

Travelling by Road Taxi

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The cooperative of transportation, as a new administration system, appeared almost a year to alleviate a complex local sphere: The transportation of passengers in urban buses was getting more difficult due to the insufficient quantity of spare parts and a significant number of unusable cars.

At first, it was thought to apply the experimented with comfortable busses without air conditioning, however, as the substitution of those means was carried out by the institutions of tourism sector, the new vehicles with air conditioning were included.

With an initial and not very numerous batch, the local cooperative Road taxi number two, which is located to the east of the Cuban capital, started. The initial team was made up of taxi drivers who were the additional staff from those enterprises dedicated to deliver that service.

The streets from Havana city were gradually filled with those busses, so the transportation from one municipality into another one became less complicated and cheaper.

At the beginning, all was ok, besides, it was so necessary to get on them that the passengers themselves were considering as common or necessary to travel even standing up in them.

At that time, the difference between them and the recognized local P routes busses was precisely in respect of the 'cold air.' the lines and the great quantity of people were a common

feature when the automobiles were leaving those first bus stops.

Related complains appeared soon after, and little by little, it was recurrent, among the regular people of this kind of service, the negative criteria about it. Luckily and thanks to the journalistic report made by a colleague, it was listened that problematic and it has not been observed passengers travelling standing up in them anymore.

To recognize a little much more about that modality that is part of the not state-run working options, we talked to the vice-president of the local Cooperative number two of Taxi Ruteró (Road Taxi), Yordanka Santana and the related details can be found in her interview.
