

CigarCyclopedia.com's International Retailer Rankings for Havana Cigars

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This survey of 108 international online retailers of Havana cigars is based on information culled from retailer websites on **December 29, 2008**.

It was compiled by Steve Harris and edited by Rich Perelman. Currency conversions were all made based on rates posted on December 30.

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: Hoyo de Monterrey Double Coronas, Montecristo No. 2 and Vegas Robaina Famosos. 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!

Please note that this spreadsheet is presented for the benefit of our international visitors and is not intended for use by American citizens. Under regulations of the United States government (31 C.F.R. part 515), "There is now an across the board ban on the importation into the United States of Cuban-origin cigars and other **Cuban-origin tobacco products, as well as most other products of Cuban origin. . . . [T]he import ban extends to Cuban-origin tobacco products offered for sale over the Internet or through the catalog mail purchases.**" **Both criminal and civil penalties may be sought by the U.S. Treasury Office of Foreign Assets Control.**

<i>Retailer</i>	<i>Final Rank</i>	<i>Website</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Hoyo de Monterrey</i>		<i>Montecristo</i>		<i>Vegas Robaina</i>		<i>Price Average (in U.S. \$)</i>
				<i>Double Corona</i>	<i>U.S.</i>	<i>Euro</i>	<i>No. 2</i>	<i>U.S.</i>	<i>Euro</i>	
1001 Cuban Cigars	1	www.1001cubancigars.com	Switzerland	\$224.59	159.91 €	\$218.09	155.28 €	\$162.63	115.79 €	\$201.77
Esplendido Cigar	2	www.esplendidocigar.com	Switzerland	\$248.44	176.89 €	\$214.23	152.53 €	\$169.58	120.74 €	\$210.75
Duty Free Cuban Cigars	3	www.dutyfreecubancigars.com	Cayman Isle	\$259.00	184.41 €	\$220.00	156.64 €	\$168.00	119.62 €	\$215.67
Puro Express	4	www.puroexpress.com	Spain	\$271.55	193.00 €	\$219.49	156.00 €	\$166.03	118.00 €	\$219.02
Cigar Terminal	5	www.cigarterminal.com	Switzerland	\$248.44	176.89 €	\$241.25	171.77 €	\$173.75	123.88 €	\$221.15
Cigars of Habanos	6	www.coh-hk.com	Hong Kong	\$280.00	199.36 €	\$233.00	165.90 €	\$180.00	128.16 €	\$231.00
Absolute Cigars.com	7	www.absolutecigars.com	Canada	\$264.95	188.68 €	\$257.95	183.70 €	\$202.95	144.54 €	\$241.95
VIP Cigars	8	www.vipcigars.com	Switzerland	\$299.69	213.00 €	\$253.26	180.00 €	\$175.88	125.00 €	\$242.94
Perfect Cuban Cigars	9	www.perfectcubancigars.com	Switzerland	\$274.28	195.29 €	\$275.99	196.51 €	\$184.87	131.63 €	\$245.05
Cubanlous.com	10	www.cubanlous.com	Canada	\$299.00	212.89 €	\$249.00	177.29 €	\$198.00	140.98 €	\$248.67
Cuban Cigars2U	11	www.cubancigars2u.com	Switzerland	\$299.00	212.89 €	\$ 250.00	178.00 €	\$198.00	140.98 €	\$249.00
Corporate Cigar	12	www.corporatecigar.com	Australia	\$329.00	234.25 €	\$229.00	163.05 €	\$190.00	135.28 €	\$249.33
Promocigar	13	www.promocigar.com	Spain	\$290.00	206.48 €	\$265.00	188.68 €	\$200.00	142.40 €	\$251.67
Finest Cuban Cigars	14	www.finestcubancigars.com	Hong Kong	\$310.00	220.72 €	\$255.00	181.56 €	\$200.00	142.40 €	\$255.00
Casa del Puro	15	www.casadelpuro.com	Spain	\$347.92	247.70 €	\$242.86	172.92 €	\$187.70	133.64 €	\$259.49
Quality Cuban Cigars	16	www.qualitycubancigars.com	Canada	\$320.00	227.84 €	\$249.00	177.29 €	\$215.00	153.08 €	\$261.33
Triple-Cap	17	www.triple-cap.com	Honduras	\$323.22	230.13 €	\$264.42	188.12 €	\$205.62	146.39 €	\$264.42

