

Havana: A Journey Through History and Culture

Welcome to Havana, Cuba's captivating capital, where colonial architecture meets Caribbean charm. This comprehensive 2-day guide will immerse you in the city's rich heritage, vibrant arts scene, and dynamic culture, perfect for first-time visitors.

Historical Overview

Havana has a fascinating history dating back to the 16th century when it served as a crucial Spanish colonial port. The city's well-preserved architecture, vintage cars, and historic plazas tell stories of its colonial past, revolutionary spirit, and cultural resilience.

Iconic Landmarks

- El Capitolio: A stunning symbol of Havana's architectural grandeur
- Castillo del Morro: A historic fortress guarding Havana's harbor
- Gran Teatro de La Habana: Home to the Cuban National Ballet
- Plaza de la Revolución: A significant political and cultural square

Cultural Treasures

- Museum of the Revolution: Chronicles Cuba's revolutionary history
- Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes: Houses an impressive collection of Cuban art
- Fábrica de Arte Cubano: A contemporary cultural space blending art and music
- Callejón de Hamel: A vibrant alley celebrating Afro-Cuban culture

Charming Neighborhoods

- Old Havana (Habana Vieja): UNESCO World Heritage site with colonial architecture
- Centro Habana: Experience authentic local life and culture
- Vedado: Modern district known for its cultural institutions

Havana Lifestyle

• Music: Experience live salsa and traditional Cuban rhythms

- Dance: Visit Casa de la Música for authentic Cuban dance
- Art: Explore galleries and street art throughout the city

Historic Squares

- Plaza Vieja: Historic square surrounded by colonial architecture
- Plaza de la Catedral: Home to the beautiful Havana Cathedral
- Old Town Square: Heart of colonial Havana

Practical Travel Tips

- Transportation: Classic car taxis, bicycle taxis, and walking are popular options
- Best Times to Visit: November to April for pleasant weather
- Currency: Bring cash; credit cards from U.S. banks aren't widely accepted
- Safety: Generally safe; exercise normal precautions

2-Day Itinerary Highlights

Day 1: Gran Teatro, Parque Central, Fábrica de Arte Cubano, Historic Market Square

Day 2: Old Town Square, Catedral de La Habana, Riverside Walk, Casa de la Música

This guide presents a curated selection of over 30 locations, allowing you to customize your Havana experience. Each stop offers a glimpse into the city's rich culture and historic charm.

Havana is more than just a destination; it's a journey through time where music fills the streets and history comes alive in every corner. As you explore the cobblestone streets, admire the colonial architecture, and immerse yourself in the rhythm of Cuban life, remember that Havana invites you to discover its authentic spirit with every step.

Let this enchanting city captivate your senses and create unforgettable memories during your journey. ¡Buen viaje a La Habana!

Itinerary Preview

2 days

Grand Theater of Havana

Parque de la Fraternidad

Cuban Art Factory

Old Town Square

DAY 01

Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes (Arte Cubano)

