CUBA AT A GLANCE

The recent “normalizing” of relations with the U.S. has provided a historic opportunity to support the work of the Church in Cuba. For more than 50 years, Cuba was officially closed to U.S. travelers. The change in relations has now allowed us to be a part of what God is doing there!

We are humbled by the faithful devotion to Jesus Christ found among our Cuban brothers and sisters despite the hardships they face. Our hope is that each team member is encouraged and inspired by the work God is doing as they serve alongside these fellow believers. We hope you will consider joining us as we serve in Cuba!

MAKING A LONG-TERM IMPACT

In keeping with its primary mission, Forward Edge is sending teams to Cuba that focus primarily on supporting church-run programs. Additional ministry opportunities include relational evangelism such as home visits, helping with feeding programs for children and other ministry activities. Teams may be able to hold a workshop or Bible-study with adults, and share activities for youth and/or children. Teams may also help to complete light work projects.

PREPARATIONS

IMMUNIZATIONS: The government of Cuba does not require any shots or immunizations to enter the country. Please consult a personal physician for any recommendations.

TEAM PACKS: Once registration is complete, Forward Edge will send the team packs. Each will include a t-shirt, a Cuba Team Member Manual, a devotional, and other Forward Edge items.

SCHEDULE: Each day your team will experience a morning devotional, an evening debrief, and relationship building opportunities through serving the local people.

TRIP FEES INCLUDE

- Meals, lodging, ground transportation, and some project materials
- Secondary International Medical Insurance
- Cuban visa
- Translators
- Trained Forward Edge Facilitator
- Team Packs: T-shirt, manual, etc.
- Complete trip coordination provided by Forward Edge

TRIP FEES DO NOT INCLUDE

- Airfare and luggage fees
- $30 entrance fee (This fee might be included in your airfare. Please consult your travel agent.)
- Possible hotel stay in Miami the night before the team enters Cuba (depending on your flight).
PAYOUTS
A $350 per person non-refundable deposit is due at the time of registration and is applied toward your trip fee. Pay at www.forwardedge.org (Pay Trip Fees) via debit/credit card, eCheck, or send a check made out to Forward Edge International. Contact us if we can assist. Please reference your team number on all correspondence.

PASSPORTS
A passport and Cuban visa are required to enter Cuba. If you already have a passport, please be sure that the expiration date is at least six months past the date of your departure from Cuba. If you do not have a passport, please apply for one as soon as possible. You must have a valid passport to begin the Cuban visa process (below) which begins at least 120 days prior to departure. Also, the US passport process can take up to 6-8 weeks.

CUBAN VISA
Forward Edge must apply for Cuban visas at least 30 days prior to departure. Your Team Coordinator will guide you through this process which has strict deadlines. You must have a valid passport to start the process.

FLIGHTS
Teams can now fly into the Antonio Maceo Airport located in Santiago de Cuba which is a short 1/2 hour ride to El Cobre. Typically the team Facilitator meets the team in the USA before flying into Cuba. The team will then be picked up by a member of our field staff.

Airfare ranges from $400-900 per round-trip ticket, depending upon the airline and where you are flying from. Our preferred travel agent can help you find the best rates. Please talk with our Cuba Team Coordinator who can assist you with reserving flights through the help of our preferred travel agent.

TEAM MEMBER CONDUCT
While team conduct is of the utmost importance for any short-term mission trip, it is especially vital to our partnerships in Cuba that team members never use or mention the word, “donation;” only use the word “gift” or phrase “as a gift.” Also, please refrain from discussing any political issues.

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