# **HAVANA NIGHTCLUBS**

#### La Gruta

Location: Avenida 23 la Rampa, Vedado, Havana, Cuba Phone +537: 8369320 Salsa dancing

club

**UP & Down** 

Location: Calle 5ta y B, Havana, late night and wild- did I say wild...? Late night

#### Fabrica de Arte Cubano FAC

Location: Calle 26 - Equina 11 Vedado La Habana Number: +537 838-22-60

Far and away the finest club/art space in North America. Open usually just weekends and special

occasions.

#### Cafe Cantante Mi Habana

Location: Teatro Nacional, Paseo and Calle 39 I Plaza de la Revolución, Havana,

# **CAFÉ MIRAMAR**

**Location:** CINE TEATRO MIRAMAR CALLE 5<sup>TH</sup> ESQ A 94 MIRAMAR PLAYA

government bar(cheap drinks, amazing musicians) great place to see some of the best Cuban

musicians in a relaxed atmosphere.

# **CORNER CAFÉ**

**Location:** 1ra y B ENT 1 & 3<sup>RD</sup> live music @ 10pm just off the Malacon

#### El Gato Tuerto

Location: Calle O between Calle 17 and Calle 19, Vedado

El Gato Tuerto, Havana Cuba might be Havana's best attempt at a genuine designer bar. After a 12-year hiatus, they broke the mold with modern furniture, sleek lines and clear-wood floors. This is one of the most stylish bars in the city of Havana. A young crowd, a beautiful wait staff and sexy ambiance all keep the doors opening at El Gato Tuerto. ...

Showtime(s): Noon to 6:00 AM daily | Type: Top 10 Night Clubs & Discos | Doors Open: 12 M

#### La Cecilia

Location: 5ta Avenida y 110

A large outdoors club featuring big name salsa stars, big bands and dance performances. Great sound system. Lively, attractive, well-mixed crowd. Expect a cover of around \$15,

depending on the act....locals

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### Rio Club (El Jhonny)

Location: Calle A y 3ra, Miramar

Offering an outstanding cabaret that combines traditional style with new staging. The small dimension of the place allows to all those who wish to join it. Ideal placement in the very centre of the city. Good cocktail selection...locals

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#### BERTROLD BRECHT

**Location:** 13 Esquina I, Vedado, Plaza de la Revolucion, Ciudad de la Habana, 258, La Habana in a part of one of the three Havana Synagogues the Brecht is a bastion of progressive and trova music. Their small downstairs venue holds 100 true believers in the Trova movement. Wednesday Interactivo rocks with many star guests.

# **Espacios**

**Location:** Calle 10 no.513 between 5ta Avenida and 7ma Avenida, Miramar. +53 7 202 2921 good cheap food, outdoor and indoor, nice place open until 6am lots of musicians hang there after gigs. Suburban and quiet.

### <u>Madrigal</u>

**Location:** Calle 17 no.809 altos between Calles 2 and 4, Vedado.+53 7 831 2433. Tues, Wed, Thur and Sun, 6pm-midnight; Fri and Sat, 6pm-4am.

### **Jazz Cafe**

Location: Third level of the Galerias Paseo mall, Avs. Paseo and 3 I Vedado, Havana,

# **Tropicana**

**Location:** 72 A, La Habana, Cuba **Phone:**+53 7 2671717 Is to Havana as the Moulin Rouge is to Paris. Inaugurated in 1939, Tropicana's fabulous open air stage has played host to a number of celebrities like: Nat King Cole, Celia Cruz, Tito Puente.

# La Zorra Y El Cuervo Jazz Night Club

Location: entre N y O, Avenida 23(La Rampa), La Habana

Phone: +53 7 662402

### Casa de la Música Miramar

Location: Av. 25, esq. 20, Miramar, Playa

Casa de la Música sometimes has sizzling-hot afternoon salsa sessions as well as nightly (except Monday) performances by such legends as Bamboleo and Chucho Valdés. This is the place preferred by Cubans with some money to burn, and the fact that the audience usually includes some of Cuba's hottest performers says it all. The shows are advertised to begin at 10:30 p.m., but the headliner normally doesn't come on until 1 a.m. Also here is the Tun Tún Piano Bar....

