

CigarCyclopedia.com's International Retailer Rankings for Havana Cigars

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This survey of 107 international online retailers of Havana cigars is based on information culled from retailer websites on **January 15, 2008**.

It was compiled by Steve Harris and edited by Rich Perelman. Currency conversions were all made based on rates posted on January 15.

How the rankings were calculated:

In order to measure both pricing and breadth of brands, a survey of prices was made of three popular cigars and brands: Cohiba Robusto, Montecristo No. 1, and Romeo y Julieta Churchill (non-tube). All prices are for boxes of 25.

Overall rankings are based on the lowest average price from retailers who stocked all three of these cigars; retailers with only two of the brands were not ranked, but are shown below in ascending order of average prices of the brands stocked.

This ranking is based on pricing and availability only. It does not factor in shipping, reliability or authenticity of cigars shipped. Caveat Emptor!

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| <i>Retailer</i> | <i>Final Rank</i> | <i>Website</i> | <i>Country</i> | <i>Cohiba Robusto</i> | | <i>Montecristo No. 1</i> | | <i>Romeo y Julieta Churchill</i> | | <i>Price Average (in U.S. \$)</i> |
|----------------------|-------------------|--|----------------|-----------------------|-------------|--------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | <i>U.S.</i> | <i>Euro</i> | <i>U.S.</i> | <i>Euro</i> | <i>U.S.</i> | <i>Euro</i> | |
| Puro Express | 1 | www.puroexpress.com | Spain | \$273.24 | 184.00 € | \$175.23 | 118.00 € | \$248.00 | 167.00 € | \$232.16 |
| Puro Rey Cigars | 2 | www.dutyfreecubancigars.com | Cayman Isles | \$298.00 | 200.67 € | \$211.00 | 142.09 € | \$246.00 | 165.66 € | \$251.67 |
| Cigars of Habanos | 3 | www.coh-hk.com | Hong Kong | \$294.00 | 197.98 € | \$213.00 | 143.43 € | \$275.00 | 185.19 € | \$260.67 |
| Cubanlous.com | 4 | www.cubanlous.com | Canada | \$310.00 | 208.75 € | \$215.00 | 144.78 € | \$279.00 | 187.88 € | \$268.00 |
| 1001 Cuban Cigars | 5 | www.1001cubancigars.com | Canada | \$343.00 | 230.98 € | \$223.00 | 150.17 € | \$242.50 | 242.50 € | \$269.50 |
| Cuban Cigars2U | 6 | www.cubancigars2u.com | Switzerland | \$340.00 | 228.96 € | \$215.00 | 144.78 € | \$254.00 | 171.04 € | \$269.67 |
| Finest Cuban Cigars | 7 | www.finestcubancigars.com | Hong Kong | \$390.00 | 262.63 € | \$220.00 | 148.15 € | \$245.00 | 164.98 € | \$285.00 |
| Strictly Cuban | 8 | www.strictlycuban.com | New Zealand | \$362.00 | 243.77 € | \$231.00 | 155.56 € | \$275.00 | 185.19 € | \$289.33 |
| Esplendido Cigar | 9 | www.esplendidocigars.com | Switzerland | \$379.29 | 255.42 € | \$214.60 | 144.51 € | \$278.48 | 187.54 € | \$290.79 |
| Absolute Cigars.com | 10 | www.absolutecigars.com | Canada | \$359.95 | 242.42 € | \$245.95 | 165.66 € | \$268.95 | 181.14 € | \$291.62 |
| Aro Tobacco | 11 | www.arotobacco.com | Canada | \$393.75 | 265.15 € | \$205.00 | 138.05 € | \$285.00 | 191.92 € | \$294.58 |
| Cigars-of-Cuba Club | 12 | www.cigars-of-cuba.com | Switzerland | \$385.00 | 259.26 € | \$217.00 | 146.13 € | \$288.00 | 193.94 € | \$296.67 |
| Gesto Cigars | 13 | www.gestocigars.ch | Switzerland | \$402.92 | 271.38 € | \$227.09 | 152.93 € | \$267.90 | 180.40 € | \$299.30 |
| Cigar World | 14 | www.cigarworld.org | St. Martaan | \$390.00 | 262.63 € | \$270.00 | 181.82 € | \$350.00 | 235.69 € | \$336.67 |
| Amsterdam-Cigars | 15 | www.amsterdam-cigars.com | Netherlands | \$590.29 | 397.50 € | \$173.40 | 257.50 € | \$247.47 | 367.50 € | \$337.05 |
| Cuba Finest | 16 | www.cubafinest.com | Canada | \$363.00 | 244.44 € | \$292.00 | 196.63 € | \$359.00 | 241.75 € | \$338.00 |
| Online Havana Cigars | 17 | www.onlinehavanacigars.com | Canada | \$363.00 | 244.44 € | \$292.00 | 196.63 € | \$359.00 | 241.75 € | \$338.00 |

| Retailer | Final Rank | Website | Country | Cohiba Robusto | | Montecristo No. 1 | | Romeo y Julieta Churchill | | Price Average (in U.S. \$) |
|-------------------------|------------|--|---------------|----------------|----------|-------------------|----------|---------------------------|----------|----------------------------|
| | | | | U.S. | Euro | U.S. | Euro | U.S. | Euro | |
| My Cuban Cigar | 18 | www.mycubancigar.com | Hong Kong | \$435.00 | 292.93 € | \$255.00 | 171.72 € | \$333.00 | 254.21 € | \$341.00 |
| Habana-Net | 19 | www.habana-net.com | Switzerland | \$443.52 | 298.67 € | \$284.00 | 191.25 € | \$322.56 | 217.21 € | \$350.03 |
| Top Cubans | 20 | www.topcubans.com | Switzerland | \$452.00 | 304.38 € | \$259.00 | 174.41 € | \$364.00 | 245.12 € | \$358.33 |
| VIP Cigars | 21 | www.vipcigars.com | Switzerland | \$441.05 | 297.00 € | \$267.30 | 180.00 € | \$369.77 | 249.00 € | \$359.37 |
| Cuban-Cigars-Club | 22 | www.cuban-cigars-club.com | Canada | \$430.00 | 289.56 € | \$275.00 | 185.19 € | \$375.00 | 252.53 € | \$360.00 |
| Cuban Cigar Online | 23 | www.cubancigaronline.com | France | \$375.00 | 252.53 € | \$330.00 | 222.22 € | \$390.00 | 262.63 € | \$365.00 |
| Triple-Cap | 24 | www.triple-cap.com | Honduras | \$424.93 | 286.15 € | \$295.52 | 199.00 € | \$377.19 | 254.00 € | \$365.88 |
| Don Cigarro | 25 | www.doncigarro.com | Germany | \$465.88 | 313.13 € | \$262.75 | 176.94 € | \$372.55 | 250.88 € | \$367.06 |
| Baranow's Fine Cigars | 26 | www.cigar1.com.au | Great Britain | \$386.11 | 260.00 € | \$279.56 | 188.28 € | \$449.40 | 302.63 € | \$371.69 |
| Havana Lounge | 27 | www.havana.ch | Switzerland | \$457.89 | 308.35 € | \$283.90 | 191.18 € | \$402.96 | 271.38 € | \$381.58 |
| 6Gares.com | 28 | www.6gares.com | Switzerland | \$433.65 | 292.02 € | \$268.86 | 193.05 € | \$442.32 | 297.86 € | \$381.61 |
| Cigar One | 29 | www.cigarone.com | Switzerland | \$488.00 | 328.62 € | \$275.00 | 185.19 € | \$391.00 | 263.30 € | \$384.67 |
| Premium Cigars | 30 | www.premium-cigars.ch | Switzerland | \$504.40 | 339.66 € | \$284.31 | 191.45 € | \$403.55 | 271.75 € | \$397.42 |
| CigarsClub.com | 31 | www.cigarsclub.com | Spain | \$591.40 | 398.25 € | \$367.91 | 247.74 € | \$238.46 | 160.58 € | \$399.26 |
| Brill Cigars | 32 | www.brillcigars.com | Israel | \$500.00 | 336.70 € | \$325.00 | 218.86 € | \$425.00 | 286.20 € | \$416.67 |
| Cigar World | 33 | www.cigarworld.pt | Portugal | \$527.18 | 355.00 € | \$302.57 | 203.75 € | \$430.65 | 290.00 € | \$420.13 |
| Cigars Unlimited | 34 | www.cigarsunlimited.co.uk | Great Britain | \$618.25 | 416.33 € | \$453.46 | 305.36 € | \$599.37 | 403.62 € | \$557.03 |
| Regal Cigars | 35 | www.regalcigars.com | Great Britain | \$636.47 | 428.60 € | \$454.35 | 305.96 € | \$607.10 | 408.82 € | \$565.97 |
| Cigar Merchant | 36 | www.cigar-merchants.co.uk | Great Britain | \$667.10 | 449.23 € | \$499.91 | 336.70 € | \$616.90 | 415.42 € | \$594.64 |
| The Cigar Club | 37 | www.cigar-club.com | Great Britain | \$676.82 | 455.77 € | \$490.45 | 330.27 € | \$617.87 | 416.07 € | \$595.05 |
| Cuban Cigars4U | 38 | www.cubancigars4u.com | Canada | \$796.51 | 536.37 € | \$462.32 | 311.26 € | \$555.45 | 374.04 € | \$604.76 |
| A.E. Lloyd & Son Ltd. | 39 | www.aelloyd.com | Great Britain | \$686.61 | 462.36 € | \$482.00 | 324.58 € | \$659.07 | 443.77 € | \$609.23 |
| Pipe Shop | 40 | www.thepipeshop.co.uk | Great Britain | \$685.38 | 461.55 € | \$509.20 | 342.90 € | \$636.51 | 428.62 € | \$610.36 |
| Northern Lites Cigar | 41 | www.nlcigars.com | Canada | \$728.46 | 490.57 € | \$528.42 | 355.82 € | \$577.43 | 388.82 € | \$611.44 |
| Havana House | 42 | www.havanahouse.co.uk | Great Britain | \$683.38 | 460.20 € | \$518.96 | 349.49 € | \$636.28 | 428.48 € | \$612.87 |
| Alexander Cigar | 43 | www.alexanderscigars.com.au | Australia | \$698.51 | 470.37 € | \$444.91 | 299.60 € | \$704.66 | 474.54 € | \$616.03 |
| Canadian Cigar Company | 44 | www.canadiancigar.com | Canada | \$723.45 | 487.17 € | \$518.81 | 349.37 € | \$615.50 | 414.48 € | \$619.25 |
| Robert Graham, LTD | 45 | www.whiskey-cigars.co.uk | Great Britain | \$686.10 | 462.02 € | \$523.15 | 352.29 € | \$664.30 | 447.34 € | \$624.52 |
| Vancouver Cigar Company | 46 | www.vancouvercigar.com | Canada | \$853.20 | 574.54 € | \$618.92 | 416.77 € | \$430.94 | 290.24 € | \$634.35 |
| Club Havana | 47 | www.clubhavava.com | Canada | \$748.80 | 503.70 € | \$543.47 | 365.99 € | \$620.73 | 417.51 € | \$637.67 |
| Simply Cigars | 48 | www.simplycigars.com | Great Britain | \$705.22 | 474.90 € | \$558.95 | 376.43 € | \$707.54 | 476.46 € | \$657.24 |
| C.Gars Ltd. | 49 | www.cgarsltd.co.uk | Great Britain | \$685.38 | 461.53 € | \$528.22 | 355.69 € | \$763.84 | 514.37 € | \$659.15 |
| Castro's Cuban Cigars | 50 | www.getcubans.com | Canada | \$848.00 | 571.04 € | \$522.75 | 352.02 € | \$637.50 | 429.29 € | \$669.42 |
| Ajax Cigars | 51 | www.ajaxcigars.com | Canada | \$781.89 | 526.52 € | \$575.28 | 387.41 € | \$653.95 | 440.37 € | \$670.37 |
| Goodfellas (Canada) | 52 | www.goodfellascigarshop.com | Canada | \$807.68 | 543.91 € | \$581.50 | 391.58 € | \$663.96 | 447.14 € | \$684.38 |
| Calgary Cigar Co. | 53 | www.calgarycigar.com | Canada | \$854.74 | 575.58 € | \$620.36 | 417.75 € | \$709.68 | 477.90 € | \$728.26 |
| Tom Tom Cigars | 54 | www.tomtom.co.uk | Great Britain | \$861.57 | 580.18 € | \$618.14 | 416.26 € | \$778.95 | 524.58 € | \$752.89 |
| Bridgeworth Tobacco | 55 | www.bridgeworthtobacco.co.uk | Great Britain | \$823.33 | 554.43 € | \$735.07 | 495.00 € | \$742.93 | 500.29 € | \$767.11 |

