Cuba adapts to the "new normal" and announces the re-opening of international tourism in most of the

country.



After controlling the pandemic, local authorities announced the country is embracing a "new normal" for most of the country's provinces except: Ciego de Avila and Sancti Spiritus (Which still have some cases of local transmission).

All international airports in the country are open, Cayo Coco airport is open but it has been restricted to tourism only due to the current situation in the province of Ciego de Avila.

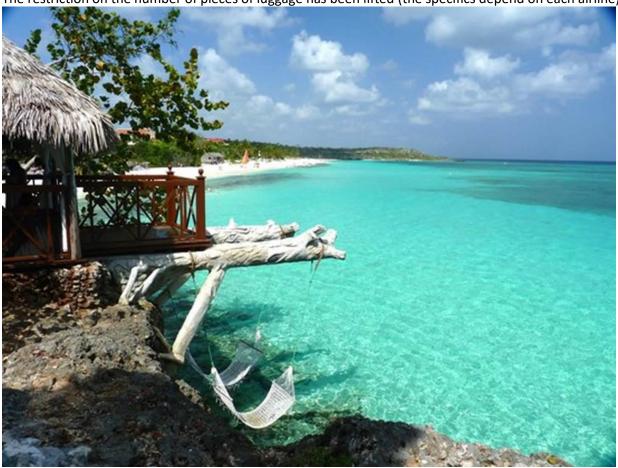
The Minister of tourism, Mr. Juan Carlos Garcia Granda, said that "air only" passengers will be able to enter the country through all the open airports, with the exception of Cayo Coco Airport, which will continue to work as before (Holiday package: air and hotel).

The Minister noted that foreign tourists will be able to stay in private rental homes (B&B), in all the territories that are in the new normal (with the exception of Sancti Spíritus & Ciego de Avila), and also that the locals can stay at tourist facilities shared by international visitors, including The Cayos, as long as they come from the provinces in the "new normal".

Other measures announced by the Minister of Tourism include: resuming car rentals, the re-opening of the tour desks that can arrange and sell excursions and day trips to all the territories that are in phase three or in the new normal, except Trinidad as this territory is not open yet; likewise, in Cayo Coco, Cayo Guillermo and Cayo Cruz, excursions will take place within the cays; tourists will not be able to travel to Ciego de Avila as this province is not in phase three so far.

The international marinas located in the territories declared in the new normal are restarting operations and pleasure vessels are allowed to enter and stay in the territorial waters; the same, from October 19th cruises are permitted. In both cases it will proceed under the approved strict health protocols.

The restriction on the number of pieces of luggage has been lifted (the specifics depend on each airline).



Lessner Gomez, Director of the Cuba Tourist Board in Toronto points out that "all major Canadian tour operators are including Cuba in their winter programs and these openings mean more flexibility and more chances for Canadians to enjoy Cuba their own way".



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