

Packing Checklist for Traveling to Cuba in 2017: A Guide for Americans



Documents:

- Passport
- Photocopy of passport
- Printed copies of flight itineraries (both departing and returning flights)
- Reservation details for first *Casa Particular*

Electronics:

- Camera
- Camera battery charger
- Extra battery
- Extra memory card(s)
- Adaptor with surge protector
- Cell phone (download MapsMe offline map app and Google Translate Spanish Dictionary in advance)
- Cell phone charger
- Ziplock bag to store extra sim card if need be

Toiletries:

- Medications (both prescription and over-the-counter)
- Bandages
- Deodorant
- Shampoo
- Bar soap
- Hand sanitizer

- Tooth brush & tooth paste
- Contact lenses & solution
- Glasses
- Mosquito repellent
- Electric shaver
- Sunscreen
- Family planning items
- Wet wipes (these work better than toilet paper and take up less space; note that few public restrooms have toilet paper or soap)
- Sink detergent

Clothing:

- Comfortable shoes for daily use
- Swimsuit
- Shorts
- Shirts (enough to cover 1/2 the trip)
- Underwear (enough to cover 1/2 the trip)
- Dress pants
- Dress shoes
- Socks

Miscellaneous:

- Gifts to give locals (ex: USB flash drives, colored pencils, soap, medications, pens)
- Sleeping bag liner (just in case sheets aren't clean)
- Fast-drying towel (as many places don't have supply their own and it's not easy to buy towels for the beach)
- Guide books ('Cuba' by Christopher P. Baker is the best)
- Reading materials
- Luggage lock to prevent theft at airport (optional; make sure it's TSA compliant)
- Money belt
- Euros (bring more than you think you'll need)