

Press release

A TRIP TO CUBA

Cuba is making its first appearance at Man and His World since 1968, and has moved into the former Colombian pavilion (Korea's pavilion at Expo 67).

Activity at the Cuban house will centre on the joie de vivre of the gregarious inhabitants of this Caribbean nation. It is an overview of Cuba's history, folklore, philately, music, crafts, tourism and sports.

A group of musicians sets the happy, relaxed tone of the pavilion, welcoming the visitor at the main entrance.

With a hearty "bienvenido", the visitor is escorted into the land of Fidel Castro. The first sight is of the clothing worn by the Cuban people: from the simple straw hat of the peasant to the flashy colours of their carnival costumes.

Through the medium of philately, Cuban graphic arts stand out clearly and colorfully. Cuban postage stamps are a beautiful example of their skill in this discipline.

In addition, Cuba's better-known and more exotic products -- such as its famous Havana cigars and Havana Club rum -- are sure to be of interest to even the most casually-interested.

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And if the spirit moves you to start thinking about a trip to this land of sun, sea and magnificent beaches, travel agencies on the site will be happy to discuss your thoughts with you. You can even run your fingers through samples of sand from Cuba's beaches, judged by many to be the most beautiful in the world.

Two lovely murals painted by a Cuban artist form the backdrop for a travel exhibition from the island.

After a visit to the pavilion's section on sport where you can get acquainted with the country's growing list of athletic stars, the visitor enters Cuba's vibrant world of music in all its variety.

To top off this quick tour, the pavilion will show films on things for tourists to see and do in Cuba. Tourism, of course, is becoming a major industry in this developing country. And if you enjoyed this make-believe tour of Cuba, you may want to try the real thing...