ITU Regional Radiocommunication Seminar for the Americas RRS-23-Americas

Havana, Cuba, May 8-12, 2023

GENERAL INFORMATION

Introduction

This document provides practical information about the event, as well as guides for your visit to Havana to participate in this Seminar.

Venue of the Event

The Seminar will be held at the emblematic Hotel Nacional de Cuba (HNC), which is located at: Calle 21 and O, Havana https://goo.gl/maps/RoJXaosLAqZoc3CAA)



Passports& visas.

The visitors must have a valid passport, or a travel document issued in their name and the corresponding visa or Tourist Card. The countries with which Cuba maintains free visa agreements are excepted. The Tourist Cards can be requested before the Cuban consular representations. Also, in travel agencies and airlines. They are of two types: for individual tourists or for tourists traveling in a group. More information:

https://www.cuba.travel/informacion-util/regulaciones-y-tramites

Visitors also shall, before traveling fill out the form: *Traveller Advanced Information*, available at: <u>https://www.dviajeros.mitrans.gob.cu/datosPersonales</u>

COVID-19

The Cuban borders remain open and the country's airports operational since November 15, 2021.

- \rightarrow Negative PCR is not required to enter Cuba nor a vaccination certificate.
- \rightarrow Nor is a mandatory quarantine required for travellers from abroad.

Places in Cuba where PCR is done (if necessary).

- \rightarrow Camilo Cienfuegos Clinic: Calle L No. 151 e/ Línea y 13, Vedado.
- → Siboney International Clinic: Ave. 17 No. 20005 between 200 and 202, Siboney, Playa.

Health insurance:

As of May 1, 2010, the Cuban authorities require travel insurance with coverage for medical expenses to enter the country.

When traveling to Cuba you can purchase insurance of this type in your country of origin, prior to the trip, or you can purchase it upon arrival in Cuba, at the point of entry into the country.

More information: http://www.cuba.travel/informacion-util/salud-y-seguridad.

Currencies & Banks

The national currency in Cuba is the Cuban Peso (CUP), which is equivalent to 100 cents. Bills of 1, 3, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200, 500 and 1000 pesos circulate, as well as fractional coins of 1.3 and 5 pesos and 5 and 20 cents.

The exchange of freely convertible currencies to Cuban pesos (CUP) is carried out at airports, banks, hotels, exchange houses (CADECA) and shopping centers; always regarding the current exchange rate of the different currencies according to the fluctuations in the world market.

To travel to Cuba, the traveller or tourist may enter in cash any foreign currency accepted by the Central Bank of Cuba to be exchanged to Cuban peso (CUP) (Canadian dollar, Euro, Swiss Franc, Pound Sterling, Japanese Yen, New Mexican Peso).

The Cuban Peso is not valid or changeable outside of Cuban territory, so you must change back at departure.

To make purchases and payments for services you can use MLC Prepaid Cards.

You can purchase the cards in the network of CADECA offices, airports, hotels and ports.

It is acquired in the currencies quoted by CADECA (Canadian dollar, Euro, Swiss Franc, British Pound, Japanese Yen, New Mexican Peso).

Valid for the payment of goods and services in the commercial network such as hotel reservations, excursions, purchases in stores, purchase of airline tickets, car rental, restaurant and cafeteria services, among others.

At the client's request, the balance of the card is reimbursed by the Exchange Houses (CADECA) in freely convertible currency, upon leaving the country, at international airports, in any of the foreign currencies accepted by the country.

To consult the exchange rate, it is recommended to refer to: https://www.cadeca.cu

Mobile line for your stay in Cuba

CubacelTur is a temporary telephone line that has a life cycle of 30 days from its activation and includes an initial basic package with data resources, minutes and SMS.

For more information you can refer to the following page: CubacelTur.pdf

Internet access

A wireless network will be available to attendees in the meeting rooms during the event.

Official language

In Cuba the official language is Spanish.

Local time

GMT-5.

Climate

Cuba is a tropical country, seasonally humid, with maritime influence and semicontinental features; however, other climatic times coexist located in the mountainous systems and on the coasts. In the month of May, temperatures fluctuate between 22° and 30° Celsius.

Electricity

The electric supply in Cuba is 110 volts, at 60 Hz. <u>Type A plug is the standard</u>, however there are also sockets for type B plugs.



Type A, NEMA 1, 2 pole.



Type B, NEMA 5, 3 pole.

Tips

It is customary to leave 10% of the cost of the service in cafeterias and restaurants and tip porters and porters.

Emergency numbers

National Police Emergencies: 106

International Clinic "Cira Garcia": 7204 03 30, 7204 28 11

Fire Dept.: 105

Contacts for the Event

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