

cuban revolution, kit list



The items listed below are purely recommendations. The list has been designed by the local ground handler and past challenge leaders; however please take into account your personal preferences and common sense. We are open to further recommendations upon your return. See what you can borrow, and if you need to purchase any items, remember that you can get a discount on equipment and clothing from various well known suppliers and outdoor shops – for more information, please refer to the document “Kit Discount” which you will find in your member’s area in the “Challenge Pack” section once you have booked and paid your deposit.

If you would prefer to hire kit, please contact Outdoor Hire, a company specialising in the hire of top quality outdoor gear. They are working with Charity Challenge to provide all the kit you need for your challenge and offer a 10% discount to Charity Challenge customers who have booked onto one of our challenges. Simply obtain the promotional code by referring to the document “Kit Discount” which you will find in your member’s area, and then go to <http://www.outdoorhire.co.uk/charity-challenge/>, select the kit list for the challenge you have booked and follow the online instructions for how to hire the kit you need.

Try to use your equipment before you go – particularly your rucksack, cycling kit, boots and sleeping bag (if camping) – this will show up any manufacturing faults and whether they are comfortable enough. Good footwear and care of the feet is most important. Well broken-in walking boots should be worn on treks. Trainers are too flimsy for wilderness treks and trainer boots are not appropriate. Sandals leave the feet exposed to sunburn, abrasions, thorns, insect and animal bites.

Bring as little as possible but bring everything you need. Travelling light is much less of a hassle, so do not bring things you can do without. If you need to wear jewellery, keep it simple and inexpensive. The general rule is that if you don’t need it, don’t bring it. Always keep your night clothes in a watertight bag to ensure they stay dry if there is a sudden downpour or if you are crossing water – you will have a much better night’s sleep in dry clothing. Bring clothes that wash and dry easily (jeans take forever to dry and should not be worn on the trek).

Your main bag should not weigh more than 15kg. If you exceed this limit, you may be charged for excess luggage on internal flights or when entering National Parks. Additionally, in line with our responsible tourism policy, it is important not to overload the porters and transfer agents who have to carry and transport it. Your hand luggage should not exceed 5kg and maximum dimensions of 56x45x25cms. Please make sure you pack your rucksack/kit bag yourself, and do NOT under any circumstances take any items through customs that are not yours or that you have been asked to deliver for someone else.

If possible, lock your bags before you check them through at the check-in desk. When packing, think carefully about what you are packing in your hold luggage as, once you have handed it over at check-in, you will not see it again until you arrive at the other end. Don’t pack things you will need again before or during the flight – such as medicine - and make sure you have an adequate supply. Keep extra cash, passports and house keys in your hand luggage. Also, if taking a long flight, it is sometimes a good idea to take toiletries such as toothbrush to freshen up on the long journey but please do remember that there are strict regulations governing the transport of liquids in hand luggage. For the most up-to-date air travel hand luggage rules, please follow the link [here](#).

Don’t pack valuables, cash, fragile or perishable items in your hold luggage. Airlines and insurance companies will not accept liability for them. When leaving the UK, we recommend that you wear your trekking boots and trekking/cycling gear, and take as much as possible in your hand luggage, especially a full day’s underwear and other clothing. This is to ensure that in the unlikely situation that your bags do not arrive at your final destination, you are still able to make a start on the expedition while we relocate any missing baggage.

item	take it?
baggage and sleeping	
Large rucksack or soft holdall (a suitcase is Not appropriate)	Yes
Day sack /camelbac (for suncream, camera, film, water etc)	Yes
Handle bar bag/panier	Optional
clothing	
Long-sleeved shirt	Yes
T-Shirts	Yes
Sweatshirt	Optional
Fleece	Optional
Long cycling trousers	Optional
Shorts (padded for cycling)	Yes

Swimwear	Yes
Underwear (light and loose)	Yes
Socks	Yes
Dress/Skirt/Sarong	Optional
Lightweight waterproof cycling jacket	Yes
Comfortable footwear for cycling	Yes
Sandals/Flip Flops/Trainers for evenings	Yes
Wide brimmed hat	Yes
Cycling helmet (MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES WHILST CYCLING) /Gloves & shoes	Yes
Cotton scarf for neck or head	Optional
hygiene	
Toothbrush & toothpaste, soap (anti bacterial or bio-degradable), shampoo/conditioner (bio-degradable), lip salve with sun protection, antiseptic wipes	Yes
Razor & cream, sanitary products, shower gel, travel towel, deodorant, toilet paper/tissues, hairbrush/comb, vaseline	Optional
health	
Insect repellent (containing DEET)	Yes
Insect killer	Optional
Vitamins	Optional
After sun/moisturiser	Yes
Sun protection (factor 20 minimum)	Yes
documents (where relevant, please leave a copy at home with your next of kin)	
Passport	Yes
Visa – tourist card (issued at the airport and included in expedition cost)	Yes
Air travel tickets (issued at the airport)	Yes
Cash	Yes
Travellers cheques	Optional
Credit card	Optional
Travel insurance (not needed as a condition of entry however very useful if medical attn needed in country, originals not necessary)	Yes
other	
Camera & film	Optional
Binoculars	Optional
Sunglasses	Yes
High energy snacks (tracker bars, dried fruit and nuts)	Yes
Isotonic drink powder	Optional
Contact lenses (bring spare lenses, and glasses in case of dust)	Optional
Penknife	Optional
Gaffa tape (for emergency repairs)	Optional
Cord or string	Optional
Bath plug	Optional
Sewing kit	Optional
Note book and pen	Optional
Alarm clock	Optional
Watch	Optional
Torch (with spare batteries and bulb) head torch recommended	Yes
Water bottle (two 1litre bottles minimum)	Yes
Re-sealable plastic bags (for dirty washing etc)	Optional
Spare boot laces	Optional
Puncture repair kit	Yes
Gel seat & own pedals if you prefer	Optional
small first aid kit	
Pain killers/Paracetamol & any medication you normally use	Yes

Adhesive dressing (plasters) & Compeed blister pads	Yes
Antiseptic spray	Yes
Oral rehydration sachets (Dioralyte)	Yes
Diarrhoea tablets	Yes