DAY 02

La Catedral de la Virgen María de la Concepción

Inmaculada de La Habana

Catedral de San Cristóbal de La Habana

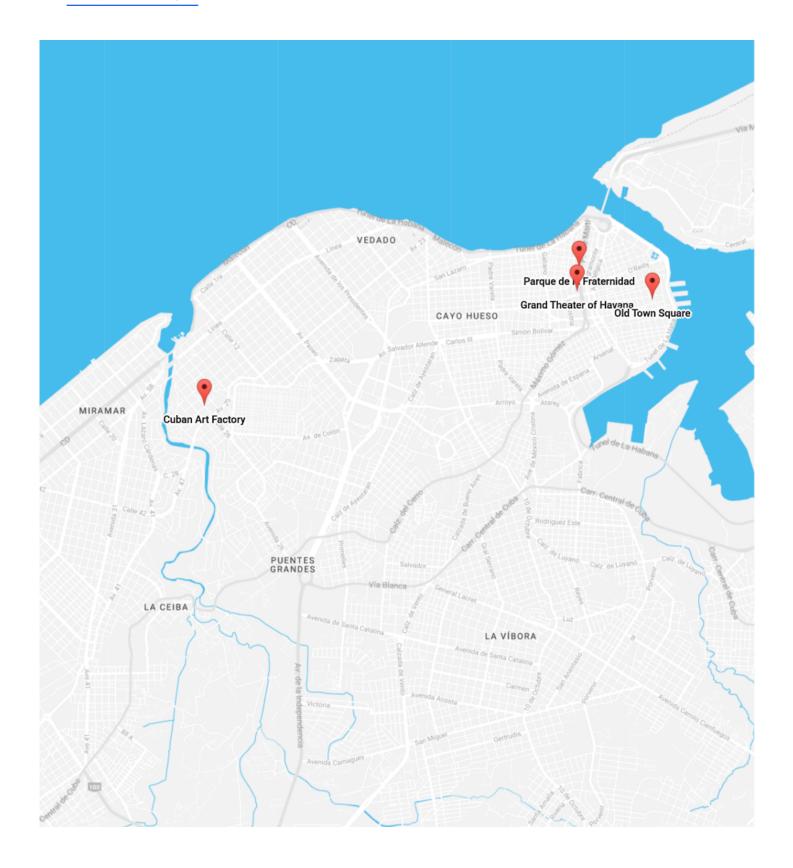
Plaza de la Catedral



Daily Events

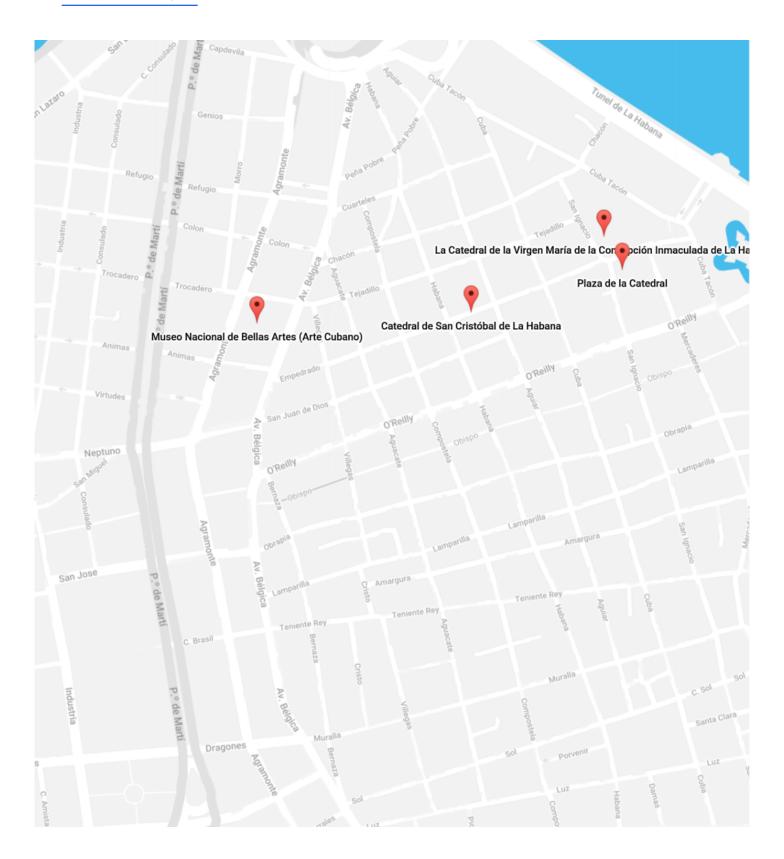
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	458 P.º de Martí, La Habana 10600, Cuba
11:00	
11:45	Parque de la Fraternidad
	4JMR+488, P.º de Martí, La Habana, Cuba
13:45	
14:30	Cuban Art Factory
	4HGR+X2X, Calle 26, La Habana, Cuba
16:30	
17:15	Old Town Square
	4MP2+C22 pollo Jul, San Ignacio, La Habana, Cuba
19:15	

Map for Day 1



09:00	Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes (Arte Cubano)
	4JRV+22Q, Obispo, La Habana, Cuba
11:00	
11:45	La Catedral de la Virgen María de la Concepción Inmaculada de La Habana
	156 Empedrado, La Habana, Cuba
13:45	
14:30	Catedral de San Cristóbal de La Habana
	4JRX+F87, Empedrado, La Habana, Cuba
16:30	
17:15	Plaza de la Catedral
	4JRX+89R, Havana, Cuba
19:15	

