



Country Profile: Cuba

Cuba is a totalitarian police state which relies on repressive methods to maintain control. These methods, including intense physical and electronic surveillance of Cubans, are also extended to foreign travelers. Americans visiting Cuba should be aware that any encounter with a Cuban could be subject to surreptitious scrutiny by the Castro regime's secret police, the General Directorate for State Security (DGSE). Also, any interactions with average Cubans, regardless of how well intentioned the American may be, can subject that Cuban to harassment. The regime is strongly anti-American, yet desperate for U.S. dollars to prop itself up. The United States does not have full diplomatic relations with Cuba, but provides consular and other services through the U.S. Interests Section in Havana. The U.S. Interests Section operates under the legal protection of the Swiss government but is not co-located with the Swiss Embassy. Read the Department of State [Background Notes](#) on Cuba for additional information.

COUNTRY OVERVIEW



Country Name:	Cuba
Continent:	Caribbean
Capital City:	Havana
Boundary Countries:	
Recommended Hospitals in Capital:	Cienfuegos: Hospital Clinico Quirlurgico
Main Cities:	Havana, Santiago de Cuba, Cienfuegos, Guantanamo, Manzanillo, Las Tunas, Nuevitas, Santa Clara, Matanzas, Pinar del Rio, Bayamo
Country Size:	110,860 sq km
Population:	11,394,043

COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

Language:	Spanish
Currency:	Cuban Peso (CUP) and Convertible Peso (CUC); note- Cuba has three currencies in circulation: the Cuban peso (CUP), the convertible peso (CUC), and the US Dollar (USD)
Predominant Religions:	nominally 85% Roman Catholic prior to CASTRO assuming power; Protestants, Jehovah's Witnesses, Jews, and Santeria are also represented
National Holidays:	Triumph of the Revolution, 1 January (1959)
Economic Status:	The government continues to balance the need for economic loosening against a desire for firm political control. The average Cuban's standard of living remains at a lower level than before the downturn of the 1990s.
Security:	Revolutionary Armed Forces (FAR): Revolutionary Army (ER), Revolutionary Navy (Marina de Guerra Revolucionaria, MGR), Revolutionary Air and Air Defense Force (DAAFAR), Youth Labor Army (EJT)
US Presence:	U.S. Embassy Havana Calzada between L & M Streets, Vedado Havana, Cuba Phone: (+53) 7839-4100

Major Airports:	Airports: 170, Airports with paved runways: 78 La Havana- Jose Marti International Airport (HAV/MUHA) Havana Airport, Cuba, Rancho Boyeros, Havana, CUBA Tel: +53 (0)6 497 063 Fax: +53 (0)6 495 723 E-mail: aijm@hav.ecasa.avianet.cu Website: www.airportcuba.com/?Action=Airport_JM Customs, hours: 24 hours
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