

Havana was established as a Colonial port with harbor forts.



Castillo de San Carlos de la Cabaña



Castillo de la Real Fuerza





The weather vane (Giraldilla) on the Castillo de la Real Fuerza is an important emblem of Havana and is the feature on the label for Havana rum



We had a guided walking tour of Old Havana (La Habana Vieja)



Plaza de San Francisco



Fuente de los Leones



San Francisco de Asis



The church and other buildings are constructed from pieces of coral reef









Robbie







Andy







Plaza de Armas



Plaza de Armas











Camera Obscura



Camera Obscura gives a live view of the old city.







A churro vendor





Zoe



Robbie





Brent and Lee

Street workers in Parque Luz Caballero





Grace



Street musicians







Mark in Hotel Ambos Mundos - an Ernest Hemmingway hangout in 1928



Mojito





Ernest H. Hemingway

Interesting artwork in the hotel







Haley



A pirate statue with bad intentions.





Trinket
shops



Mark hunting trinkets



Our tour guide discussing
the mosaic mural on
Mercaderes Street
depicting famous people
from Cuban history.





Elena with a
coconut drink





La Bodeguita Del Medio is the restaurant / bar reputed to be where the Mojito originated.



La
Bodeguita
Del Medio is
a very
popular
tourist stop.



A large wall covered in graffiti and signatures, with a person writing on a red locker in the foreground. The wall is densely packed with names, dates, and drawings. In the foreground, a person wearing a hat and a backpack is writing on a red locker. Another person is crouching down in front of the wall. The scene is outdoors, and the wall appears to be a public space for expression.

A large, vibrant wall covered in graffiti and signatures, likely a memorial or a public art installation. The wall is densely packed with names, dates, and symbols in various colors. In the foreground, a person wearing a hat and a backpack is writing on a red locker. Another person is partially visible on the right side of the frame. The overall scene suggests a place of collective memory or expression.

The Malecón is a seaside walking avenue leading to old Havana.





Old Havana (La Habana Vieja)

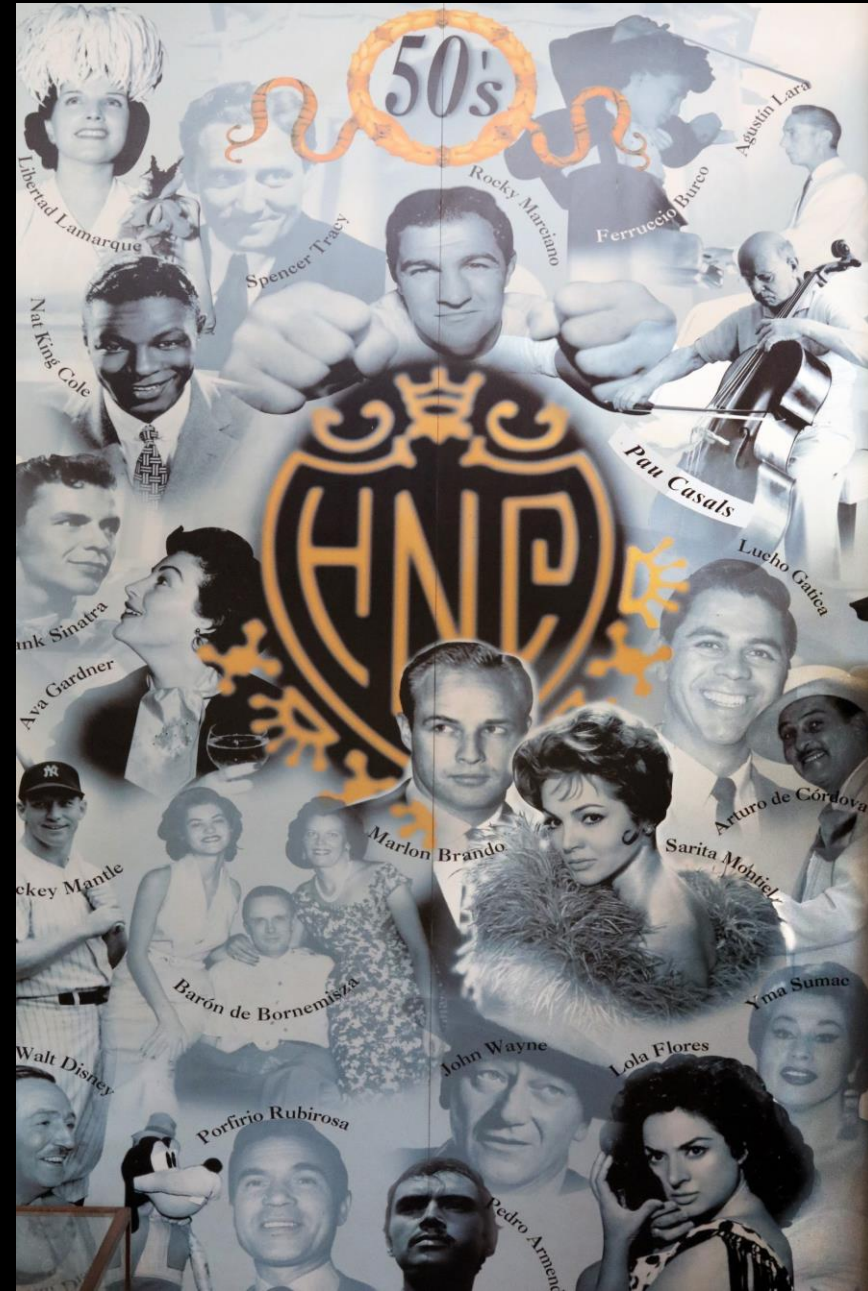


Hotel Nacional is an iconic hotel built by US investors in the 1930s.





Posters in the hotel commemorated celebrity guests.



Brent and Pepe
talking about
mobsters



WiFi is not widely available. There are hot spots throughout the city where people purchase internet cards from street vendors.



Internet Park

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