

The ITU Global Youth Summit 2025 (GYS-25)

Organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) in close collaboration with the Ministry of Communications of Cuba (MINCOM)

Practical information about the event

Varadero, Cuba, from 11-13 March 2025



Dónde y cuándo

The ITU Global Youth Summit 2025 (GYS-25) will be held in Varadero, Cuba, from 11-13 March 2025 in the [Hotel Meliá Internacional Varadero](#).



Hotel	Room type	Price in USD By night Per person All inclusive	Contact for the reservation
Hotel Meliá Internacional Varadero	Classic Single	182	esp1.eventos@havanatur.cu
	Classic Double	135	
Hotel Barceló Solymar	Classic Single	132	
	Classic Double	107	

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Hotel Las Morlas	Classic Single	123	esp1.eventos@havanatur.cu
	Classic Double	99	

Participants will have access to all official and social activities related to the event at no cost. However, participants who are not staying at the hotel and wish to use additional hotel services will need to individually cover the corresponding costs. For example, the hotel's All-Inclusive service costs \$75 USD per day

Registration of participants

Participation in the GYS-25

Open to:

- ITU Members
- Generation Connect Youth Envoys
- Young guests from the UN and other related organizations

Format: In-person

Registration Process

Create an ITU user account (if you don't already have one):

1. If you are affiliated with an ITU Member, your affiliation must be approved by the TIES Coordinator before proceeding.

1.Complete the registration:

1. Access the form available [\[here\]](#) using your ITU user account credentials.
2. Fill out the registration application form and submit it.
3. You will receive an acknowledgment email after submission.

2.Approval:

1. Your application will be reviewed by the designated ITU-D Coordinators.
2. Once approved, you will receive a confirmation email.

Medical Services

Health Management Post: Located at the Regional Base in Matanzas, operational to coordinate any situation during the event.

Provincial Coordination Center: Active 24/7 during the event days to ensure emergency coordination.

Emergency Numbers:

- Quick-dial emergency number: 104.
- Landline available: (45) 288400.

These numbers will be accessible to support personnel.

Hotel Medical Office:

- Operational 24/7 with a doctor and nurse on site.
- Equipped with necessary medications and resources to handle medical consultations and non-emergency conditions.

Emergency Medical Care:

- Advanced Life Support Ambulance (call sign 233), available with an experienced doctor, nurse, and paramedic.
- Equipped with tools and medications for initial care of critical patients.
- Capable of transporting patients to primary or secondary intensive care facilities as required.

Medical Services

Flow for National Patients:

- They will be transferred to the Municipal Intensive Care Area at the Ramón Martínez Polyclinic in Varadero.
- If prolonged care is needed, they will be taken to the Provincial Hospital Comandante Faustino Pérez, where the required service will be evaluated and determined.

Flow for Foreign Patients:

- They will first be transferred to the International Clinic of Varadero for case reevaluation.
- If prolonged care is needed:
 - They will be transferred to the AMI Ward at the Provincial Hospital Faustino Pérez or the Intensive Care Unit, depending on the complexity of the case.
 - Patients under 19 years old will be transferred to the AMI Ward at the Eliseo Noel Camaño Pediatric Hospital in Matanzas.
- If tertiary care is required, they will be transported via Advanced Life Support Ambulance (AVA) to the Cira García Hospital in Havana.

Medical Services

Travel Time Estimates for Transfers

- **From Hotel Meliá Internacional to the International Clinic:**

Distance: 4 kilometers

Travel Time: 3 minutes

- **From Hotel Meliá Internacional to the Municipal Intensive Care Area at the Ramón Martínez Polyclinic:**

Distance: 10 kilometers

Travel Time: 5 minutes

- **From Hotel Meliá Internacional to the International Medical Care Ward and Intensive Care Unit:**

Distance: 50 kilometers

Travel Time: 30 minutes

Transportation

- **Courtesy of the Cuban Organizing Committee:**

- From José Martí International Airport (Havana) to the hotel and back:

- **Schedules:**

- 12:00 p.m.
 - 8:00 p.m.

- Transporte del Aeropuerto Internacional Juan Gualberto Gómez (Matanzas) al hotel y viceversa.

- **Schedules:**

- 12:00 m
 - 8:00 p.m

- **Recommendation:**

It is preferable to arrive through Juan Gualberto Gómez International Airport (Matanzas).

- **Transportation reservation:**

Contact Reinier Arredondo, Havanatur Specialist.

