

The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington King David Society Mission to Cuba

April 12-17, 2016

Draft itinerary as of December 14

Tuesday, April 12

Overnight Miami

Wednesday, April 13

5:00 am	Arrive to airport, meet at Con D. 2 nd floor
8:00 am	Depart Miami on Marazul AA 9454- TBC
9:00 am	Arrive at Jose Marti Airport in Havana – TBC
	Morning to be programmed
1:00 pm	Lunch at La Moneda Cubana
	Afternoon to be programmed
	Check into hotel
6:00 pm	Briefing about the history of the Jewish Community in Cuba and JDC's programs. The briefing is at the hotel and the information is related to all the educational, social, and welfare programs developed for the Jewish Community.
7:30 pm	Dinner at La Guarida - TBC
Overnight:	Melia Cohiba, Havana, Calle 1ra, Havana, Cuba, +53 7 8333636

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Thursday, April 14

	Breakfast
9:00 am	Visit to the Jewish Cemetery to see the Memorial to the Holocaust (the first memorial built in the western hemisphere) and recite Kaddish
	Morning to be programmed
1:00 pm	Lunch at La Casa with guests from the Jewish community- TBC
	Afternoon to be programmed
	Rum tasting at Nacional Hotel
7:30 pm	Dinner at La Moreleja – TBC
10:00 pm	Visit to Tropicana
<i>Overnight:</i>	<i>Melia Cohiba</i>

Friday, April 15

	Breakfast
9:00 am	Walk through the city's Old Jewish Quarter to Adath Israel, Havana's traditional Orthodox synagogue. The synagogue offers morning and evening services, Cuba's only mikvah, a daily minyan and a kosher butcher shop, which has a limited supply of meat for those who are fortunate to have special rations
	Morning to be programmed
12:30 pm	Lunch at El Literol with young leaders of the Jewish community TBC
	Afternoon to be programmed
	Return to the hotel to freshen-up for Shabbat
5:00 pm	Tour the Patronato Synagogue and visit the Community Center, Sunday school and pharmacy. The Patronato features a full library, with an impressive collection of Jewish books and is a popular source of reference and education for Jews throughout Cuba. The pharmacy houses the JDC Cuban Jewish Relief Project, which along with other supporters, attempts to keep the shelves stocked with necessities. The visit includes a briefing by Adela Dworin

6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat services at the Patronato followed by Shabbat dinner with the community

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Saturday, April 16

Breakfast

Depart hotel

9:00 am Visit the Sephardic Hebrew Center, the only Sephardic synagogue in Havana City, founded in 1954. Members hold Kabbalat Shabbat services every week, Shacharit on Saturday mornings and celebrate all Jewish festivals. The center also houses a community Sunday school for adults, as well as a Hebrew Teachers' school

10:00 am Walking Tour of Old Havana

12:30 pm Lunch at Star Bien in Old Havana - TBC

Afternoon to be programmed

Return to the hotel to freshen-up

6:00 pm Participate in Havdalah with the Jewish community, followed by the Israeli Dance Troupe performance. A ceremony marking the conclusion of Shabbat, Havdalah recognizes the separation of the peace of Shabbat and rush of the normal week.

7:00 pm Evaluation session at the Patronata

8:00 pm **Dinner at Vistamar - to be organized by JDC**

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Sunday, April 17

Breakfast and check out

8:00 am Depart for the airport

8:45 am Check in at Jose Marti airport, Terminal 2, Havana

11:45 am Depart Havana to Miami on Marazul AA 9453- TBC

12:45 am Arrive at Miami Airport - TBC

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