

Havana, La Habana, Cuba

Havana is unlike any other port in the Caribbean. A UNESCO-listed old city, 1950s American cars frozen in time, crumbling colonial grandeur, and live salsa on every corner — all within walking distance of the pier.

Docked (Sierra Maestra Terminal)

Typical call: 8-12 hrs

Cuban Peso (CUP) / Euros accepted at some venues

Spanish

Hot & humid; cooler Nov–Feb

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Terminal Sierra Maestra, directly adjacent to Old Havana (Habana Vieja)

Best For: Colonial architecture, vintage car rides, Cuban music, and living history

Walk to center: Walkable — Old Havana's main plazas are 5-10 min on foot from the pier

Don't Miss: Plaza de la Catedral and a daiquiri at El Floridita, Hemingway's old haunt

Getting around: **Taxi** \$10–25 USD · **Rideshare** not available · **Hop-on hop-off** Habana Bus Tour

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Old Havana Walking Tour** — UNESCO-listed Habana Vieja is the core of any Havana visit.
- **Classic Car City Tour** — Havana's fleet of perfectly maintained 1950s American cars is genuinely remarkable — and renting one for a private city tour is the quintessential...
- **Live Music & Rum Experience** — Cuba is the birthplace of son cubano, salsa, and mambo.
- **Fortaleza de San Carlos de la Cabaña** — One of the largest fortresses in the Americas, built by the Spanish in the 18th century to defend Havana Harbor after the British briefly seized the...
- **Cuban Food & Market Tour** — Beyond mojitos and ropa vieja, Havana has a developing private-restaurant (paladar) scene worth exploring.

BEST WALKS

- **The Four Plazas of Habana Vieja** 2 km · 60-90 min · Easy — From the waterfront, walk to Plaza de San Francisco de Asís (the old trading square), then north along Calle Oficios to Plaza de Armas (the oldest square, lined with...
- **The Malecón Stroll** 2 km one-way · 30-40 min · Easy — Walk west from the edge of Old Havana along the Malecón, Havana's famous 8-km seawall boulevard.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		87°	72°	8d
Jun		88°	76°	21d
Aug		91°	78°	18d
Sep		88°	77°	19d
Oct		86°	75°	15d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 7:08AM–7:50PM · Jun 6:43AM–8:16PM · Aug 7:06AM–8:01PM · Sep 7:16AM–7:32PM · Oct 7:26AM–7:03PM

