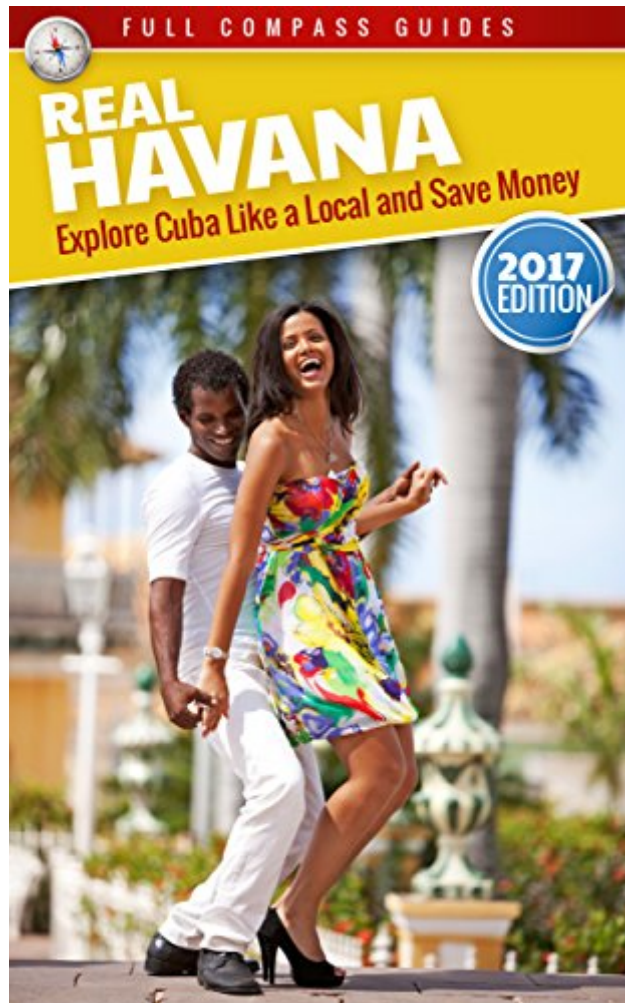




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# Real Havana: Explore Cuba Like A Local And Save Money





## Synopsis

UPDATED 2017 EDITION - With Bonus Trinidad City Guide

Real Havana is the #1 selling guide to experiencing the authentic Cuba. This book is designed to give you a cultural immersion into Cuban life, and to provide you the tools and background information to truly make the most of your visit. It gives you the confidence and knowledge to break away from the tourist areas and experience the real Cuba. You want to explore the rich culture. Be transported back to a simpler time. Experience Havana's romance and beauty with the same carefree joy as the locals. See everything you want to see and go everywhere you want to go. The Real Havana guide shows you how to do all that and lots more. In the guide, you will learn about:

- Authentic Cuban cuisine and affordable Havana restaurants.
- Low-priced farmers markets, shops and entertainment options.
- Maps of Havana and the suburbs
- Get out of the city and EXPLORE!
- Instructions on using communal taxis colectivos and all the major routes.
- Contact info and reviews of over 30 casa particular apartments in Vedado.
- Fascinating, offbeat places which are hidden from foreigners.
- Hundreds of tips on saving money while in Havana.
- How to avoid the most common tourist scams.

Plus, this updated 2016 edition includes a special Trinidad City Guide. Trinidad is one of the most beautiful towns in Cuba and one of the most popular excursion destinations for travelers. Learn how to explore this wonderful UNESCO World Heritage site for yourself, on your next trip to Cuba. This book is not a "tourist guide". It is not a boring list of restaurant reviews and attractions, like all the other guides. With this book, you will learn about the authentic, local places. Locations which are hidden to regular tourists. Naturally, these places are also very inexpensive. So, in effect, you will not only be immersed in authentic Cuban life, but you will also save money.

