

Bienvenidos a La República de Cuba Welcome to the Republic of Cuba



Described by Christopher Columbus as "the most beautiful land that human eyes have seen," Cuba is the largest island in the Caribbean and is situated within the north western Antilles chain of islands, with the Florida Peninsula located at 180 kilometers to its north. The country is 104,945 square kilometers and also lays claim to approximately 4,200 coral cays and islets, most of which are low lying and uninhabited. Its total population is 11 million persons, with Spanish being its native language.

A total of 1.6 million tourists, mainly from Europe and Canada, visited Cuba in 1999, to enjoy a wide variety of natural and cultural-heritage tourism products. One fifth of the country is covered by natural vegetation and the country possesses 14 national parks and vast extensions of naturally protected areas. Sugar cane, coffee and tobacco grow well here and support important industries.



Cuba also has a rich historical-cultural heritage which can be seen in the buildings, music, food and traditions of the people which are showcased in the 215 museums found across the country. The capital city, Havana, is part of Cuba's rich heritage and has been named by the United Nations Education, Science and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) as a city of world heritage. Santiago de Cuba, another major city in the south east of Cuba, is said to be the most Caribbean of Cuban cities because of its mixture of persons of Spanish, African and French origin.

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About the CTO

The Caribbean Tourism Organisation (CTO) was established in 1989 and is a regional tourism development agency, with its headquarters in Barbados and marketing offices in New York, London and Canada. The CTO has 33 government member countries comprising the English, French, Spanish and Dutch Caribbean.

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A Tourism Bulletin for Caribbean Children



HI KIDS!

Tourism involves the short term movement of people to destinations outside the places where they normally live and work.

In this issue we will share some interesting information with you about **TRANSPORTATION**

ALL ABOARD!!

IMPORTANT FACTS ON TRANSPORTATION



Just over 20 million visitors come by air to the Caribbean every year

American Airlines, American Eagle, Air Jamaica, BWIA and LIAT are the major airlines serving the Caribbean, flying to eight or more countries in the region

Between 3-4 million people come by cruise ships to the Caribbean every year

ALM is an important airline for the Dutch Caribbean islands, transporting 69% of all tourists to Bonaire and nearly 50% to Curaçao

The British Virgin Islands is special since a large number of its tourist (48%) stay on charter boats and travel around the nearby islands

Taxis, buses, coaches and rent-a-cars represent the 4th largest expense for visitors to the Caribbean

Flying High with LIAT



We are chatting with Michael Steele from Grenada, a Senior First Officer working with LIAT Airlines for 5 years.

What are the duties of a Senior First Officer?

My main role is to assist the Captain with all the flight duties and safe operation of the aircraft before, during and after the flight.

One has to make sure that everything is working correctly before you start the day. Working in the cockpit, it is important that you are able to work as a 'team' player because you work with different people each day.

What is the most difficult part of your job?

The long hours and delays at different airports when you have a tight schedule to meet.

What do you like most about your job?

I love flying different types of aircraft, so having the opportunity to constantly travel around the islands is both interesting and fun.

Meeting new people and being able to help passengers with queries and safeguarding their journey is also rewarding.

Interesting and True...

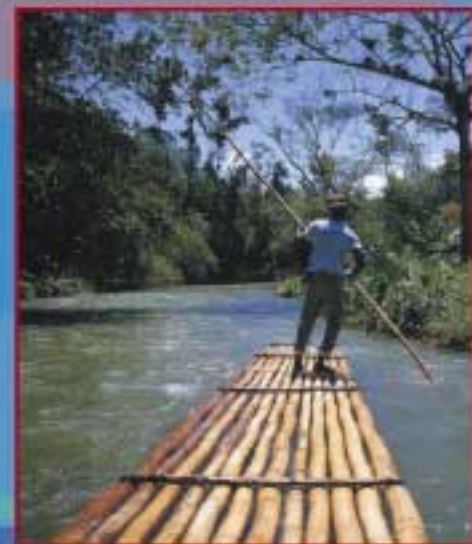


- **Montserrat:** Volcanic eruption of searing ash and rock covered the runway of W H Bramble airport terminal in 1997. Today one can only fly in by helicopter.
- **Barbados:** The only airport in the Caribbean that had three British Airways Concorde's on the tarmac at the same time.

