

**PS U004 Currencies in Cuba**

The Cuban economic system is currently changing. This also changes the specified means of payment for certain tourist services.

For payments and security deposits at Platten Sailing, you will likely need your identity check to verify your identity on your smartphone (like when shopping online). Make sure that this security system works in Cuba too. We provide WiFi for your smartphone in our office.

There are no more **CUC** (Peso Convertible) in Cuba. The only Cuban currency is **CUP** (Cuban Peso)  
US-Dollars are sometimes not exepcted in Cuban banks.

It is not possible to withdraw Dollars or euros from ATMs. Cuban pesos can be withdrawn from ATMs or banks using a credit card.

**The exchange rate for credit card withdrawals is not good.**

We generally advise you to bring your travel funds to Cuba in the form of euros, Canadian Dollars or US dollars in cash.

In spring 2023, some banks did not accept US dollars.

At the airport you should change only a smal amount of money. There are a lot of banks and CADECAs (Casas De Cambios - official money changer) in all over Cuba.

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Type of service	Place of payment	Currencies	Means o payment
Charter of boat	Platten Sailing	Euro	cash, wiretransfer or credit card (mastercard and VISA)
Skipper or marinero (cook)	if paid to Platten Sailing	Euro	cash, wiretransfer or credit card (mastercard and VISA)
Skipper or marinero (cook)	if paid to Marlin Marinas	US Dollar	credit card (mastercard and VISA)
Turist tax at base	if paid to Platten Sailing	Euro or US Dollar	cash or Credit card (mastercard and VISA)
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Marina berth and mooring fees	Marina Marlin	US Dollar	credit card (mastercard and VISA)
Security deposit for boat	Platten Sailing	Euro	cash or credit card (mastercard and VISA) only pre authorisation
Fuel for boat in marinas	fuel station CUPET	CUP	cash or credit card (mastercard and VISA)
Fuel for boat in marinas	if paid to Platten Sailing	Euro	euro in cash or credit card (mastercard and VISA)
Transfers from or to airports or hotels, to Havana , Varadero etc., if organized by Platten Sailing at base	Platten Sailing	Euro	cash or credit card (mastercard and VISA)
Transfers from or to airports or hotels, to Havana , Varadero etc., if organized by Platten Sailing during booking of charter	Platten Sailing	Euro	wiretransfer or credit card (mastercard and VISA)
Provisioning in marina shops	Marina shops	US Dollar	credit card (mastercard and VISA)
Provisioning fruits an other things organized by Platten Sailing if paid at base	Platten Sailing	CUP / Euro	cash or credit card (mastercard and VISA)
Marina restaurants	payment on side	CUP	cash
Other restaurands in town	payment on side	CUP / Euro	cash
MLC Shops in town (shops with imported and other special goods, sometimes beer, coffee etc.)	payment on side	US Dollar	credit card (mastercard and VISA)
Normal local shops in town	payment on side	CUP	cash
Taxi driver in town	payment on side	CUP	cash
Taxi driver long distances like to Trinidad or to Habana	payment on side	Euro	cash
Local fruit market and vegetables market	payment on side	CUP	cash