

TRAVEL BY

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ASSOULINE

“ Havana was in a perfect state of uniform decay—I was struck by the glorious decay. I tried to imagine the city of my grandparent’s era, full of life and light but the magnificent architecture that had not been touched or preserved was laid out before us in crumbling splendor. It felt like a city that had been in a war—but there was no war. ”

Courtney Tartt Elias



HAVANA RIVIERA
HOTEL

REBECCA BIRDWELL



THE NATIONAL ART
SCHOOL, HAVANA

ANIK PEARSON



STREET MUSICIAN
IN HAVANA

ANKIE BARNES

“ The most inspiring thing about Havana is its sheer magnitude of classical architecture in a tropical setting. Seeing the decay of crumbling buildings juxtaposed against perfectly restored buildings was beautiful in its own right. The social character of the city residents was inspiring as well, with people gathering in the streets, bars and *paladars*. ” **John Howard**

Previous pages: Havana, Cuba, Michael Imber.

Opposite: La Guarida restaurant, Havana, Ankie Barnes.

MUSEUMS

MUSEO DEL ORO
"Tiny, but a must." – Katie Leede

THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART

PALACE OF THE INQUISITION

SAN FELIPE FORT

MARKETS & SHOPS

EL ARCON ANTICUARIO
"An antique shop that reproduces old door knockers." – Katie Leede

CANO
"Specializing in lightweight, well-priced reproductions of pre-Columbian gold jewelry." – Katie Leede

CASA CHIQUI
"Hippy chic decor and jewelry." – Katie Leede

ARTESANIAS DE COLOMBIA
"Beaded mochilas and straw hats." – Katie Leede

LAS BOVEDAS
"Sixteenth-century warehouse spaces now housing artisanal shops." – Richard Mishaan

CHINA BEIJING

HOTELS

PENINSULA BEIJING
"Central location, great services and extremely well-appointed rooms." – Thomas Pheasant

RESTAURANTS

KINGS JOY
"Modern Chinese cuisine focused on vegetarian dishes. Every plate is a theatrical experience." – Thomas Pheasant

WANGFUJING
"An endless row of open-air food vendors in the center of Beijing's shopping district." – Thomas Pheasant

MUSEUMS & CULTURAL SITES

THE FORBIDDEN CITY
"A private guide can bring enormous insight." – Thomas Pheasant

THE EMPEROR'S SUMMER PALACE
"The Chinese equivalent of Versailles. Go on a weekend." – Thomas Pheasant

WUZHEN

RESTAURANTS

SHUSHENG LAMB
"Go for the braised lamb soup noodles." – Jamie Drake

DAN CHA FAN

MUSEUMS & ACTIVITIES

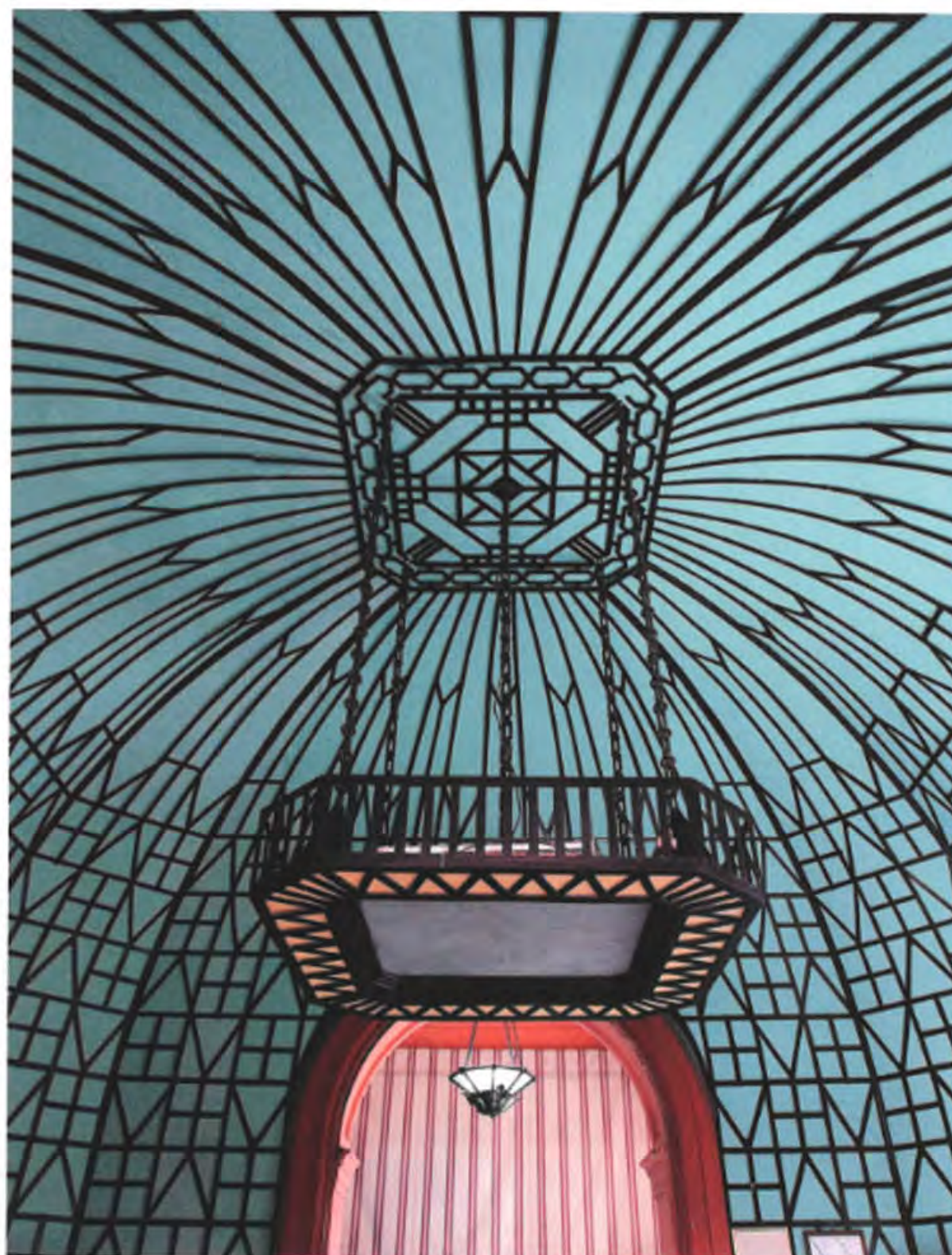
MU XIN ART MUSEUM
"This stunning minimalist building, designed by OLI Architecture, is devoted to the work of Chinese artist Mu Xin." – Jamie Drake

INDIGO FABRIC WORKSHOPS
"An active dying company and museum." – Jamie Drake



MUSICIANS, WUZHEN, CHINA

JAMIE DRAKE



CASA DE CATALINA LASA, HAVANA

MATTHEW TIRSCHWELL

BAMBOO ACROBATIC SHOW
"Gymnasts clamber up flexible bamboo poles of many meters and twist, twirl, and veritably fly." – Jamie Drake

SANBAI DISTILLERY

YIDA SILK WORKSHOP

CUBA

TRAVEL SERVICES

ACADEMIC ARRANGEMENTS ABROAD

ALTOUR

BRIO TRAVEL

ARRANGEMENTS ABROAD

HOTELS

HOTEL SARATOGA
"A beautiful rooftop bar with views of the Capital." – Courtney Tartt Elias

PALACIO O'FARRILL
"In a wonderful neo-classical mansion with an internal courtyard capped with a skylight." – Anik Pearson

HOTEL FLORIDA
"Chic Spanish-Colonial architecture, and located on the bustling O'Reilly pedestrian high street." – Anik Pearson

RESTAURANTS

PALADAR DONA EUTIMIA

CAFE LAURENT

HABANA 61

PALADAR LA GUARIDA
"A special treat. Everything is so genuine in the way it is prepared and served." – Sheldon Harte

EL LITORAL

IVAN JUSTO'S "AL CARBON"

MUSEUMS & ACTIVITIES

THE TROPICANA CLUB
"What a blast, and a blast from the past. The music, entertainment and costumes were beyond fabulous." – Courtney Tartt Elias

MUSEO NACIONAL DE BELLAS ARTES DE LA HABANA