

Accessible Americas 2021

Information and Communication Technologies for ALL

29 November -1 December 2021 | Varadero, Cuba

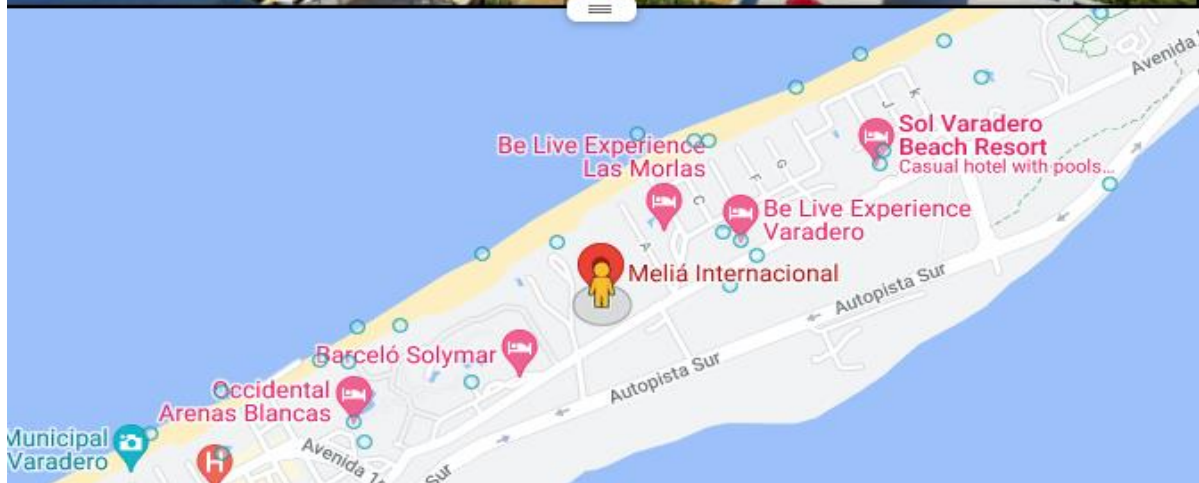
Organized by the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) in partnership with the Ministry of Communications (MINCOM) of the Republic of Cuba.



Event Venue

The Accessible Americas 2021 will be held from 29 November to 1st December at the *Melia Internacional Varadero*, located at: Avenida Las Americas, Km 1 Varadero, Cuba.





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Hotel

HOTEL	ROOM	RATE in USD	COMMENTS
Melia Internacional Varadero Address: Avenida Las Americas, Km 1 Varadero, Cuba. Check In: 15:00 hs Check Out: 12:00 hs	Single	\$144.00	All-inclusive
	Double	\$100.00	

To book the hotel please access the link below:

Website: <http://americaaccesible.cubagrouplanner.com/>

Further information related to the hotel reservation, please contact:

E-mail: yanet.bellon@solways.com



Airport-City Transportation

Private Transfers (Origin-Destination)	TAXI 2 pax in USD	Microbus 3-6 pax in USD	Minibus 7-12 pax in USD
Airport Habana-Hotel Habana	\$27.00	\$44.00	\$53.00
Airport Habana-Hotel Varadero	\$131.00	\$150.00	\$173.00
Hotel Habana-Airport Habana	\$27.00	\$44.00	\$53.00
Hotel Habana-Hotel Varadero	\$144.00	\$186.00	\$197.00
Airport Varadero-Hotel Varadero	\$44.00	\$58.00	\$64.00
Hotel Varadero-Airport Habana	\$149.00	\$177.00	\$192.00
Hotel Varadero-Airport Varadero	\$44.00	\$58.00	\$64.00



Hotel Varadero- Hotel Habana	\$144.00	\$186.00	\$197.00
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Passports & visas

The visitor must have a valid passport, or a travel document issued with his/her name and the corresponding visa or Tourist Card. The countries with which Cuba maintains free visa agreements are exempted. Tourist Cards can be requested before Cuban consular representations, and in travel agencies and airlines. They are of two types: for individual tourists or for tourists traveling in groups.

Business trips, journalism, extended stays or work, require special visas, so you should contact the Cuban Consulates or Embassies.

Further information at: <http://www.cuba.travel/en/useful-information/regulations-and-formalities>

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Health insurance

The Cuban government requires Travel Medical Insurance covered by Medical Expenses and valid for the entire period of stay. All those people who are interested in traveling to Cuba are obliged to provide a Medical Insurance that covers all medical expenses in case of illness or accident.