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Cigars-of-Cuba Club	18	www.cigars-of-cuba.com	Switzerland	\$329.00	234.25 €	\$276.00	196.51 €	\$198.00	140.98 €	\$267.67
Strictly Cuban	19	www.strictlycuban.com	New Zealand	\$323.00	229.98 €	\$267.00	\$190.10	\$225.00	160.20 €	\$271.67
Cigar Chief	20	www.cigarchief.com	Canada	\$366.66	261.06 €	\$298.36	212.43 €	\$157.46	112.11 €	\$274.16
Luckytoo Gift Shop	21	www.cubancigars2.com	St. Marteen	\$338.95	241.37 €	\$269.00	191.53 €	\$224.95	225.00 €	\$277.63
Top Cubans	22	www.topcubans.com	Switzerland	\$393.00	279.82 €	\$220.00	156.64 €	\$229.00	\$163.05	\$280.67
Cigar World	23	www.cigarworld.au	Australia	\$357.39	254.47 €	\$304.24	216.62 €	\$215.91	153.72 €	\$292.51
Cigar One	24	www.cigarone.com	Switzerland	\$402.00	286.22 €	\$285.00	202.92 €	\$229.00	163.05 €	\$305.33
Cuban-Cigars-Club	25	www.cuban-cigars-club.com	Canada	\$400.00	284.80 €	\$325.00	231.40 €	\$245.00	174.44 €	\$323.33
Cuba Finest	26	www.cubafinest.com	Canada	\$410.00	292.33 €	\$305.00	217.16 €	\$275.00	195.80 €	\$330.00
Baranow's Fine Cigars	27	www.cigar1.com.au	Australia	\$425.88	303.23 €	\$313.90	223.50 €	\$252.42	161.65 €	\$330.73
Don Cigarro	28	www.doncigarro.com	Germany	\$392.00	279.10 €	\$342.00	243.50 €	\$259.00	184.41 €	\$331.00
Online Havana Cigars	29	www.onlinehavanacigars.com	Canada	\$410.00	291.92 €	\$325.00	231.40 €	\$299.00	212.89 €	\$344.67
Burlington Bertie	30	www.bbertie-cigars.com	Great Britain	\$442.00	314.70 €	\$334.00	237.81 €	\$260.00	185.12 €	\$345.33
Premium Cigars	31	www.premium-cigars.ch	Switzerland	\$463.35	329.91 €	\$349.86	249.10 €	\$264.81	188.54 €	\$359.34
Habana-Net	32	www.habana-net.com	Switzerland	\$464.10	330.44 €	\$350.42	249.48 €	\$265.15	188.79 €	\$359.89
CigarsClub.com	33	www.cigarsclub.com	Spain	\$459.46	327.16 €	\$374.50	266.64 €	\$266.46	189.68 €	\$366.81
Ne Solan Cigars	34	www.arakis.es/~nesolan/	Spain	\$448.83	319.50 €	\$405.22	288.00 €	\$258.89	184.00 €	\$370.98
Habanomania	35	www.habanomania.com	Panama	\$531.85	378.00 €	\$296.88	211.00 €	\$333.46	237.00 €	\$387.39
Habano Cuban Cigars	36	www.habanocubancigars.com	Spain	\$492.45	350.00 €	\$398.18	283.00 €	\$302.51	215.00 €	\$397.71
E-Tobaccos.com	37	www.e-tobaccos.com	Spain	\$515.50	367.04 €	\$394.41	280.81 €	\$287.02	204.34 €	\$398.98
Cigars of Cuba	38	www.cigarsofcuba.com	Spain	\$489.60	348.60 €	\$421.60	300.18 €	\$326.40	232.40 €	\$412.53
Maxibond Cigars	39	www.maxibond-cigars.com	Great Britain	\$570.00	405.84 €	\$344.70	245.43 €	\$339.08	241.37 €	\$417.93
Havana House	40	www.havanahouse.co.uk	Great Britain	\$534.67	380.69 €	\$440.72	313.79 €	\$288.97	205.77 €	\$421.45
Pipe Shop	41	www.thepipeshop.co.uk	Scotland	\$541.50	386.09 €	\$425.95	303.31 €	\$303.26	215.92 €	\$423.57
Alexander Cigar	42	www.alexanderscigars.com.au	Australia	\$526.10	374.58 €	\$442.97	315.39 €	\$315.42	224.56 €	\$428.16
Pablamos Cigar	43	www.pablamos.com	Spain	\$534.66	380.00 €	\$429.14	305.00 €	\$320.80	228.00 €	\$428.20
Regal Cigars	44	www.regalcigars.com	Great Britain	\$534.25	380.39 €	\$440.40	313.56 €	\$310.00	220.72 €	\$428.22
Cigar Club	45	www.cigar-club.com	Great Britain	\$541.70	384.95 €	\$415.07	295.00 €	\$334.30	237.60 €	\$430.35
Cigar Puros	46	www.cigarpuros.com	Spain	\$530.44	377.00 €	\$468.53	333.00 €	\$313.76	223.00 €	\$437.58
James Barber Toboccanist	47	www.the-cigar.demon.co.uk	Great Britain	\$557.50	396.94 €	\$467.41	332.80 €	\$331.62	236.11 €	\$452.18
Canadian Cigar Company	48	www.canadiancigar.com	Canada	\$566.00	402.99 €	\$460.60	327.95 €	\$337.00	239.94 €	\$454.53
La Casa de Puros	49	www.cubancigars.net.au	Australia	\$562.73	400.66 €	\$472.86	336.68 €	\$337.10	240.02 €	\$457.56
Broadweigh's	50	www.broadweighs-cigars.com	Great Britain	\$569.35	405.38 €	\$475.60	338.63 €	\$360.31	256.53 €	\$468.42
Cuban Cigars4U	51	www.cubancigars4u.com	Canada	\$631.86	449.84 €	\$425.00	302.60 €	\$355.25	252.94 €	\$470.70
Simply Cigars	52	www.simplycigars.com	Great Britain	\$589.33	419.60 €	\$522.95	372.34 €	\$345.30	245.85 €	\$485.86
Calgary Cigar Co.	53	www.calgarycigar.com	Canada	\$645.47	459.60 €	\$414.47	295.12 €	\$429.94	306.12 €	\$496.63
C.Gars Ltd.	54	www.cgarsltd.co.uk	Great Britain	\$618.49	440.37 €	\$510.96	363.83 €	\$368.12	262.09 €	\$499.19
A.E. Lloyd & Son Ltd.	55	www.aelloyd.com	Great Britain	\$645.25	459.42 €	\$503.15	358.75 €	\$358.15	255.00 €	\$502.18
Goodfellas (Canada)	56	www.goodfellascigarshop.com	Canada	\$610.47	434.68 €	\$517.81	368.67 €	\$400.00	284.80 €	\$509.43