| Retailer | Final Rank | Website | Country | Cohiba | | Montecristo | | Romeo y Julieta | | Price Average (in U.S. \$) |
|----------|------------|---------|---------|--------|------|-------------|------|-----------------|------|----------------------------|
| | | | | U.S. | Euro | U.S. | Euro | U.S. | Euro | |

The following sites offer cigars that appear to be marked for retail sale in Cuba, then sent to a third country for shipment worldwide (2):

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|---------------|-----|--|------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Solo Cigars | --- | www.solocigars.com | Costa Rica | \$176.00 | 118.52 € | \$157.00 | 105.72 € | \$201.00 | 135.35 € | \$178.00 |
| Royal Habanos | --- | www.royalhabanos.com | Cuba | \$302.00 | 203.37 € | \$187.00 | 125.93 € | \$230.00 | 154.88 € | \$239.67 |

The following site was originally ranked, but has been removed from the ranking list due to reader complaints:

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|----------------------|-----|--|--------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Quality Cuban Cigars | --- | www.qualitycubancigars.com | Canada | \$222.00 | 149.49 € | \$213.00 | 143.43 € | \$213.00 | 143.43 € | \$216.00 |
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The following sites had two or less of our test brands and are not eligible for overall ranking (23):

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|--------------------------|-----|--|---------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Don Gabriel | (2) | www.dongarbriel.net | Spain | \$331.16 | 223.00 € | \$221.27 | 149.00 € | n/a | n/a | \$276.21 |
| Corporate Cigar | (2) | www.corporatecigar.com | Australia | \$365.00 | 245.79 € | \$219.00 | 147.47 € | n/a | n/a | \$292.00 |
| Casa del Puro | (2) | www.casadelpuro.com | Spain | \$423.23 | 285.00 € | \$238.71 | 160.75 € | n/a | n/a | \$330.97 |
| Cigarworld Australia | (2) | www.cigarworld.com.au | Australia | \$447.58 | 301.40 € | \$237.19 | 159.72 € | n/a | n/a | \$342.39 |
| Cigar Chief | (2) | www.cigar-chief.com | Canada | \$425.00 | 286.20 € | \$309.00 | 208.08 € | n/a | n/a | \$367.00 |
| Habanomania | (2) | www.habanomania.com | Panama | \$473.72 | 319.00 € | \$360.86 | 243.00 € | n/a | n/a | \$417.29 |
| Habano Cuban Cigars | (2) | www.habanocubancigars.com | Spain | \$564.30 | 380.00 € | \$334.13 | 225.00 € | n/a | n/a | \$449.21 |
| Cuban Cigar House | (2) | www.cubancigarhouse.com | Andorra | \$592.52 | 399.00 € | \$347.49 | 234.00 € | n/a | n/a | \$470.00 |
| Cigar Puro Havana | (2) | www.sinix.net/paginas/habanos | Spain | \$609.44 | 410.40 € | \$348.14 | 234.44 € | n/a | n/a | \$478.79 |
| Habano Direct | (2) | www.habanadirect.com | Spain | \$605.88 | 408.00 € | \$356.40 | 240.00 € | n/a | n/a | \$481.14 |
| Pablamos Cigar | (2) | www.pablamos.com | Spain | \$637.07 | 429.00 € | \$377.19 | 254.00 € | n/a | n/a | \$507.13 |
| Cigars Puros | (2) | www.cigarpuro.com | Spain | \$632.61 | 426.00 € | \$386.10 | 260.00 € | n/a | n/a | \$509.36 |
| Tobacco Station Moorooka | (2) | www.tobaccostation.com.au | Australia | \$608.25 | 409.60 € | \$431.30 | 290.44 € | n/a | n/a | \$519.78 |
| E-Tobaccos.com | (2) | www.e-tobaccos.com | Spain | \$663.32 | 446.88 € | \$378.21 | 254.69 € | n/a | n/a | \$520.77 |
| Greens of Leeds | (2) | www.greensofleeds.com | Great Britain | \$656.20 | 441.89 € | \$501.35 | 337.61 € | n/a | n/a | \$578.78 |
| James Barber Toboccanist | (2) | www.the-cigar.demon.co.uk | Great Britain | \$719.00 | 484.17 € | \$518.00 | 348.82 € | n/a | n/a | \$618.50 |
| Cuban Fidel's | (2) | www.execulink.com/~starlight/cigars | Canada | \$907.28 | 610.96 € | \$510.35 | 343.67 € | n/a | n/a | \$708.82 |
| Cigar Trading Online | (2) | www.cigartradingonline.com | Canada | \$400.95 | 270.00 € | n/a | n/a | \$415.80 | 280.00 € | \$408.38 |
| Whistler Cigar | (2) | www.whistercigar.com | Canada | \$799.00 | 538.05 € | n/a | n/a | \$877.25 | 590.74 € | \$838.13 |
| Cigar Terminal | (2) | www.cigarterminal.ch | Switzerland | n/a | n/a | \$254.15 | 171.14 € | \$278.69 | 187.67 € | \$266.42 |
| Shortcut Cigars | (1) | www.shortcut-cigars.com | France | \$458.50 | 308.75 € | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | \$458.50 |
| Pacific Tobacco | (1) | www.cigarpuff.com | Canada | n/a | n/a | \$544.47 | 366.65 € | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Cigars 4 York | (1) | www.cigars4york.com | Great Britain | \$815.35 | 549.06 € | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | \$815.35 |