**BONUS:** The last section of this book includes the Cheap Casa Particular Guide. You will find listings and reviews of over 30 apartments and rooms to rent in the Vedado neighborhood of Havana. These casas particulares have been hand selected out of the thousands available in Havana. They are not only the most affordable, but they are also among the cleanest, best maintained, and best located. The hosts are extremely hospitable and most speak multiple languages. You get the full contact information for the casas. For your convenience you can make your reservation online ([www.BestCubaGuide.com](http://www.BestCubaGuide.com)) and you will never pay any expensive brokerage or middlemen fees. You are certain to save at least \$5 to 10\$ per night in brokerage fees. That alone is easily worth the purchase price of Real Havana guide.

About Full Compass Guides

Full Compass Guides are aimed at travelers who want to understand local customs and culture so that they can experience destinations like a local. Unlike regular tourist guides, Full Compass guides are not a list of attractions popular with tourists, and boring restaurant



and hotel reviews that are obsolete the moment they are published. With our guides, you get succinct, useful information about the culture, people and geography of your destination so you have the tools and the confidence to explore on your own, experience everything that your destination has to offer, and save money. Our guides are written by experienced travelers who have intimate knowledge of both the location and the culture of the destination. They give you the exact information you need in order to make the most of your travel time. With a Full Compass guide, you will be a knowledgeable explorer, rather than just another flash-happy tourist.

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Better than anyone else's book on our trip!! Had great ideas, info about the people, things to do...absolutely recommend it to everyone considering Cuba. We actually took your suggestion about gifts and brought a suitcase full of stuff - especially for kids. Donated to an orphanage. Gave our host DVDs and a few other small items. Went to Adidas outlet store & purchased some soccer balls...easy to pack since they aren't pumped up when they arrive at the store. And the guitar strings



were a hit. We have them as additional tips to performers.

This book was highly readable and I hope it's going to save me some money when I get to Cuba. It explains in detail how the local economy works and how it can work to your benefit. I liked it so much in paper I bought the Kindle version to bring with

This guide has some of the most important information that the other guidebooks miss. It goes into detail about how to use a taxi particular (communal taxi) and really explains the casa particulars and how to save money when you rent one. Even more, I like that the author mentions off-beat destinations and attractions. We took a taxi to the Playas del Este and it was cheap and pretty easy and I loved taking the ferry to the town of Regla, on the other side of the Havana harbor. Next time I go I will explore some of the Havana suburbs, just like the guide mentions. If you want a list of all the Havana tourist attractions, then this is not it. If you want to learn how to explore the authentic side of Havana and really understand the culture, then you need this guide. The author has tons of videos online too and on his website. Those helped me a lot as well.

This was the best book if you're going to Cuba on a student budget! If you want to learn how to eat and live like Cubans do, look no further. We read this book a month before our trip and felt so much more prepared and then unfortunately we forgot to pack it with us to bring to Cuba but we still remembered all the helpful tips and tricks of this book and they were so true and so helpful! We recommend this book to anyone that is going to Cuba on their own and looking to experience the real Cuban life style!!! If you're looking for a book that gives you historical info on every attraction, this is not the book for you, this book prepares you to hail a collective taxi, exchange money and find great hidden restaurants!

This book was great. It was very helpful and detailed. The sites referenced were worth visiting. I recommend this book to anyone that is going to Cuba for the first time.

The author stated that with a policeman stationed at every corner in Old Havana, it was absolutely safe to venture out on foot st any time. Well my wife's purse got snatched, as we left a wonderful restaurant on a Saturday evening. It contained only a few CUCs, her passport, visa, and drivers license. So, here's another tip. Make copies of your visa and passport to carry around with you, and leave your originals in your hotel. It took four hours and \$130 to get a temporary replacement



passport at the US Embassy, and really created a major headache trying to leave Cuba without an exit visa. Other than that incident, we had a wonderful trip, and the book provided a lot of good tips to follow. Especially regarding the cigar hustlers. They're everywhere.

One of the best Cuba guides I've seen. I've been to Cuba recently, but didn't know much about what I was seeing. Will update this review after my next trip, in May 2017.

We are preparing for a People-to-People trip to Cuba next month. There are so few sources available to Americans about Cuba. This guide covers all of the bases and has given us a great foundation to prepare for the trip. What makes it even better is that it's on our tablet and we'll be able to access it while in Cuba.

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