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Robert Graham, LTD	57	www.whiskey-cigars.co.uk	Scotland	\$631.34	449.51 €	\$526.32	374.74 €	\$372.90	265.50 €	\$510.19
Vancouver Cigar Company	58	www.vancouvercigar.com	Canada	\$605.07	430.76 €	\$522.07	371.66 €	\$405.87	289.00 €	\$511.00
Northern Lites Cigar	59	www.nlcigars.com	Canada	\$665.00	473.48 €	\$500.00	356.00 €	\$443.00	315.42 €	\$536.00
Club Havana	60	www.clubhavava.com	Canada	\$683.00	486.30 €	\$500.00	356.00 €	\$455.00	323.96 €	\$546.00
Tom Tom Cigars	61	www.tomtom.co.uk	Great Britain	\$686.75	488.97 €	\$575.75	409.93 €	\$411.20	292.77 €	\$557.90
Pacific Tobacco	62	www.cigarpuff.com	Canada	\$668.00	475.62 €	\$637.00	453.54 €	\$492.00	350.30 €	\$599.00
Castro's Cuban Cigars	63	www.getcubans.com	Canada	\$848.00	603.78 €	\$778.50	554.29 €	\$553.50	394.09 €	\$726.67

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):

Solo Cigars		www.solocigars.com	Costa Rica	\$220.00	156.64 €	\$177.00	126.02 €	\$166.00	118.19 €	\$187.67
Royal Habanos		www.royalhabanos.com	Cuba	\$258.00	183.70 €	\$195.00	138.84 €	\$147.00	104.66 €	\$200.00