Map for Day 2





Spots



Mosque Abdallah

Edificio CUPET (Cuba Petroleo), 154 Oficios, La Habana, Cuba



Centro Cultural Pablo de la Torriente Brau

4MP2+78H, Havana, Cuba

Opening Hours:

Monday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Tuesday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Thursday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Friday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Saturday: Closed Sunday: Closed

Phone:



St. Francisco de Asís Basilica

154 Oficios, La Habana, Cuba

Summary:

Former Catholic church & monastery dating to 16th century, now a concert hall & sacred-art museum.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM Thursday: 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM Friday: 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM Saturday: 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM Sunday: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM



Catedral de San Cristóbal de La Habana

4JRX+F87, Empedrado, La Habana, Cuba



Convento de Santa Clara

4JMX+JGG, Havana, Cuba

Phone:

(07) 8613775



La Cueva De Los Peces

507A. e/ y Tte Rey. Vieja., Muralla, La Habana, Cuba

Opening Hours:

Monday: 10:30 AM - 5:29 PM Tuesday: 10:30 AM - 5:29 PM Wednesday: 10:30 AM - 5:29 PM Thursday: 10:30 AM - 5:29 PM Friday: 10:30 AM - 5:29 PM Saturday: 10:30 AM - 5:29 PM

Sunday: Closed

Phone:

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Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes (Arte Cubano)

4JRV+22Q, Obispo, La Habana, Cuba

Summary:

Cavernous, multilevel cultural museum with a vast collection of works by Cuban & other artists.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed Tuesday: Closed

Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Thursday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Friday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Saturday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Sunday: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Phone:

(07) 8633763



Callejon de Hamel

Callejon de Hamel, La Habana, Cuba

Summary:

Narrow alley known for funky, colorful murals & found art, plus weekly rumba music & dance sessions.



Teatro Payret

513 P.º de Martí, La Habana, Cuba

Phone:

(07) 8633163



Plaza Vieja Plaza Vieja, La Habana, Cuba



National Botanical Garden

XMR7+J58, Havana, Cuba

Summary:

Guided tours are offered at this botanical garden with native & exotic plants, plus an eatery.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed Tuesday: Closed Wednesday: Closed Thursday: Closed Friday: Closed

Saturday: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM Sunday: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Phone:

(07) 6979160



Marti Theater

Calle Dragones # 58 entre Prado y Zulueta C.P 10100, La Habana, Cuba

Phone:



Plaza de la Revolucion

Plaza de la Revolucion, Havana, Cuba



Almacenes San José Mercado Artesanal

110 Leonor Pérez, La Habana, Cuba

Summary:

Vendors in a vast harborfront warehouse sell ceramics, leather goods, humidors & guayabera shirts.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM Thursday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM Friday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM Saturday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM Sunday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM



Avenida Malecón

Avenida Malecón, La Habana, Cuba



Museo de la Revolución

4JRV+M87, Av. Bélgica, La Habana 10600, Cuba



Bacardi Building

Avenida de Bélgica No. 261 entre Empedrado y San Juan de Dios, Edificio Bacardí, 261 Av. Bélgica, La Habana, Cuba

Summary:

Built in 1930, the famed rum company's former home has a granite art deco facade & tile decoration.



Old Town Square

4MP2+C22 pollo Jul, San Ignacio, La Habana, Cuba

Summary:

Laid out in 1559, this public square with a fountain features buildings from baroque to art nouveau.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Open 24 hours Tuesday: Open 24 hours Wednesday: Open 24 hours Thursday: Open 24 hours Friday: Open 24 hours Saturday: Open 24 hours Sunday: Open 24 hours



Castle of the Three Kings of Morro

5J2V+34X, Havana, Cuba

Summary:

Iconic symbol of Havana's seagoing past, this fort dates back to the late 16th century.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM Thursday: 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM Friday: 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM Saturday: 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM Sunday: 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Phone:

(07) 8619727



Havana

Havana, Cuba



Havana Castle of the Royal Force

4MR2+C4R, O'Reilly, La Habana, Cuba

Summary:

