



#### Public Holidays

January 1 – Triumph of the Revolution/Liberation Day

January 2 – Victory of Armed Forces Day

January 28 – Birthday of Jose Marti

Variable – Good Friday

May 1 – Labor Day

July 25 – 27 National Revolutionary Festival

October 10 – Independence day

December 31 – Year End Celebration

#### Cultural Festivals

April: PERCUBA – International Percussion and drum Festival – Havana

May: Festival de Baile – dance, Santiago de Cuba.

May Festival – traditional music and dance – Holguin

June: Festival Bolerps de Oro – Concerts by Cuban and international performers of Bolero songs-  
Havana, Santiago and Moron.

August: Cubadanza – contemporary dance. Havana

Festival de Rap Cubana – Havana Hip hop, Alamar

September(Biennially): Matamoros Sun – Festival of Son music

October(Biennially): Havana International Ballet Festival- Ballet Nacional de Cuba hosts international companies.

November: Festival de Raices Africanas Wemilere – Government sponsored Afro-Cuban festival. Guanabacoa

December: International Festival of New Latin American Cinema, Havana

Havana International Jazz Festival, Havana

Fiesta a la Guantanamo – Afro-Cuban and French-Italian music, culture and folklore. Guantanamo

#### Christmas Carnival

A highly popular carnival-like event lasting for much of Advent is the Parrandas de Remedios. Held in Remedios and neighboring villages from December 16 to 26. Originating in 1829, when the parish priest of Remedios got the village children to bang on sheets of tía to wake up the inhabitants for Advent Mass, the festival begins with a children's parade and culminates in a contest between two quarters of the town, San Salvador and Carmen, to make the most noise. The Christmas Eve festivities culminate with a massive fireworks display, but never before the wee hours.