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Object: Closing lines in Guinea, Iraq, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Somalia and Syria

From October 7th 2014, Air Cuba's direction had chosen to temporarily close its lines in Guinea, Iraq, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Somalia and Syria for safety reasons. In fact, the situation in those six countries stay precarious and clashes may appear on every moment. Lines to Mali are now opened.

Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone

The principal threat of a travel in Guinea, in Liberia or in Sierra Leone is from Ebola fever, disease that stays from almost one year. Screening measures are in place on entry points with hope to contain the hatching. Some airlines, such Air Cuba, had ceased their flights from and to those countries. The lines to Conakry (Guinea), Freetown (Sierra Leone) and Monrovia (Liberia) are now closed.

The World Health Organization said that the hatching of Ebola disease in Western Africa is a public health emergency that needs a coordinated international answer to stop the propagation. Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone continue to report cases and deaths related to Ebola virus and other cases in those countries are waited.

This recommendation is done to protect travellers and to allow stakeholders from those countries to orient their resources to limit the hatching. The infection risk is slow for most of travellers, but it may augment for those who work in a health facility or for travellers who need health care in an area which is affected, because most human infections result form a contact with organic fluid. Travellers may too experience hardness to get cares from a health system more and more overcharged.



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Air Cuba recommends to everybody to quit those countries as fast as possible. The airline puts all what it is possible to bring back people who want by plane. A screening test must obligatory be done by every passenger who wants to book a commercial flight with Air Cuba. Because there is no flight available from those countries, travellers must go to one of the following city to take a plane to Varadero:

- **Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire**
- **Bamako, Mali**
- **Bissau, Guinea Bissau**
- **Dakar, Senegal**
- **Yamoussoukro, Côte d'Ivoire**

From those five cities, Air Cuba offers you the possibility to book a seat in a flight to Varadero, for free, with the presentation of a flight ticket from Conakry, Freetown or Monrovia ⇔ Varadero.



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Syria

The unstable political situation in Syria since the Arab Spring of 2011 has forced Air Cuba to close its line to Damascus. Civilian troubles and manifestations, some with violence, are occurring in numerous Syrian cities from March 2011. The security forces from army uses a strong force to suppress protestors in all the country. We count a lot of injured and dead people and it's probable that repression and violence continue. Among the security measures implemented, we count isolation for entire cities, from few days to few weeks. Those isolations may happen almost without advertising. It's important to know that a lot of airlines, including some from Arab League, had reduced their flights to Syria.

About Air Cuba, all flights had been cancelled. If you wish to complete your trip in Syria, you must know that, for the way back, you have to pay to go in one of the following three cities:

- **Amman, Jordan**
- **Ankara, Turkey**
- **Er Riyadh, Saudi Arabia**

From those three cities, Air Cuba offers you the possibility to book a seat in a flight to Varadero, for free, with the presentation of a flight ticket from Damascus ⇄ Varadero.



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Iraq

The principal threat of a travel in Iraq results of the terrorist group *Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant* (ISIS) which commits a lot of sordid kidnappings and executions. A lot of ambushes, car bombs attacks and other serious crimes are often seen in the country. This is why Air Cuba had chosen to cancel its flights for Baghdad and Basrah. It will be possible for passengers who booked a flight to quit the area by the following cities:

- **Amman, Jordan**
- **Ankara, Turkey**
- **Er Riyadh, Saudi Arabia**

From those three cities, Air Cuba offers you the possibility to book a seat in a flight to Varadero, for free, with the presentation of a flight ticket from Iraq ⇔ Varadero.

Somalia

The situation on safety in Somalia is dangerous and unpredictable, mainly in center south of the country and in the capital, Mogadishu. The actual situation stays a true serious threat for travellers. Violent protests, suicide bombings and military attacks occur regularly. You must know that the resentment against Occidentals may sometimes be marked. Foreign travellers, including journalists, human rights defenders and aid workers are living a serious risk to be victim of kidnapping, murder or to be arrested without advertising and explanation. If you decide to travel in Somalia in spite of this advertising, you may have difficulty to leave the country.

There is a terrorist threat in Somalia. Terrorist attacks with heavy weapon against government targets occur regularly, especially in Mogadishu. High importance events may be targeted. Public transportation, including the international airport, public places such as hotels, restaurants and international institutions already had been the target for attacks, so that civilian victims are not uncommon. We cannot hide the possibility of other attacks to be perpetrated. Stay vigilant in public places and watch



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local news. In all the country, armed militias commit numerous crimes. Hold-ups, car hijacking and murders are regularly reported.

Foreign are in high risk to be victim of kidnapping, everywhere in Somalia, including Somaliland. A lot of Occidentals, including aid workers, had been kidnapped those last years. To leave the country, Air Cuba offers flights from the following cities:

- **Addis-Ababa, Ethiopia**
- **Djibouti, Djibouti**
- **Mombasa, Kenya**
- **Nairobi, Kenya**

From those four cities, Air Cuba offers you the possibility to book a seat in a flight to Varadero, for free, with the presentation of a flight ticket from Mogadishu ⇄ Varadero.