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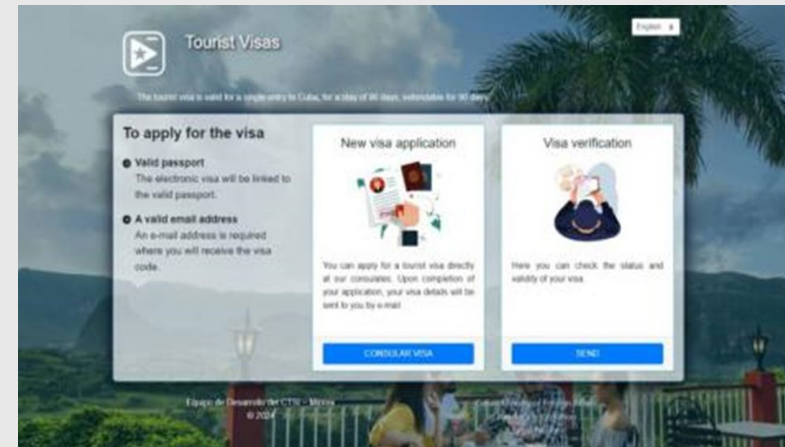
Passports and Visas

•Requirements:

- A valid passport or travel document in the visitor's name.
- Visa or Tourist Card (except for countries with visa-free agreements).

•Tourist Card Applications:

- Cuban consular offices.
- Travel agencies and airlines.
- Types:
 - Individual
 - Groups



•More Information:

- [Regulations and procedures](#)
- Online visa application: <https://evisacuba.cu/>
- Visa: Carlos Miguel Pereira Yañez, carlos.pereira@mincom.gob.cu
- Phone: +53 50641144
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Prior to Your Arrival

72 hours prior to your arrival in Cuba, you must complete the D'Viajeros digital form, which can be accessed and downloaded via the following link: <https://www.dviajeros.mitrans.gob.cu>

Currency in Circulation in Cuba

- **National Currency:** Cuban Peso (CUP)

1 CUP = 100 cents.

- **Banknotes in circulation:**

- Denominations :1, 3, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200, 500 and 1000 pesos.

- **Coins in circulation:**

- Fractions: 1, 3, and 5 pesos
- Centavos: 5 and 20.

Currency Exchange

- **Locations for exchanging foreign currency to CUP:** Airports, Banks, Hotels, Exchange bureaus (CADECA).
- **Exchange rate:**
Based on global market fluctuations.

Entry of Foreign Currency

•Currencies accepted for exchange to CUP:

- US Dollar.
- Canadian Dollar.
- Euro.
- Swiss Franc.
- British Pound.
- Japanese Yen.
- Mexican Peso.

•Important Note:

- The Cuban Peso (CUP) is neither valid nor exchangeable outside of Cuba.
- Before departing, any remaining CUP must be exchanged.

Payments in Cuba

•Purchases and service payments:

- Can be made using MLC (Freely Convertible Currency) Prepaid Cards.

Acquiring Prepaid Cards

Where to obtain them: CADECA offices, airports, hotels, and ports.

Use of Cards

Valid for payments in:

- Goods and services in the commercial network.
- Hotel reservations.
- Excursions.
- Shopping in stores.
- Purchasing airline tickets.
- Car rentals.
- Services in restaurants and cafeterias.

Balance Refund

How and Where:

- Upon the client's request, the balance is refunded in Freely Convertible Currency (MLC).
- Available at Exchange Bureaus (CADECA) in international airports.
- Refunds are provided in any foreign currency accepted by the country.

Exchange Rate Consultation:

<https://www.cadeca.cu>

Accepted Payment Cards:

- Visa, Mastercard, Union Pay, Ocean Card, CABAL, American International Service (AIS)

Restriction:

- Cards issued by institutions in the United States do not work in Cuba.

Language, Interpretation, and Subtitles

- **Official language in Cuba:** Spanish.
- **Plenary session:**
 - Simultaneous interpretation in the six official ITU languages.
- **Other spaces:**
 - Interpretation in Spanish and English.

Internet Access

- **Availability:**
 - Wireless network provided for attendees.
 - Access available in meeting rooms during the event.

Mobile Line for Your Stay in Cuba

CubacelTur:

- Temporary phone line for visitors.
- **Lifecycle:** 30 days from activation.
- **Initial basic package includes:**
 - Data resources, minutes, and SMS.

More information:

Visit: <http://cubaceltur.com/>

Additional Information

Local Time:

- GMT-5

Weather:

- Tropical country, seasonally humid, with maritime influence and semi-continental characteristics.
- Local climate variations in mountainous and coastal areas.

Temperatures: Between 22°C and 30°C.

Tipping:

- It is customary to leave a 10% tip for services in cafés and restaurants.
- Tipping porters and bellhops is also common.

Electricity

- **Voltage:** 110 volts at 60 Hz.
- **Plug types:**
 - Standard: **Type A**.
 - Occasionally available: **Type B**



Type A



Type B

Event Contacts

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