

# Traveling to Cuba



## About your destination

Cuba, officially the Republic of Cuba (Spanish: República de Cuba ), is a unitary sovereign state comprising the island of Cuba as well as Isla de la Juventud and several minor archipelagos. Cuba is located in the northern Caribbean where the Caribbean Sea, the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic Ocean meet. It is south of Florida and the Bahamas, west of Haiti and north of Jamaica. Havana is the largest city and capital; other major cities include Santiago de Cuba and Camagüey. Cuba is the largest island in the Caribbean, with an area of 109,884 square kilometres (42,426 sq mi), and the second-most populous after Hispaniola, with over 11 million inhabitants. Prior to Spanish colonization in the late 15th century, Cuba was inhabited by Amerindian tribes. It remained a colony of Spain until the Spanish–American War of 1898, which led to nominal independence as a de facto United States protectorate in 1902. As a fragile republic, Cuba attempted to strengthen its democratic system, but mounting political radicalization and social strife culminated in the dictatorship of Fulgencio Batista in 1952. Further unrest and instability led to Batista's ousting in January 1959 by the July 26 Movement, which afterwards established a government under the leadership of Fidel Castro. Since 1965, the country has been governed by the Communist Party of Cuba.



## Good to know

**Language** Spanish (official)

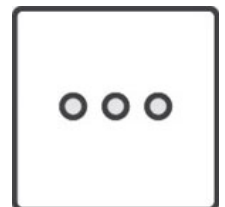
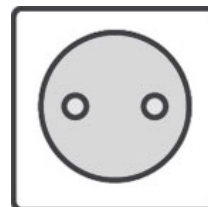
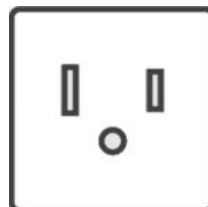
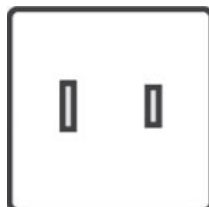
**Timezone** America/Havana

**Currency** Peso Convertible

Rates	Canadian Dollar	Euro	Pound Sterling	US Dollar	Yen
	1,30	0,88	0,69	1,00	106,75

**Electricity**

**110 / 220**  
**Volt**  
60 Herz



## Health and risks

**Water** Drinking tap water in Cuba is not safe

**Vaccinations** **Hepatitis A**  
Vaccination is recommended for all travelers to this country

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The vaccination advice is personal. Consult a qualified medical professional to determine whether vaccination is useful for you

### DTP

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