

# IFAM International Folk Art Market



## CUBA

### PASSPORT TO FOLK ART TRIP

**Santiago de Cuba, Baracoa,  
Holguín, and Gibara**

February 13 - 22, 2020

### YES, YOU CAN STILL TRAVEL LEGALLY TO CUBA!

Join the International Folk Art Market and Peggy Gaustad on a fully licensed People to People Tour to the Eastern Provinces of Cuba, with its unspoiled landscapes, exotic birds, historical landmarks and remarkable beauty.

#### TRIP HIGHLIGHTS - 9 nights, 10 days on the roads less traveled of Eastern Cuba:

- 4 days in **Santiago de Cuba**, a city rich in history from its founder Diego Velazquez, to Hernán Cortez, Teddy Roosevelt and the Rough Riders, and Cuba's national hero, José Martí. We will visit the community of Mella where IFAM artists, **El Grupo Bayate**, have transformed their town due in large part to their success at the Santa Fe Market. We will spend a day with the Conservator of Santiago in the Sierra Maestra mountains exploring the UNESCO World Heritage Site known as **Los Cafetales**, French coffee plantations founded at the turn of the 19th century.
- 3 days in the beautiful seaside town of **Baracoa**, where Columbus landed in 1492 and proclaimed it to be "the most beautiful land eyes have ever seen." Due to its relative isolation over the past four centuries, Baracoa is steeped in traditions which include a cuisine unique to the area. Here we will visit with IFAM artist, **Leandro Gomez**, whose sculptures of jeeps and trucks depict the main modes of transportation in this remote town. We will be treated to a children's choir performance and visit the Taino community of El Güirito, whose native identity and customs continue to this day.
- From Baracoa we will drive to the city of **Holguín, Santa Fe's Sister City**, to visit the artists of **Cuadernos Papiro**, a fascinating paper and book making studio. They will be participating for the first time at this summer's 2019 Market.
- Our last two nights will find us in the colonial fishing village of **Gibara**, a little gem of a town and a perfect spot to end our journey.

#### TRIP COST:

\$4,220 - per person, double occupancy

\$ 365 - single room supplement

Includes a \$500 donation to IFAM. Space is limited.

**For more information and registration please contact:** Peggy Gaustad – Cuba Travel Specialist  
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## TRIP INCLUDES:

- **Full compliance with US Treasury Department regulations for People to People travel to Cuba**
- All accommodations, 9 nights, 10 days
- All meals, gratuities at meals
- All transfers, excursions and transportation (by modern air conditioned bus)
- Entrance fees to museums, historic sites and performances as per itinerary
- Full time escort and local guides
- \$500 donation to the International Folk Art Market
- Cuban visa and health insurance while in Cuba

## DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Airfare from Miami to Santiago de Cuba and return from Holguin to Miami. **PLEASE NOTE:** *Flight schedules and prices in and out of Eastern Cuba for next February have not yet been announced. Once they are, you will be given instructions on which flights the group will be traveling on.*
- Domestic airfare to/from Miami and overnight in Miami (Feb. 12th) prior to departure at the Crowne Plaza Miami Airport Hotel. A group code will be provided.
- Trip cancelation insurance, strongly recommended
- Airline baggage fees
- Tips for local bus driver and guide
- Personal expenses such as laundry, phone, internet service, mini bar, extra drinks, after hours entertainment

This trip will mark the 22<sup>nd</sup> International Folk Art Market trip to Cuba, led by Cuba specialist and IFAM enthusiast, Peggy Gaustad. As one recent traveler wrote to Peggy: *"I have been thinking about our trip pretty much non-stop since we got back...you gave us such an incredible experience by introducing us to so many facets of Cuban life and art. It was many-textured on numerous levels and I doubt that most travelers would have access to the experiences we did. The love you feel for Cuba and its people was palatable and they return it to you tenfold. I can't thank you enough for opening our hearts and minds to that glorious and generous country."* Anne Battle

*Please note that itineraries are subject to change.*

