

FACT SHEET

# Flying Cuba from U.S Made Easy



## What is operating Cuba?

For many people operating in Cuba may be complex due to the type of political system in the country. However when it comes in the preparation of a flight to any Cuban airport it is just enough to meet requirements that most countries worldwide request.

Cuba is becoming a very popular international destination as result of the resent diplomatic relations improvement with the United States. More charter and private flights are arriving into the Cuban airports especially in the airport Jose Marti in Havana. This airport has 5 terminals, terminals 1, 2 & 3 are in use for international and domestic commercial flights, terminals 4 & 5 are used for charter and private flights.

## Who can travel to Cuba from US?

Travel to Cuba for tourist activities remains prohibited by statute. There are, however, 12 categories of authorized travel. The Department of Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) has issued general licenses in all 12 categories of authorized travel, subject to appropriate conditions. This means that individuals who meet the regulatory conditions of the respective general license they seek to travel under do not need to apply for a specific license from OFAC to travel to Cuba.

Neither the U.S. Embassy in Havana nor the U.S. Department of State in Washington DC processes Cuban visa applications. To apply for a Cuban visa, you must contact the Cuban Embassy in Washington DC.

## What is needed for landing in Cuba?

Landing approval takes just a couple of days to obtain when the complete information of the flight is in the hands of the Cuban aeronautical authority, such information consist of:

- Planning dates with operational hours and flight route.
- Aircraft information as: type, certificates of airworthiness and registration, worldwide insurance.
- Purpose of the flight, (other than tourist activities for the moment).
- Organization in Cuba that will be meeting with the travelers (e.g. business sponsor).
- Hotel booking information.
- A list of passengers and crew.

## Other information for the arrival

### API (Advance Passenger Information)

Cuban customs requires that all aircraft operators provide API information prior to arrival to any of the Cuban international airports. API is required for passengers and crew in a separate transmission. Failing to comply a fine will be imposed for up to 300usd per passenger or crew member of the flight.

### GenDec (General Declaration)

Cuban customs and immigration require a general declaration and passenger manifest on arrival stamped from airport of origin.

## Flying an aircraft to Cuba

You do not need an export license to fly aircraft to Cuba if your temporary sojourn is eligible for paragraph (a) published by BIS of License Exception Aircraft, Vessels and Spacecraft (AVS) (15 CFR § 740.15).

General aviation now qualifies for License Exception AVS in order to fly to Cuba, provided that all of the terms and conditions of the license exception are met. However, you must submit a license application to the Bureau of Industry and Security if your aircraft would remain in Cuba for longer than seven consecutive days before departing for a country to which the aircraft could be exported without a license or to the United States.

Please note that persons subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, Updated March 15, 2016 Effective March 16, 2016 18 including crew, must be separately authorized to travel to Cuba by the Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC).

### Fuel & Handling in Cuba

JetA1 fuel is available in all international airports; AVGAS is offered only in the airports of Havana and Varadero.

Handling services are available in all airports. There are not FBOs facilities however; most of the airports have VIP lounges (not in terminal 5 in HAV)



## Passenger application when traveling to Cuba

The Cuban Assets Control Regulations, 31 C.F.R. part 515, (the "Regulations") contain general licenses authorizing travel-related transactions involving Cuba related to twelve categories of specified activities.



1. Family visits.
2. Official business of the U.S. government, foreign governments, and certain intergovernmental organizations.
3. Journalistic activity.
4. Professional research and professional meetings.
5. Educational activities.
6. Religious activities.
7. Public performances, clinics, workshops, athletic and other competitions, and exhibitions.
8. Support for the Cuban people.
9. Humanitarian projects.
10. Activities of private foundations or research or educational institutes.
11. Exportation, importation, or transmission of information or informational materials.
12. Certain export transactions that may be considered for authorization under existing Department of Commerce regulations and guidelines with respect to Cuba or engaged in by U.S.-owned or -controlled foreign firms

A specific license is not transferable, is limited to the facts and circumstances specific to the application, and is subject to the provisions of 31 C.F.R. part 501, the relevant executive order or part of part 31 C.F.R. chapter V. A License may be revoked or modified at any time at the discretion of the secretary of the treasury. If a specific license was issued as a result of will full misrepresentation on the part of the applicant or his agent, it may, at the discretion of the secretary of the treasury, be declared void from the date of its issuance, or from any other date.



### Airports in Cuba



IATA	ICAO	NAME	
HAV	MUHA	HAVANA	Aeropuerto Internacional José Martí
VRA	MUVR	VARADERO	Aeropuerto Internacional Juan Gualberto Gomez
HOG	MUHG	HOLGUIN	Aeropuerto Internacional Frank Pais
CCC	MUCC	CAYO COCO	Aeropuerto Internacional Jardines del Rey
SNU	MUSC	SANTA CLARA	Aeropuerto Internacional Abel Santamarina
MZO	MUMZ	MANZANILLO	Aeropuerto Internacional Sierra Maestra
CFG	MUCF	CIEN FUEGOS	Aeropuerto Internacional Jaime Gonzales
CAYO	MUCL	CAYO LARGO	Aeropuerto Internacional Vilo Acuña
SCU	MUCU	SANTIAGO DE CUBA	Aeropuerto Internacional Antonio Maceo
CMW	MUCM	CAMAGUEY	Aeropuerto Internacional Ignacio Agramonte

## Our services and partnership in Cuba

In Integrity Aviation System we have more than ten years of experience in the market of services for aircraft operators in Cuba. We have provided our customers comprehensive solutions for the comfort of its passengers and crew in the different international and national airports of the island in partnership with the only authorized company (Cuban) to assist air operators on ground with personalized services. (Comercial Take - Off S.A)

Our services are directed to assist:

General Aviation either corporate, private or air ambulances, Charter or Scheduled airlines.

- **Landing permits**
- **Slot coordination**
- **Handling services (ramp & flight plan coordination)**
- **Fuel Service**
- **Airport fees payments**
- **Inbound API processing (Advance Passenger Information)**
- **Catering coordination**
- **Passenger Services**
- **VIP service**
- **Passenger & Crew Visas**
- **Crew assistance**
- **Ground transportation (crew or pax)**
- **Hotel reservation (crew or pax)**
- **AOG coordination**

## Personalized Service



With personalized service **IAS** ensures the best attention to the operations that our customers entrust us, we commit to meet beyond any expectation.

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and other services in the airports of Cuba

