



FAQ

How much cash should I bring?

\$100 US Dollars per person per day, but more if you're a big spender. There are no ATM's and credit cards don't work. Bring cash and our contact will exchange them.

Will my phone work?

No. They are working to improve and install American cell carriers, but for the time being, count on "unplugging" for the week!

Is there internet?

Nowadays Cuba has upped its internet game. You can find it at certain hotels, although it is expensive and slow. It gives you a nice opportunity to take a break from it for the week and disconnect! If there is an emergency, we will find you a place.

Are Cuban people at all "anti-American"?

Quite the opposite! They are very happy to meet and try to speak English with all of us Americans. They are friendly, outgoing, kind and warm. They feel like the embargo and any bad feelings will be left between our governments and is something that has nothing to do with the people!

They are happy to interact with us so be a good ambassador!

Is it dangerous?

Violent crime in Cuba is almost non-existent. The people are friendly and chatty and will come up to you, but they have no intention of harming you. There is a lot of, "let me show you around for a dollar". Just a friendly "no thank you" works just fine.

What are the homestays like?

We stay in old colonial, classic Cuban homes. Cubans rent out rooms to travelers and have done so for years. Think Airbnb except they've been doing it for the last 60 years! There are two people to a room and each room has its own bathroom. The living room is the common area and there may be a member of the family hanging out. Say hello! Be polite. It is their home they are welcoming you into!

What type of power outlets are used?

Very good question! The same plugs used in the US are used in Cuba so no need to pack a converter.

Should we tip?

For the Coast to Costa team, while not obligatory, it is customary to tip your "on-site concierges". They will be WORKING for it! At restaurants we encourage 20% tip. Those extra few dollars are little to us, but can make a huge difference in the lives of the locals. At hotels/houses we suggest \$10 for the week. Driver tip is already included, but if he goes above and beyond, show your appreciation.

How hot is it?

Typically, very hot and humid. Check the weather online for the specific week that you are going but bring shorts, swim gear, and sandals that are comfortable to walk around in. Hats and fans can be purchased around town cheap and come in very handy!

Can I get a stamp in my passport?

YES! Our trips are OFAC certified, meaning that they are 100% legal and sanctioned tours. Get a stamp in that passport! Americans haven't been able to in 60 years!