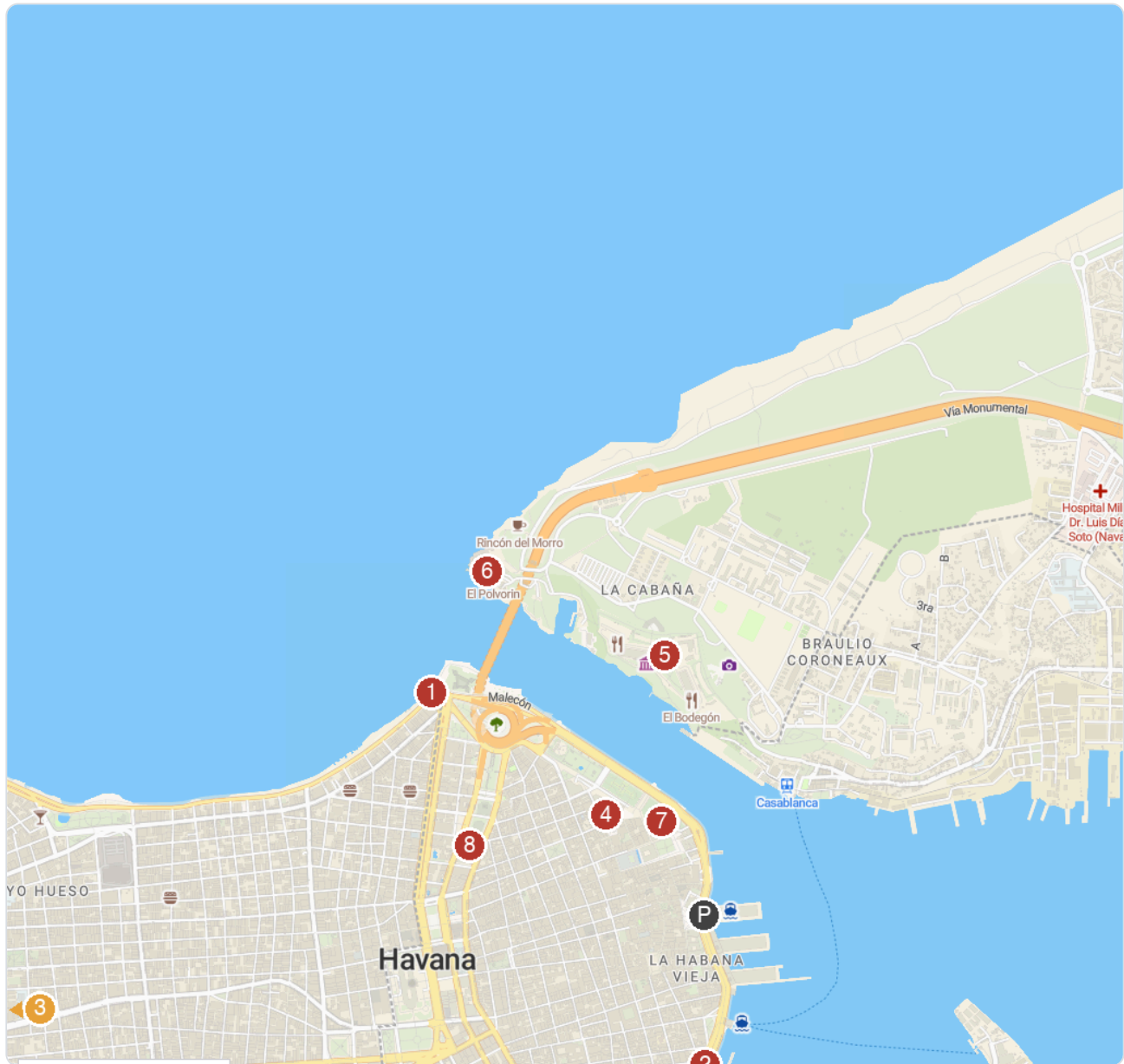
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Bring cash — US cards don't work in Cuba. US-issued credit and debit cards are blocked by the US embargo. Bring euros, Canadian dollars, or US dollars in cash and exchange at a CADECA (the official exchange bureau). Avoid street changers.
- Internet is limited and requires a local SIM or Wi-Fi card — buy an ETECSA card for Wi-Fi hotspots in parks and hotels. Don't count on Google Maps working freely; download an offline map of Havana before your cruise.
- Classic car taxis are priced for tourists — negotiate first. The convertible 1950s cars are a genuine delight, but agree on the fare before you sit down. Most city trips should run \$5-15 USD. Coco-taxis (yellow bubble taxis) are cheaper for short hops.
- Old Havana is exposed and hot — the colonial streets have limited shade. Start your walk early (before 10 AM), carry water, and plan a long lunch in a shaded paladar during the worst of the midday heat.
- Say yes to live music — Havana is one of the great music cities in the world. Street bands and bar performers are everywhere in Old Havana. A small tip (1-2 CUP or a dollar) is customary and very welcome.
- Check your cruise line's Cuba policy before you plan — US regulations around Cuba cruise calls have changed multiple times. Confirm your ship will actually call at Havana and what shore-time rules apply before building your day around it.

Havana, La Habana, Cuba — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Malecón de Habana | Havana's iconic waterfront promenade and seawall. | 2 Alameda de Paula | Historic waterfront promenade, one of Havana's oldest. |
| 3 Monumento a José Miguel Gómez | Monument honoring former Cuban President José Miguel Gómez. | 4 Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary | Grand Baroque cathedral in Old Havana. |
| 5 Fort Of San Carlos Of The Cabin | Vast 18th-century fortress complex with nightly cannon ceremony. | 6 Castle of the Three Kings of Morro | Historic fortress guarding Havana Bay entrance. |
| 7 Havana Castle Of The Royal Force | Oldest fortress in Havana, now a museum. | 8 National Museum of Fine Arts - Cuban Art | Museum showcasing Cuba's rich artistic heritage. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |