

How to apply for a tourist visa to visit Cuba

You may apply in the following two ways:

➤ IN PERSON

You will be required to provide:

- A completed, signed and dated **Tourist Visa Application** form.
- A current passport (minimum 6 mths. validity). Photocopies are not allowed.
- 1 recent passport size photograph.
- A flight Itinerary (schedule of flights).
- **A health insurance certificate or proof that you have health insurance cover.**
- The name of the Hotel where you will be staying. For homesteads and other types of accommodation, the name and full address is required.
- A Money Order or Bank Cheque to pay for the visa fee (**\$AUD60.00**). Cash is also accepted.
- A self addressed registered or express post envelope, if you want your travel documents posted to your preferred address.

Note: Normal processing time is one week. **Urgent applications (within 24 hours) attract an extra fee of AUD40.00**

➤ BY MAIL OR COURIER

You must send:

- A completed, signed and dated **Tourist Visa Application** form.
- A current passport (minimum 6 mths. validity). Photocopies are not allowed.
- 1 recent passport size photograph.
- A flight Itinerary (schedule of flights).
- **A health insurance certificate or proof that you have health insurance cover.**
- The name of the Hotel where you will be staying. For homesteads and other types of accommodation, the name and full address is required.
- A Money Order or Bank Cheque to pay for the visa fee (**\$AUD100.00**). Cash is also accepted.
- A self addressed registered or express post envelope, for the safe return of your travel documents.

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- ❖ Australians, New Zealanders and most European citizens require a visa to visit Cuba.
- ❖ A Cuban visa is granted as a loose leaf document. The loose leaf document is not attached to the passport nor is the passport stamped. The visa does not have an expiry date but once you enter the country you will be allowed to stay for 30 days. For more than 30 days an extension may be granted by applying to the immigration authorities in Cuba.
- ❖ For information about **health insurance**, please visit the following website: <http://www.asistur.cu>
- ❖ For information about customs regulations, please visit the following website: <http://www.aduana.islagrande.cu/agr3.htm>

For more information about Cuba, please visit our website: <http://embacuba.cubaminrex.cu/australiaing>

INFORMATION ABOUT MEDICAL INSURANCE FOR TRAVELERS TO CUBA

The Government of Cuba decided last February 16, that all travelers, foreign and Cuban living abroad, coming to the island **from May 1, 2010** and thereafter shall take out a medical insurance policy.

To meet such requirement, travelers shall have a travel insurance which covers medical expenses or a policy for medical expenses with coverage in Cuba.

The insurance policy should be taken out at the home country of departure. Travelers, who, exceptionally, do not have insurance at arrival, could take out a policy of insurance and assistance from Cuban insurance companies at the airport, port or marina. For more information please, visit the following web site: www.asistur.cu

Upon demand after their arrival, travelers shall present a policy, insurance certificate or traveling assistance card valid for the time span they will stay in Cuba.

US insurance companies do not provide coverage in the Cuban national territory.