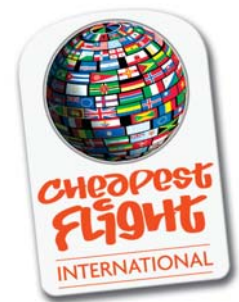


CUBA

Country	Passport Required	Visa Required	Return Ticket Required
British	Yes	1	Yes
Australian	Yes	1	Yes
Canadian	Yes	1	Yes
USA	Yes	1	Yes
Other EU	Yes	1	Yes
Japanese	Yes	1	Yes



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PASSPORTS

Passports valid for at least six months after the departure date from Cuba required by all nationals without diplomatic representation in Cuba.

Note: Persons of Cuban origin who are nationals of other countries must travel with a Cuban passport if they left Cuba after 1970.

VISAS

Required by all except:

- those nationals whose countries have signed visa-exemption agreements with Cuba (contact the Consulate for further information);
1. holders of a Tourist Visa Card. Certain tour operators, travel agencies and airlines can issue a Tourist Visa Card valid for one single trip of up to 30 days, although the stay can be extended in Cuba. Stipulations are that the traveller pre-books and pre-pays hotel accommodation in Cuba through an officially recognised tour operator. The card must be bought in the country where the trip has been arranged. All passengers must hold tickets and other documentation required for their onward or return journey unless holding special annotation issued by a Cuban Consulate;
- transit passengers continuing their journey to a third country within 72 hours, provided they hold confirmed onward tickets and US\$50 per day.

Note: (a) All business travellers (except journalists, those attending a conference or those wishing to study) need a visa, regardless of nationality. (b) Neither visa exemptions nor Tourist Visa Card facilities are applicable to foreign passport holders born in Cuba, unless holding a document proving withdrawal of Cuban citizenship.

Exit permits: Required by those whose stay in Cuba exceeds 90 days.

Types of visa and cost: Tourist Visa Card: £15. All visas are £49.99.

Note: (a) With the exception of tourist visa cards, all visas have an additional charge of £15 for expenses in connection with visa authorisation. (b) Journalist visas must be authorised by the Centro de Prensa Internacional del Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores de Cuba.

VALIDITY

Tourist visa cards must be used within 180 days of issue, with one entry permitted. Tourist visa cards and tourist and business visas are valid for 30 days from date of entry; extensions of a further 30 days are possible.

Application to: Consulate (or Consular section at Embassy); see Contact Addresses section. Application forms for tourist visa cards can be obtained from certain tour operators and travel agents.

Application requirements: Tourist Visa Card: (a) One completed application form. (b) Photocopy of valid passport. (c) Photocopy of return ticket or travel agent voucher for pre-paid package tour, plus proof of accommodation. (d) Fee (payable in cash or by postal order). Business: (a) Valid passport. (b) Two completed application forms. (c) Two passport-size photos. (d) Details of business contact in Cuba. (e) Letter of invitation from Cuban company, organisation or institution. (f) Fee (payable in cash, by postal order or bank counter-cheque). Journalist: (a) Valid passport with photocopy. (b) Two completed application forms. (c) Two passport-size photos. (d) A sponsor letter from employer and a written version of your journalistic project, plus a list of photographic/filming equipment that applicant is intending to bring into Cuba. (e) Fee (payable by postal order or bank counter-cheque).

Note: (a) Once a Journalist visa has been issued, the individual must report to the Centro de Prensa Internacional for accreditation. They should take two photos and US\$60. (b) All applications by post require a self-addressed envelope; recorded mail or special delivery is especially recommended.

Working days required: Tourist visa card: One day (seven days for postal applications). Tourist visa: Seven to 10 days. Business visa: 10 days (two weeks for postal applications). Journalist visa: Six weeks minimum.

TEMPORARY RESIDENCE

Enquire at Embassy.