



Rum, Geology & the Craic!



Just Retired



50 Plus

Facts about Cuba

Population	c.11 Million
Size	114,524 sq.km. (Ireland =27, 155sq.km)
Language	Spanish (French,Italian, English)
Religion	Roman Catholic 85%, Santeria 2-5%
Ethnic mix	Mulatto 51%, Spanish 37%, African 11%, Chinese 1%
Government	Socialist Republic
Currency	Peso (= 100 Centavos)
	Cuban Peso (CUP), however Cuban Convertible Peso (CUC) is the new “tourist” currency
Literacy	94%
Industries	Sugar, Tourism, Mining (Nickel, Cobalt), Medicines

History of Cuba

1492	Columbus
1511	Spanish Colony (Hatuey killed)
1756-63	British Colony – Sugar Plantations
1763	Spanish Control
1898	US control (Spanish American War)
1902	US controlled “independence”
1959	Cuban Revolution & Nationalisation (Fidel Castro)
1961	“Bay of Pigs”, CIA backed invasion
1962	Missile Crisis
1990	Withdrawal of USSR Aid
1994	Liberalisation of Economy
1995	Helms Burton Act (US Embargo)

Things to do in Cuba

1. Get away from the beach
2. Drink rum cocktails in La Floridita (Hemingway's local)
3. Eat "Moros Y Christianos"
4. Buy Blackmarket cigars
5. Travel in a 1950's US Taxi
6. Go to a Santeria Mass
7. Drink in Hotel Sevilla (Leg's Diamond's Hotel)
8. See a live Cuban mambo band



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GUYANA



Geology of Cuba

Mesozoic Dominantly Jurassic & Cretaceous

Complex Tectonic History – Reversal of Subduction

Mixture of Fore Arc and Island Arc Basin Complexes

Obducted ophiolites and melange

Tertiary Granites

Mineralisation:

Ultramafic Nickel, Cobalt Laterites

Sedex to VMS Copper & Zinc (Gold & Barite)

Cyprus Style Cu

Mesothermal & Epithermal Gold (Barite)