Showtime(s): 10 PM - 4.AM | Type: Top 10 Night Clubs & Discos | Doors Open: 10 PM

Casa De La Musica de Centro Havana Open 10pm - 4:30am Tues — Sunday Admission 5-25 On Galiano entre Neptune y Concordia Habana Cenro. +537 860 8296 The best in Salsa bands. Bigger than it's sister venue in Miramar. And much rougher! Many 'locals'

#### **Havana Caffe**

Location: Av. Paseo e/ 1ª y 3ª, Vedado. Ciudad de La Habana, Cuba

Inspired by the 40s, 50s and 60s, through hundreds of pictures of moments and personalities, musical instruments, trophies and objects of the time. Pictures of famous boxers, singers, and theater artists; records with their covers, representing the best Cuban music in those years; cameras; concert programs; razors; gas pumps; beer and soda labels; radios; typewriters; film projectors; two 1957 cars; a 1947 Harley Davidson motorbike, and even a two-seat YAK-18 airplane. ... Showtime(s): 10 PM to 3 AM | Type: Top 10 Night Clubs & Discos | Doors Open: 10 PM

**El Turquino** Tryp Habana Libre Hotel, 25th floor Calle L, entre 23 y 25, Vedado, Havana 10400, Cuba

<u>Club Imágenes</u> Calzada 602, at the corner of Calle C IVedado, La Habana, Cuba Teléfono: 53-7-833-36-06 Situated across from the Amadeo Roldán theatre this is a piano bar, which is a good option when you are looking for somewhere new. Small, clean, pleasant with a variety of entertainment and surprisingly good cocktails. Seems more like a disco with various variety shows.

Admission 5 CUC min consumption 5 CUC (incl. CUC 3 towards drinks) Fri-Sun **King Bar** 

**Location:** 23 e/ D y E, Avenida 23, La Habana, Cuba **Phone:**+53 7 8330556 **Hours:** 1PM–3AM King Bar is definitely ruling <u>Vedado</u>'s night scene. Sandwiched between two buildings, this place can be a little bit hard to find, This bar has a spacious dancing/singing floor for big parties. Private dining rooms are on the way to be installed on the second floor. Its grilled food is quite lovely. Prices for drinks are between \$3 CUC and \$5 CUC in general.

# Submarino Amarillo Night Club

**Location:** Calle 17, La Habana, Cuban comedy and music bar. This is Havana's very own Beatles Bar. They do live music and recorded Rock/60s music. Great friendly venue and nicely decorated inside.

# Cabaret Las Vegas Infanta,

**Location:** Calle 25 y27, Havana, Cuba Best place in Havana for drag shows every night. Best on Thursdays and Saturdays.

# **CAFÉ FRESA Y CHOCOLATE**

**Location:** CALLE 23 NO 1155 ENTRE 10 Y 12 VEDADO +537833-9278 Across the street from the ICAIC (Cuban Film Institute), this lobby-turned-bar offers a very pleasant place to get a pre or post cinema drink with lots of film memorabilia around. The weekend offers good live entertainment beginning on Friday with La Tanda (a mixture of trova and various art forms), Saturday features a blues band followed by comedy, and Sunday sees a young jazz evening with aspiring jazz artists playing.

#### El Sauce Phone: +53 7 2047061

**Location:** Calle 9na. No. 12015 entre 120 y 130, Cubanacan Playa, Havana, long taxi ride Best live place in Havana with no Yuma(Americans or now foreigners) Or at least just a few

#### El Cocinero

**Location:** Calle 26 between Calles 11 and 13, Vedado. +53 7 832 2355. Mon-Sun, 4pm-midnight. Disco and some live acts Bar restaurant next to F.A.C. Fabrica Del Arte

### El Rincón del Bolero +53 7 2042353

**Location:** Dos Gardenias, Av. 7 and Calle 26 Miramar, Playa, Havana opens at 11:00 p.m. The music starts at 12:30 a.m. It was a full on night club at this time of night with separate smaller rooms with different vibes plus a nice outside patio. Great music, good drinks, fantastic friendly people

### **Barbaram Pepito's Bar**

**Location:** Avenida 26 entre 45 y 47, Nuevo Vedado (near the Zoo)

Decorated with the theme of the Internationally known Cuban animated film **Vampires in Havana**. Leading orchestras and local performers . Entertainment : 9pm to 2am . Matinee Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 5 to 8pm Cover : 50.00 MN

**Don Cangrejo** OPEN 11pm to 3am COVER CUC 5

**Location:** Avenida 1ra between Calles 16 & 18 Seafood restaurant that turns into a live venue

### Salon Rojo - Capri in Havana

Location: Address: Calle 21 entre N y O, Vedado. La Habana.

