in local paladares, meet working artists, and learn more about how they are all contributing to the blossoming private sector, developing cultural tourism and a thriving small business economy.

Program: \$1299 for lodging, a full time schedule programming, 6 meals, transportation... and more. To learn more about our programs, policies, and next steps... visit <a href="https://www.voyagetocuba.com/Tambor">www.voyagetocuba.com/Tambor</a>

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### **MetaMovements Cultural Connections Travel Programs**

#### Who We Are & What We Do:

MetaMovements is an entrepreneurial Artist Collective dedicated to using the arts as a tool for transformation. In addition to teaching, performing, and leading community arts projects in the U.S., we also host cultural tours that bring people together for unique, exciting experiences in Cuba. Our director has deep personal ties to Cuba, and for over 20 years has consulted on authentic exchanges and cultural programs between Cuban & U.S. citizens, as well as travelers from all over the world.

".... Cuba was nothing I expected but more than I ever imagined! What a magical place!"
--Maritza A., Dance Professional

#### What's Included:

- 5 days, 4 nights in double-occupancy rooms in a casa particular in the Playa neighborhood of Havana (A central location for festival venues & past travelers' favorite program activities!)
- MetaMovements Activity Package:
  - A full-time schedule of our most popular workshops, performances, & cultural activities that meet current
     US & Cuban regulations, as well as providing advice, documentation and/or reporting as needed
  - Coordination & management of your full schedule of activities
  - A wide range of resources & contacts to quickly adjust your program in the event of any unforeseen circumstances.
    - For example: Road closures, loss of power, event cancellations... the types of things that we know can happen in Cuba!
  - MetaMovements Letter of Certification/Travel Affidavit that all activities comply with current regulations put forth by both the Cuban and US Governments
- MetaMovements Support Package
  - Pre-tour briefing, travel preparation & consultation (please reach out to your MetaMovements liaison to schedule your pre-departure conference call!)
  - "Cuba Crash Course" & orientation to daily life on the island -- we stay current on all of the things you will want to know, so that you can have the most enjoyable trip
  - Ongoing review and legal advice due to the frequently changing regulations in Cuba and the US--we stay updated so that you don't have to worry
  - Knowledgeable MetaMovements liaison & friendly Cuban hosts
  - o 24-hour assistance available for emergencies
  - A neighborhood orientation to understand the lay of the land in your new neighborhood -- know where you can purchase necessary items, which restaurants are recommended by past travelers & our host, and where you can connect to the internet!
- Transportation
  - Transport during included program activities
  - o In addition, your hosts can arrange for transportation upon request, so that you feel enabled to maneuver to different locations around the city in the way that you choose
- Daily breakfast + Two meals





## **MetaMovements Cultural Connections Travel Programs**

### Land Package Cost- \$1299

NOTE: Pricing based on the program as listed. While modifications may become necessary based on availability, timing, unforeseen circumstances, MetaMovements will ensure that any substitutions are of equal quality level & value.

| Trip Length    | 5 days / 4 nights   |
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| Accommodation  | Based on double occupancy in Casa Particular<br>Special note: We do not guarantee roommate matching for single travelers, but if another traveler signs up who'd like to room with you, we'll put you in touch to help you both save on the single upgrade! |
| Meals          | Dally Breakfast + Two meals (Optional Meal plan available)  |
| Transportation | Included to in-schedule/programmed activities   |
| Programming    | Full-time, legal program of 6-8 hours of activities/ day including workshops, performances, & cultural activities! We will be including the festival of the drum performances as well.  |

#### **OPTIONAL ADD-ONS**

(not included in land package, & available upon request)

| Single Room Upgrade  | \$120<br>Enjoy your privacy in your own room within your casa particular!   |
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| Additional Meal Plan | \$10/Meal Enjoy a home cooked meals made by local chefs — specified to your needs! Past travelers have found prepaying meals to be a useful way to reduce costs & time waiting on the ground.   |
| Airport Transfer     | Estimated \$30-50 USD each way Pre arranged Airport pickups can be costly due to flight or luggage delays we've kept this out of your program to help save costs and use the additional funds on what's really been important to past travelers!  |
| Flight Arrangements  | \$45 Some travelers prefer not to sweat their flights if you choose this option MetaMovements will research, select and purchase flight on travelers behalf. Travelers will then be invoiced for flight & fee with land package.  |
| Visa Arrangements    | Varies (~50-\$135) Where available, MetaMovements can arrange visa on travelers behalf. Travelers will then be invoiced for the visa & fee with land package.   |
| Optional Programming | Varies  Examples of additional programming:  • Private or semi private workshops with friendly, knowledgeable professionals who will help you learn whatever your level of experience!  • Special visits to historical sites around the city, museums and more!  • Additional activities like live music, classic car rides, and exciting performances. |



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#### **Additional Costs to Consider**

- Tips & Gratuities: Your MetaMovements leader will advise you on how to budget for this.
- Additional spending money
- Additional drinks, snacks, and meals outside the scheduled meals
- Any optional items as listed above

#### **Payment Notes & Guidelines**

- To register, MetaMovements requires a \$500 **non-refundable** deposit. A place will not be held on the program without deposit and completed travel application.
- Payment is accepted via bank check/money order, PayPal or Credit Card (3% processing fee added to credit card/paypal payments)
- Final registration deadline falls 40 days prior to departure.
- Full payment due 30 days prior to departure.

#### **To Register**

- Complete a travel application : <u>HERE</u> or go to www.voyagetocuba.com/tambor
- Place a deposit: For Credit Cards: <u>HERE</u> or go to https://squareup.com/store/MetaMovements/item/march-travel-program