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

Travel to Cuba:

As part of the Organizing Committee of the Accessible América 2021 event that will take place at the Meliá Internacional Hotel, the Ministry of Public Health issues the following guidelines and sanitary requirements to guarantee maximum health security for all participants in the event and minimize the risk of introduction and spread of diseases, mainly COVID-19. Taking into account the current international and national epidemiological situation of COVID-19:

- The current vaccination campaign against COVID-19 being carried out in the country, where it is expected that 90% of the Cuban population will be vaccinated.



- Assuming that the national epidemiological picture regarding COVID-19 has improved,

The event will be limited to a single tourist facility, establishing the following health requirements for participants:

- All participants must travel to Cuba with documentary or digital evidence of the complete Anti COVID-19 vaccination scheme of the vaccines approved by the [World health Organization - WHO](#).
- In the event that a foreign participant is not vaccinated, they must present the negative result of a PCR-RT test carried out by a Certified Laboratory in the country of origin 72 hours before making the trip to Cuba.
- All foreign participants will be subjected to a COVID-19 test upon arrival in Cuba.

Sanitary requirements for national participants:

- All national participants must present the negative result of a RT-PCR test carried out by a Certified Laboratory in the country 48 hours before starting the event. **Rapid tests for COVID-19 will not be accepted.**
- No one with respiratory signs and symptoms will be allowed to participate in the event.

Sanitary requirements for all participants during the event:

- Mandatory use of a mask at all times, with greater emphasis on the sections within the halls where the event takes place.
- All social distancing measures, use of hand sanitizers, and avoid close contact between participants must be strictly respected.
- Before the start of the sections, everyone will be subject to temperature control and epidemiological surveillance by the health personnel of the facility, or the person designated for that purpose.
- A person with signs and symptoms of respiratory illness will not be allowed to attend any section and will be subject to a COVID-19 test.



Regarding sanitary hygiene measures around the event:

- Rooms must be used for work sections according to the number of participants in said event.
- Crowding of people in narrow or small spaces will be avoided at all times.
- Disinfection with alcohol or chlorinated substances will be carried out on all surfaces and objects of common use in all classrooms and between each section.
- The tourist facility will guarantee the presence of stations for the disinfection of hands at all the entrances of the section rooms, as well as in the areas of common use of the participants.
- The activities of snacks and feeding of the participants will be carried out in areas outside the section rooms, preferably in naturally ventilated spaces.
- State Sanitary Inspection actions will be carried out in all food production and distribution processes.
- All participants will be obliged to respect the action protocols designed by the Ministry of Tourism and Public Health for the care of people in tourist facilities and events that are in force.
- An Integrated Medical Emergency System (SIUM-ambulance) will be permanently enabled in the hotel facilities. Composed of 1 doctor, 1 medical graduate and 1 paramedic.
- The hotel counts with a 24-hour medical consultation.
- Capacities will be enabled at the Varadero International Clinic.



Currencies and Banks

The Cuban Pesos (CUP) is the official currency that circulates in Cuba. It can be obtained when arriving in the country, at the airport, hotels, banks, and money exchange houses (Cadecas). The international exchange currencies are Euro, Canadian dollar, British pound, Swiss francs, Mexican pesos, and Japanese yen, according to the current exchange rate.



It is possible to use some credit cards in Cuba (Visa, MasterCard, Access, Eurocard, Banamex, among others, with their specifications) although it is recommended to always carry cash.

More information: <http://www.cuba.travel/en/useful-information/cuban-currency>



Official Language

In Cuba, the official language is Spanish.



Internet Access

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



Emergency Numbers

- Emergencies National Police: 106
- International Clinic Varadero. 45667226, 45614755
- Fire Dept.: 105

Helpful Tips

- Due to the characteristics of the climate, the use of light clothing, preferably cotton, is advised. Be sure to pack your bathing suit and sun blocker lotion. A sweater or light jacket may be in handy when traveling through the mountain areas or in winter.
- Appliances in the country run on 110 volts, 60 cycles however many hotels have 220v electric current and take flat-pronged plugs.
- ***Make sure not to bring US dollars, in Cuba you can use Euros, Swiss Franc, Canadian Dollar, British Pound, among others ...***



them on the registration form by **1st November 2021**. ITU will strive to meet your requirements, subject to availability of resources.

Documentation

All documentation including agenda, information on speakers, related events is posted on the [website](#).

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