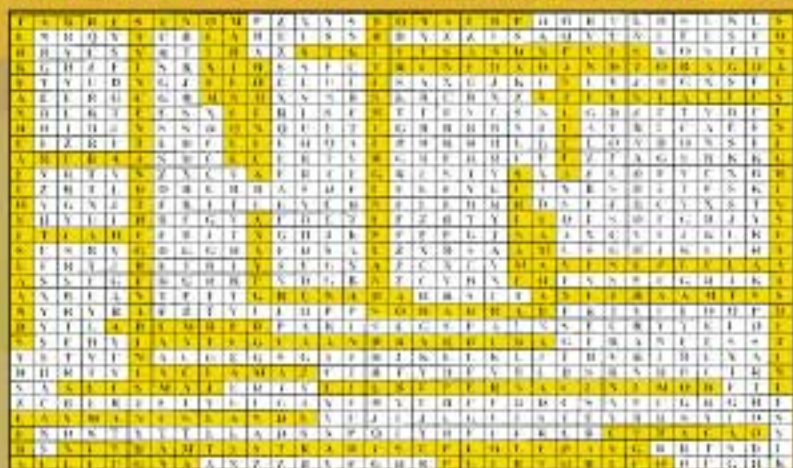


- **Bermuda:** The speed limit for all vehicles island-wide is 20mph.
- **Dominican Republic:** They have motorbike taxis which are called motoconchos
- **Aruba:** License plates on Aruban cars bear the slogan "One Happy Island"
- **Bahamas:** Off the coast of Abacos & Eleuthera, divers can see the wrecks of two trains that sank while being transported by ships.

- **Curaçao:** The only island in the Caribbean to have organised "Trolley" bus tours. Open sided cars pulled on tracks by a silent locomotive.
- **Jamaica:** Wooden rafts are used to take tourists on river tours. (picture)
- **Cuba:** Pedal cycle taxis are used to transport persons to and from destinations. (picture)



To our English readers, here are the answers to our last competition. If you got them all correct, Congratulations!



Caribbean Tourism Organization Member States

Anguilla	Dominican Republic	St. Kitts & Nevis
Antigua & Barbuda	Grenada	St. Lucia
Bahamas	Guadeloupe/ St. Barts/St. Martin	St. Maarten
Barbados	Guyana	St. Vincent & the Grenadines
Belize	Haiti	Suriname
Bermuda	Jamaica	Trinidad & Tobago
Bonaire	Martinique	Turks & Caicos Islands
British Virgin Islands	Mexico	United States
Cayman Islands	Montserrat	Virgin Islands
Cuba	Puerto Rico	Venezuela
Curaçao	St. Eustatius	
Dominica		

STOP PRESS!! STOP PRESS!!

Draw a futuristic form of transportation for a visitor who comes to your country in the year 2075. You can use coloured pencils, paints or crayons for your picture which must be presented on paper no smaller than 8 1/2" x 11". The winner of the best design will win a wonderful prize.

So get those creative brain cells working. Entries have to be submitted to

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Environmental Corner

What is transport doing to the environment? Here are some ways mankind is trying to minimise its impact on the world.



• **Fuel** is an airline's biggest expense, and pollutes the atmosphere. More environmentally efficient aircrafts are now being made.

• **Noise pollution** is another environmental hazard. Airlines, airports and governments work together to re-route aircraft away from towns where people live or restrict their flying to certain times of the day and night.



Most cars now use unleaded fuel, which burns up in the atmosphere completely. Smoke filters are also now attached to all new cars.



Have you ever wondered what ships do with all the waste and garbage produced while travelling on the sea?



Cruise liners and ships have to ensure safe and clean sailing on high seas. They are responsible for all their waste products by:

- an incinerator for solid waste
- recycling as much as possible
- discharging grey water (water from showers, baths, swimming pools) 12 nautical miles outside land area, also biologically treating black water (water from toilets, urinals, etc.) before discharging it as waste