Harborside star fort in Plaza de Armas, built in the mid-1500s & today housing a maritime museum.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM Wednesday: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM Thursday: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM Friday: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM Saturday: 1:00 - 4:00 PM Sunday: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM



National Capitol of Cuba

66 Cienfuegos, La Habana 10200, Cuba

Summary:

Built in 1929, this elegant municipal building features a sizable, domed cupola & a central portico.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Tuesday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Thursday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Friday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Saturday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Sunday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Phone:



Parque de la Fraternidad

4JMR+488, P.º de Martí, La Habana, Cuba

Summary:

This storied city green space called Fraternity Park houses busts of Latin & North American leaders.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Open 24 hours Tuesday: Open 24 hours Wednesday: Open 24 hours Thursday: Open 24 hours Friday: Open 24 hours Saturday: Open 24 hours Sunday: Open 24 hours



Lenin Park

2JGQ+4C3, Havana, Cuba

Opening Hours:

Monday: Open 24 hours Tuesday: Open 24 hours

Wednesday: 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM Thursday: 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM Friday: 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM Saturday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM Sunday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM



Forestal Park

4J22+4GC, Havana, Cuba

Summary:

Lush riverfront urban forest park with an amphitheater, playground & a snack bar.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Open 24 hours Tuesday: Open 24 hours Wednesday: Open 24 hours Thursday: Open 24 hours Friday: Open 24 hours Saturday: Open 24 hours Sunday: Open 24 hours



La Catedral de la Virgen María de la Concepción Inmaculada de La Habana

156 Empedrado, La Habana, Cuba

Summary:

Imposing Catholic cathedral featuring a baroque, ornamental facade & 2 bell towers.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Tuesday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Thursday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Friday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Saturday: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Sunday: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Phone:



Grand Theater of Havana

458 P.º de Martí, La Habana 10600, Cuba

Summary:

Palatial theater built in 1838 whose grand main hall is now home to the Cuban National Ballet.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 8:30 - 10:00 PM Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Thursday: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Friday: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Saturday: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Sunday: Open 24 hours

Phone:

(07) 8613077



Cuban Art Factory

4HGR+X2X, Calle 26, La Habana, Cuba

Summary:

Contemporary cultural center with unique offerings, such as films, concerts & art exhibitions.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed Tuesday: Closed Wednesday: Closed

Thursday: 8:00 PM - 2:00 AM Friday: 8:00 PM - 2:00 AM Saturday: 8:00 PM - 2:00 AM Sunday: 8:00 PM - 2:00 AM

Phone:



Palacio de los Capitanes Generales

4JQX+WWM, Cuba Tacón, La Habana, Cuba

Summary:

Stately, Cuban baroque-style palace featuring historical artwork & artifacts, plus original decor.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM Thursday: 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM Friday: 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM Saturday: 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Sunday: Closed



Hotel Nacional de Cuba

Calle 21 y O, Vedado, Plaza La Habana, La Habana 10400, Cuba

Summary:

Historic 1930 lodging with 3 restaurants & 3 bars, plus 2 outdoor pools & live entertainment.

Phone:



Plaza de la Catedral

4JRX+89R, Havana, Cuba

Summary:

Old Havana plaza containing a baroque 1770s cathedral, the Colonial Art Museum & cafe tables.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Open 24 hours Tuesday: Open 24 hours Wednesday: Open 24 hours Thursday: Open 24 hours Friday: Open 24 hours Saturday: Open 24 hours Sunday: Open 24 hours



John Lennon Park

4JJ2+Q36, Calle 8, La Habana, Cuba

Summary:

This green space features a bronze sculpture of the Beatles' John Lennon.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Open 24 hours Tuesday: Open 24 hours Wednesday: Open 24 hours Thursday: Open 24 hours Friday: Open 24 hours Saturday: Open 24 hours Sunday: Open 24 hours



Central Park

267 Agramonte, La Habana, Cuba

Summary:

City-center park with palm trees, fountains, paths & benches surrounding a statue of José Martí.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Open 24 hours Tuesday: Open 24 hours Wednesday: Open 24 hours Thursday: Open 24 hours Friday: Open 24 hours Saturday: Open 24 hours Sunday: Open 24 hours



Casa de la musica

4JC4+JC6, Havana, Cuba