

LEGAL TRAVEL TO CUBA

travel agent fact sheet

With recent changes in the United States Treasury Department restrictions on travel to Cuba, many are confused about just who is able to travel there now.

The changes only affect Cuban Americans. For all other Americans and residents of the United States, travel to Cuba remains very restricted. One of the few ways non-Cuban Americans can legally travel to Cuba is under a Humanitarian or Religious License issued by the United States Treasury Department.

Ya'lla Tours USA is the only tour operator licensed by the United States Treasury Department to operate legal trips to Cuba for Americans. Since obtaining the license in 2002, Ya'lla Tours has facilitated the journeys of hundreds of individuals. Travelers carry bags full of donations and medicines from the U.S. and distribute them at stops around the country. These trips are completely legal.

WHAT HAS CHANGED?

Travel restrictions have changed for Cuban Americans only.

WHAT HAS NOT CHANGED?

Travel restrictions have not changed for all other citizens and residents of the United States.

IS IT POSSIBLE FOR NON-CUBAN AMERICANS TO GO TO CUBA?

Yes, but there are still many restrictions.

HOW CAN THEY GO?

One of the few ways non-Cuban Americans can go to Cuba is with a Humanitarian or Religious License.

CAN THEY GO TO MEXICO OR CANADA AND BUY A PACKAGE THERE?

It is a felony for non-Cuban Americans to go to Cuba through a third country without the approval of the U.S. Treasury Department. Penalties may include confiscation of passports and fines of \$10,000 or more. As a travel agent, if you sell an air ticket to a third country, knowing that your clients will make their own way from there to Cuba, you may be held legally liable.

A humanitarian trip to Cuba is scheduled for October 19-27, 2010.

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