The following sites were not ranked for various reasons shown below (25):

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|-------------------|--|--|---------------|-------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| 2000 Smoker | | www.saraval.com | Spain | (site down) | | | | | | |
| Aardvark Store | | www.aardvarkstore.com | Great Britain | (site down) | | | | | | |
| Barrel Inn Cigars | | www.barrelinncigars.co.uk | Great Britain | (site down) | | | | | | |
| Big Stogies | | www.bigstogies.com | Canada | (site down) | | | | | | |
| Broadweigh's | | www.broadweighs-cigars.com | Great Britain | (site down) | | | | | | |

| Retailer | Final Rank | Website | Country | Cohiba Robusto | | Montecristo No. 1 | | Romeo y Julieta Churchill | | Price Average (in U.S. \$) |
|-------------------------|------------|--|---------------|------------------------------|------|-------------------|------|---------------------------|------|----------------------------|
| | | | | U.S. | Euro | U.S. | Euro | U.S. | Euro | |
| Burlington Bertie | | www.bbortie-cigars.com | Great Britain | (site down) | | | | | | |
| Casa de Malahato | | www.casademalahato.com | Canada | (site down) | | | | | | |
| Cigars in Cuba | | www.cigarsincuba.com | Panama | (site down) | | | | | | |
| Cigars of Cuba | | www.cigarsofcuba.com | Spain | (selling only single cigars) | | | | | | |
| Cigars Place | | www.cigarsplace.com | Spain | (site down) | | | | | | |
| Cigarspirit.com | | www.cigarspirit.com | Switzerland | (site down) | | | | | | |
| Cuban Best | | www.cubanbest.com | Canada | (selling only single cigars) | | | | | | |
| Cuban Cigar Room | | www.cubancigarroom.com | Canada | (site down) | | | | | | |
| Cuban Cigars World | | www.cuban-cigars-world.com | | (site down) | | | | | | |
| Cuban-Cigars.ws | | www.cuban-cigars.ws | Canada | (site down) | | | | | | |
| Geneve Cigars | | www.geneve-cigares.ch | Switzerland | (site down) | | | | | | |
| Havana Direct | | www.havanadirect.com | Spain | (site down) | | | | | | |
| Intl. House of Cigars | | www.ihc.ca | Canada | (selling only single cigars) | | | | | | |
| La Cava del Cigarro | | www.la-cava-del-cigarro.com | Spain | (site down) | | | | | | |
| Luckytoo Gift Shop | | www.cubancigars2.com | St. Martaan | (site down) | | | | | | |
| Maxibond Cigars | | www.maxibond-cigars.com | Great Britain | (site down) | | | | | | |
| Old Morris Tobacconists | | www.oldmorrismetobacconist.com | Canada | (selling only single cigars) | | | | | | |
| Promocigar | | www.promocigar.com | Spain | (site down) | | | | | | |
| SanLeo Cigars | | www.sanleocubancigars.com | Canada | (site down) | | | | | | |
| UK Smokers | | www.uksmokers.com | Great Britain | (selling only single cigars) | | | | | | |