



HAVANA

City Map

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SPEAK LIKE A LOCAL

BASICS

Hello./Goodbye. Hola./Adiós. o-la/a-dyos

Please./Thank you.

Por favor./Gracias. por fa-vor/gra-syas

Do you speak English? ¿Habla inglés? a-bla een-gles

Yes./No. Sí./No. see/no

Please. Por favor.por fa-vor

Thank you (very much).

(Muchas) Gracias. (mucha) gra-syas

TOP SIGHTS



B1 CATEDRAL DE LA HABANA

Described as music set in stone, Havana's incredible cathedral, which is dominated by two unequal towers and framed by a theatrical baroque facade, was designed by Italian architect Francesco Borromini. The building was finished in 1787, and the cathedral is one of the oldest in the Americas. (Cnr San Ignacio & Empedrado; ☎ 9am-4:30pm Mon-Fri, 9am-noon Sat & Sun)

MUSEO NACIONAL DE BELLAS ARTES

The Bellas Artes displays purely Cuban art. Look out for works by Guillermo Collazo, considered to be the first truly great Cuban artist. (Arte Cubano; www.bellasartes.co.cu; Trocadero; btwn Agramonte & Av de las Misiones; CUC\$5, under 12yr free; ☎ 9am-5pm Tue-Sat, 10am-2pm Sun)

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MUSEO DE LA REVOLUCIÓN

This emblematic museum resides in the former Presidential Palace. The museum itself focuses primarily on the events leading up to, during, and immediately after the Cuban revolution, with a hefty dash of propaganda. (Refugio No 1; CUC\$8, guided tours CUC\$2; ☎ 9:30am-4pm)

P8



T11 PLAZA VIEJA

Laid out in 1559, Plaza Vieja is Havana's most architecturally eclectic square, where Cuban baroque nestles seamlessly next to Gaudi-inspired art nouveau. Several new bars and cafes give it a sociable buzz in the evenings.

FORTALEZA DE SAN CARLOS DE LA CABAÑA

This 18th-century colossus was built between 1763 and 1774 to fill a weakness in the city's defenses. These days, the fort has been restored for visitors, and its wealth of attractions includes bars, restaurants, souvenir stalls and a cigar shop. (before/after 6pm CUC\$6/8; ☎ 10am-10pm)

T4



HOTEL NACIONAL DE CUBA

Built in 1930 as a copy of the Breakers Hotel in Palm Beach, Florida, the eclectic art deco-neoclassical Hotel Nacional is a national monument and one of Havana's architectural emblems. (Cnr Calles O & 21; ☎ free tours 10am & 3pm Mon-Fri, 10am Sat)



B6

MUSEO NAPOLEÓNICO

Without a doubt one of the best museums in Havana, this place boasts a collection of 7000 objects associated with the life of Napoléon Bonaparte. (San Miguel No 1159; CUC\$3; ☎ 9:30am-5pm Tue-Sat, 9:30am-12:30pm Sun)

B11



B2 PLAZA DE LA CATEDRAL

Habana Vieja's most uniform square is a museum to Cuban baroque, with all the surrounding buildings, including the city's beguiling asymmetrical cathedral, dating from the 1700s, although the plaza is actually the newest of the four squares in the Old Town.



N6 MALECÓN

The Malecón, Havana's 7km-long sea drive, is the city's most soulful. It's a favored meeting place for Cuban tourists and a potent atmosphere at sunset.

CASTILLO DE SAN CARLOS DE LA CABAÑA

On the seaward side of the city, the Castillo de San Carlos de la Cabaña is one of the city's most important fortifications. Built between 1558 and 1577, the fort houses a museum and a library of the fort and the city. (CUC\$3; ☎)



HAVANA SHORT LIST

HISTORY BUFFS

Museo 28 Septiembre de los CDR (R9) A dissection of the nationwide Comites de la Defensa de la Revolución (CDR). Neighborhood-watch schemes, or grassroots spying agencies? Sift through the propaganda and decide.

Plaza de Armas (D3) Havana's oldest square was laid out in the early 1520s, but today's plaza, along with most of the buildings around it, dates from the late 1700s.

Old City Wall (R15) The wall was built in the 17th century to defend the city, but only a few

BARGAIN HUNTERS

Calle Mercaderes (B2) Almost a complete replica of its splendid 18th-century high-water mark, the restored Calle Mercaderes boasts various museums, most of which are free.

Callejón de Hamel (E9) Aside from its funky street murals and psychedelic art shops, the main reason to come to Havana's high temple of Afro-Cuban culture is the frenetic rumba music that kicks off every Sunday at around noon.

El Ojo del Ciclón (P10) This free abstract gallery displays the work of Cuban visual

GETTING AROUND

TRANSPORT

Bus A tourist bus called Habana Bus Tour runs on two routes between 9am and 7pm and covers the main tourist sights. Crowded metro buses serve more peripheral neighborhoods on 16 different routes.

Taxi Taxis are ubiquitous, relatively cheap and easy to find, but buses don't reach, especially in outer Havana.

Boat A regular passenger ferry crosses the harbor between Habana Vieja and Habana del Este, Regla and