Its reopening, at the end of 2003, represents nothing less than the "comeback" of a Cuban nights classic, offering an outstanding cabaret that combines traditional style with new staging. The small dimension of the place allows to all those who wish to join it, a mayor intimacy with artists and their performance. Ideal placement in the very centre of the city. Good cocktail selection....locals

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#### **Dos Gardenias**

Location: Av. 7 and Calle 26 Miramar, Playa Havana

Nights in Havana on this site - special magic: Bolero Hall, a tribute to one of the great exponents of Cuban music, Isolina Carrillo, creator of the bolero which gives the place its name: Dos Gardenias. In a pleasant environment you can enjoy a family atmosphere and personalized service. Appointment center is famous interpreters of this renowned musical expression. It enjoys the best music of all time. ...

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mostly on weekends. Great yuppy Cuban crowd (or Mickies as the locals call them) Disco after the live music. Often the amazing Kelvis Ochoa or David Torrins.

### Salon Rosado de la Tropical

**Location:** Ave 41 esq. 46 Nicanor del Campo +537 203 5322 The facilities are pretty basic but still basically function and there is surprisingly little queue at the bar to get served. Prices are cheap and most Cubans will drink rum. While reggaetón/cubatón and timba are standard musical fare here (think La Micha; Paulo FG; Pupy y Los Son Son) rock and pop acts – Interactivo, Descemer Bueno, Raúl Paz – also gig occasionally. Late at night it can get aggressive with all the cheap rum so... be careful.' Locals'

**Teatro Auditorium Amadeo Roldán** National Symphony Orchestra and one of the best places to listen to classical music in Havana. : 9pm Fri; 5pm Sat; 4pm Sun. Other programs: 6pm-8pm weeknights (check in advance) Calzada y D Vedado

# **Hurón Azul UNEAC**

**Location:** Calle 17, esquina H Admission: CUC 5 La Peña del Ambia, a gathering on Wednesday afternoons, which features various music and dance traditions

Delirio Habanero Salón Piano Bar OPEN 10pm-6am daily COVER CUC 10

**Location:** Teatro Nacional de Cuba, Avenida Paseo, esquina 39, Plaza de la Revolución This is the place to go at 2-3am when everywhere else is closed, although be warned that the queues can be long, hectic and the doormen decidedly dodgy! There is a varied program, which includes mainly smaller salsa bands. Beware of the karaoke. This is a happening place but make sure that you have had a few drinks before you arrive.

Centro Andaluz en Cuba Open: Open 1pm-midnight, Performances 8.30-11pm Wed; 10pm-

midnight Fri, Sat

Admission: 60 CUP (\$2.50)

Location: Prado No. 104, entre Genios y Refugio (+53)7863-6745

This former social club is part of a network of societies for local Spanish descendents. Nowadays it's dedicated almost entirely to flamenco, with performances from homegrown troupes like Ecos and Habana Flamenco.

Casa del Tango Open 10am-8pm, Performances 5-7pm

**Location:** Mon Calle Neptuno No.309, entre Águila y Avenida de Italia (Galiano) (+53)7863 – 0097 Owners Wilki and Adelaida have turned their home into one of the more distinctive and eccentric venues in Havana, offering dance classes in tango and salsa, along with a floor show and dancing later on. The main room is a shrine to the dance, packed with old posters, sheet music and other memorabilia.**El Mesón de la Flota** Open: Open 12m to 12am

Location: Mercaderes No. 257, entre Amargura y Teniente Rey, Old Havana

(+53)7862 – 9281 The Meson de la Flota is the quintessential tavern. Relatively dark inside and with a great flamenco band, which is basically headquartered here, this makes for a good intimate atmosphere. You do need to bear in mind that the flamenco group, while extremely good, is also very loud so forget about a romantic chat...



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