

Restaurants in Havana

*By Neighborhood - ***** Starred by personal preference*

HAVANA CENTRAL

LA COMERCIAL CUBANA San Cristobal ***** Paladar- call ahead- San Rafael No 469 e/Lealtad Y Campanario tel: 867-9109; 860-1705 the best and not too expensive. Havana Central a-amazing atmosphere, outstanding service and wonderful Cuban food

LOS NARDOS *** Paso de Martí #563 - Just Opposite the Capitolio under the portico. Good for lunch when you are in Old Havana. It's a 20-30 minute line but worth it for a truly Cuban experience. Very good. Spanish food. Spanish Sports Society

IVAN CHEFS JUSTO RESTAURANTE **, Aguacante #9 ESQ. CHACON, Near Granma boat Havana Vieja, Cuba +5378639697 Expensive and Inconsistent

LA GUARIDA *** Calle Concordia 418 E/G y E Calles Gervasio and Escobar, Havana Centro Where many scenes of the famous Cuban film, Strawberry and Chocolate was filmed. Inconsistent food and small inside and not a bargain for the quality. Private

Sociedad Asturiana Castropol ** (downstairs only) Malecon No. 7 Centro, Havana +537 861-4864 If you must eat here, eat downstairs. It's expensive with ok quality. It used to be very good a few years ago. Upstairs it's a different menu- cleaner looking but good

MIRAMAR/PLAYA

RESTAURANTE DON CANGREJO (Sir Crab) ***** ON OCEAN - AVENIDA 1, N° 1606, ENTRE LA CALLE 16 Y 18 MIRAMAR (FOR CLUB AT NIGHT- GO AFTER 10PM) PRIVATE ...VERY GOOD Seafood. Small and intimate overlooking far off view of Key West if you look hard

LA FANTANA RESTAURANT **** CALLE 3 RA A ESQUINA 46 #305 +5372028337 Miramar. One of the most romantic restaurants in Havana. It's quiet and has good grilled food.

EL PALIO **** 2402 1ST AVENUE CORNER 24TH STREET, MIRAMAR. Small Paladar in a private home. It has great food and service.

RIO MAR **** 3ra y Final #11, La Puntilla, Miramar
Phone:+53 7 2094838 idyllic spot- great food- sitting on the veranda overlooking a bay from which you can see Fabrica del Arte and el Cocinero tall chimney

EL ALJIBE chicken restaurant. ** Calle 24 at 7th, Miramar- OK and not expensive for old Cuban style stewed chicken. Good wine cellar – government owned. Staff a bit surly but the thatched roof is ok.

LA COCINA DE LILLIAM RESTAURANT ***** CALLE 48 NO. 1311 Ent 13 Y 15. Miramar, Playa., Havana +53 7 209-6514 – Outdoors, romantic, private with outstanding food and atmosphere. Expensive

Paladar Vistamar **** Avenida 1ra No. 2206 e/ 22 y 24 | Miramar. Playa. Ciudad Habana. +537 203 8328 Great seafood, on the ocean in the very comfortable community of Miramar. One of the first to perfect the Cuban grill and well worth the drive.

HAVANA VIEJA (OLD HAVANA)

La Moneda Cubana *** Calle Empedrado No. 152 entre Mercaderes y San Ignacio, HAVANA VIAJO tel: +537 (861) 5304 Great Terrace overlooking square Open late...off the old Plaza de las Armas nice for a relaxing break from sightseeing. Not a place to go out of your way to

Dona Eutimia **** Callejon del Chorro #60-C Plaza de la Catedral, Habana Vieja, Havana +53 7 8611332 Cuban food, great location, very relaxed. One of our fav's in the city.

Habana 61 ***** Calle Habana No. 61 entre las Calles Cuarteles y Peña Pobre, Havana +53 7 8619433 great traditional Cuban food prepared in a lovely location. Close to our fav lunch place **5Esquinas**. Go!

5Esquinas **** Habana #104 Esq Cuarteles Habana Vieja, Havana +53 7 8606295 Near the National Museum of Belles Arte, in one of the nicest quarters of Old Havana, this is a very small place I love to lunch – indoor or outdoor. Italian food made by Genuine Italians.

304 O'Reilly **** O'Reilly #304 | Habana & Aguiar, Havana +53 5 2644725 Looking for a good place to eat in the Old part of Havana- well this is it. Good tapas, good cocktails and amazing food.

Esto No Es Un Café **** Callejon Del Chorro No. 58A Plaza de la Catedral, Havana +53 7 8625109. If Dona Eutimia is booked up and you are in the Plaza de la Catedral this would be a great place to eat lunch. Reasonable priced friendly and accommodating you can't beat it.

Sia Kara Café Calle Industria no 502 | Esquina Calle Barcelona, Havana +(53)78 67 40 84

Cafe de los Artistas Calle Aguiar # 22 Entre Pena Pobre y Ave de Los Misiones Habana Vieja, Havana +53 7 866 2418. Open until 1AM. One of the most popular small Paladars in a city with many mediocre and tasteless restaurants. This is on you can rely on for a very good meal. Small so book beforehand.

Maximo Bar, Mojitos Bar & Spagheteria Calle Cuba #6, Habana Vieja +537 8641171 Havana. Good for late night drinks and Yes... spaghetti.

La Bodeguita del Medio – Sign your name on the walls and join Hemingway who drank mojitos (they claim) here. Empedrado entre Cuba y San Ignacio off Plaza de la Catedral

Antiguos Almacén do Madera y Tabaco, Ave del Puerto

Sandwichería La Bien Paga. Aguacate No 259 off Obispo. Havana Vieja

VEDADO

LE CHANSONNIER *** Calle J No.257 ENT Linea Y 13 y 15 Vedado Near Bertolt Brecht, X-pat Hangout.TEL 078321576 Private-as in not government owned. Appetizers are best

Opera Restaurant ***** Vegetarian Fish Calle 5ta, 204 e/ E y F. Vedado Near Hotel Presidente
+537 8312255 www.operahabana.com Opera.cuba@gmail.com

EL Cocinero **** Calle 26, Vedado Between Calle 11 and 13 Havana. Very good tapas, good mix of young people, serious drinks. You could be in Williamsburg. And it's attached to the same building as the amazing Fabrica Del Arte. 07 832 2355

Porto Habana ***** Calle E No 158B piso 11B entre calzada y 9na .Vedado +53 7 8331425
This elegant 11th floor home turned into a beautiful restaurant serving meats, fish and Cuban food. It has a very good wine list. One of the most magnificent views of the ocean.

El Idilio ***** Calle G 351, Esquina 15 Vedado, Havana, +537 831-8182
For a genuine Cuban food experience eat here! Open air- it's seldom cold in Havana and their grill is superb. Located off Ave des Presidentes. Great to meet locals enjoying good food.

El Litoral **** Malecon 161 e/K y L Plaza de la Revolution Havana good food near the Hotel Nacional. Vedado +53 830 2201 Havana's business meeting restaurant

Mediterraneo Havana ***** 13 St Between F and G | #406, Vedado, Havana +53 7 8324894
Farm to Table cuisine freshly prepared food in this hideaway location.

Café Laurent **** Calle M No 257, between Calles 19 and 21, Vedado, +537 831 2090 Very near the Hotel Nacional. Elegant setting and if you can sit on their balcony it a real treat. Slightly surly service but I come from Williamsburg so I'm used to it.

Atelier **** Spanish Basque-based menu Calle M No 257, between Calles 19 and 21, Vedado, +537 831 2090

Hotel Nacional Cinema Grill Calle O, Vedado if you are desperate for a very late night snack the downstairs Café near the pool is a very OK spot. Hey, it's open! Fresh OJ! Good....
Spaghetti...not so good but when you are hungry, it's edible

SIBONEY

El Carruaje in the leafy suburb of Siboney Calle 200 No 2104, between Calles 21 and 23, Siboney, +537 271 4347 www.restaurantelcarruaje.com

Matanzas(out of Havana)

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