



Cuba Guide for Consumers

Group Voyagers, Inc.*, is an organization licensed by the United States Department of the Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC), CFR 515.565(b) and authorized to provide those who register as participants in our programs to visit Cuba legally for educational *people-to-people* interactions. Our itineraries provide a full-time schedule of *people-to-people* educational exchange activities designed to result in meaningful interactions between our travelers and individuals in Cuba. United States law requires that all participants in our programs adhere to the full-time schedule of *people-to-people* activities.

Due to the nature of the program, United States law requires adherence to a special set of guidelines for travel on these unique programs. Please read these guidelines carefully, and call our special Cuba connection line at 855.522.4880 or visit www.GlobusJourneys.com/Cuba if you have questions.

Legal Travel to Cuba

- You will travel with Globus or Cosmos on a *people-to-people* educational exchange program, operated under an OFAC general license, and you will therefore be legally licensed and authorized to travel to Cuba. The Globus family of brands previously applied for and received individual licenses from OFAC. Thus, travelers with Globus or Cosmos can be confident that our itineraries are compliant with all OFAC requirements.
- You should be aware that you are not traveling to Cuba as a “tourist.” You will be traveling as part of a *people-to-people* educational exchange program and must participate in all program activities.

About our People-to-People Educational Exchange Programs

- Globus offers several different programs to the island nation of Cuba, all featuring full-time schedules of *people-to-people* educational exchanges and allowing you to see everything, from the bustling streets of Havana to the tranquil waters of Eastern Cuba. On our Cosmos program, you will explore some of Cuba’s most historic towns, the capital city of Havana, and the country’s rich tobacco-growing region.
- Under the requirements set forth by OFAC, you must participate in a full-time schedule of *people-to-people* activities. These activities will provide a rewarding cultural and educational exchange and give you the opportunity to engage directly with the Cuban people. Our experience has found that Cubans are interested and well informed about world events, and are open to discussing the pros and cons of their country.
- While full participation in our scheduled program is required during the day, you are able to explore on your own during early morning hours or in the evenings.
- *People-to-people* interactions allow you to share your culture and ideas with the Cuban people while learning about them at the same time. These interactions rely on you getting involved in conversations and interactions with local Cubans. You will travel with a Globus or Cosmos Group Leader as well as a Cuban National Tour Director who will help facilitate these interactions.
- Things work differently in Cuba than here at home. Activities that have been scheduled far in advance can sometimes become unavailable for a number of different reasons. The purpose of the trip is to have meaningful interactions with the locals and if the planned *people-to-people* educational exchange isn’t available, rest assured that another will be substituted that will be just as enriching.

¹*Group Voyagers, Inc. is the company that markets and sells the Globus family of brands.

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- Small groups of no more than 24-30 participants ensure our travelers and the Cuban people will get the most out of your *people-to-people* educational/cultural exchange program.
- Checks, credit cards, and debit cards issued by United States banks were not previously usable in Cuba; this is changing with new regulations, and more businesses will start to accept these for purchases or withdrawals. Travelers are advised to check with their institution before traveling to Cuba to determine whether their institution has established the necessary mechanisms for its credit or debit cards to be used in Cuba.
- It is still advisable to bring cash in order to make purchases in Cuba, as many places will most likely not accept credit cards. Travelers should plan to travel with enough cash to cover your needs for the trip. U.S. Dollars, Canadian Dollars, or Euros can be exchanged for Cuban Convertible Pesos (CUC) at the airport, exchange bureaus, banks, or hotels. You cannot obtain Cuban currency in the United States. For your convenience, very little spending money is needed for this program, as the majority of meals, activities, and gratuities are included. You should plan to bring as much cash as you would normally spend on incidentals while traveling elsewhere.
- As required by Cuban government regulations, Cuban health insurance is included in the cost of all airline tickets. This protects you should you need medical assistance while in Cuba. The following coverage applies: \$25,000 to cover emergency medical costs incurred in Cuba and a maximum of \$7,000 evacuation insurance provided only if a Cuban doctor states that evacuation must happen in order to receive adequate treatment. Globus and Cosmos also offer Travel Protection Plus. See our brochure or website for details.
- There are no longer daily spending limits for Americans traveling in Cuba. Any items brought back to the United States, including alcohol and tobacco, must be imported for personal use, and limits on duty and tax exemptions will apply. For the most-up-to-date information, please visit: <https://www.cbp.gov/travel/international-visitors/kbyg/customs-duty-info>

Making a Booking

- You can book these programs as you would any Globus or Cosmos tour.
- Payment must come directly from you to Globus/Cosmos using any of our accepted forms of payment (checks, money orders, Visa, MasterCard, Discover/Novus, or American Express). You may not make payment directly to a travel agent. Your travel agent may assist you in making the payment by mailing the check or providing Globus/Cosmos your credit card information.
- If purchasing your airline ticket through Globus/Cosmos, your arrival and departure in Cuba must match the program start and end dates.
- Whether you purchase your airline tickets to Cuba through Globus/Cosmos or independently, there is a Cuban departure tax of 25 CUC (\$25 USD) that must be pre-paid, and it will be included in the cost of your airline ticket.
- Your arrival and departure transfer are included in Cuba and must match the program's start and end dates. Transfers cannot be provided if you join late or leave early. Flight information is required for transfers. Please see travel documents for full details regarding set pick up times. For early departures, please note that breakfast cannot be provided.

Pre-Trip Documentation

- A passport (valid for at least six months after the scheduled return date) is required for this trip.
- A visa is required to visit Cuba. Your airline will help you obtain the visa and advise cost. Visa pricing begins at approximately \$50 USD per person.
- Due to the special requirements to visit Cuba, you will be required to complete the following forms and return them to Globus/Cosmos within 7 days of making a reservation.

If these documents are not provided to Globus/Cosmos, you will not be allowed to travel:

- A travel affidavit form confirming you are traveling under a *people-to-people* license and will participate in a full-time schedule of educational exchange activities
 - A color photocopy of the photo page of your valid passport
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- If you are not U.S. citizen or a legal resident, you may still travel to Cuba with Globus and Cosmos. However, any non-U.S. citizen who chooses to travel on this program must comply with the same rules and paperwork required for U.S. citizens.
 - You will receive detailed Cuba Travel Tips following your reservation, and these are available on our website as well. You will also receive typical Globus/Cosmos travel documents, which will be sent approximately 2-3 weeks prior to travel. Additionally, you will receive a Letter of Authorization from Globus/Cosmos stating that you have permission to travel under our license. You should keep this Letter of Authorization as part of your travel documents and save it on file for 5 years. Additional details are included in the letter.

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