The following sites had two or less of our test brands and are not eligible for overall ranking (13):

Shortcut Cigars	(2)	www.shortcut-cigars.com	France	\$268.55	191.21 €	\$195.16	138.98 €	---	---	\$231.86
Aro Tobacco	(2)	www.arotobacco.com	Canada	\$289.00	205.77 €	\$239.00	170.17 €	---	---	\$264.00
Cigar Trading Online	(2)	www.cigartradingonline.com	Canada	\$408.03	290.00 €	\$253.26	180.00 €	---	---	\$330.65
My Cuban Cigar	(2)	www.mycubancigar.com	Hong Kong	\$472.00	336.06 €	\$315.00	224.28 €	---	---	\$393.50
Don Gabriel	(2)	www.dongabriel.net	Spain	---	---	\$233.56	165.95 €	\$174.47	123.95 €	\$204.02
Cigar World	(2)	www.cigarworld.pt	Portugal	---	---	\$369.34	262.50 €	\$263.81	\$187.50	\$316.58
Greens of Leeds	(2)	www.greensofleeds.com	Great Britain	---	---	\$461.00	328.23 €	\$325.17	231.52 €	\$393.09
Cuban Cigar House	(2)	www.cubancigarhouse.com	Andorra	---	---	\$389.74	277.00 €	\$320.80	228.00 €	\$355.27
Amsterdam-Cigars	(2)	www.amsterdam-cigars.com	Netherlands	---	---	\$408.03	290.00 €	\$309.54	220.00 €	\$358.79
Maison Habanera	(2)	www.casahabaneracigares.com	Canada	---	---	\$850.33	605.43 €	\$575.77	409.95 €	\$713.05
A.M. van Lookeren	(1)	www.vanlookeren.nl	Netherlands	---	---	\$422.10	300.00 €	---	---	\$422.10
Whistler Cigar	(1)	www.whistercigar.com	Canada	---	---	\$515.40	366.96 €	---	---	\$515.40
Ajax Cigars	(1)	www.ajaxcigars.com	Canada	\$589.35	419.62 €	---	---	---	---	\$589.35

The following sites were not ranked for various reasons shown below (30):

6Gares.com		www.6gares.com	Switzerland	(site was down on the survey date)						
2000 Smoker		www.saraval.com	Spain	(site was down on the survey date)						
Aardvark Store		www.aardvarkstore.com	Great Britain	(site was down on the survey date)						
Barrel Inn Cigars		www.barrelinncigars.co.uk	Great Britain	(site was down on the survey date)						
Big Stogies		www.bigstogies.co	Canada	(site was down on the survey date)						
Bridgeworth Tobacco		www.bridgeworthtobacco.co.uk	Great Britain	(none of the test cigars were available on the survey date)						
Brill Cigars		www.brillcigars.com	Israel	(no prices listed on the survey date)						
Casa de Malahato		www.casademalahato.com	Canada	(site was down on the survey date)						
Cigar Puro Havana		www.sinix.net/paginas/habanos	Spain	(site was down on the survey date)						
Cigar World		www.cigarworld.org	St. Marteen	(site was down on the survey date)						

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Cigars 4 York		www.cigars4york.co	Great Britain	(none of the test cigars were available on the survey date)						
Cigars in Cuba		www.cigarsincuba.com	Panama	(site was down on the survey date)						
Cigars Place		www.cigarsplace.com	Spain	(site was down on the survey date)						
Cigarspirit.com		www.cigarspirit.com	Switzerland	(site was down on the survey date)						
Cuban Best		www.cubanbest.com	Canada	(only single cigars offered for sale)						
Cuban Cigar Room		www.cubancigarroom.com	Canada	(no prices listed on the survey date)						
Cuban Cigars World		www.cuban-cigars-world.com	Canada	(site was down on the survey date)						
Cuban Fidel's		www.execulink.com/~starlight/cigars	Canada	(site was down on the survey date)						
Cuban-Cigars.ws		www.cuban-cigars.ws	Canada	(no prices listed on the survey date)						
Geneve Cigars		www.geneve-cigares.ch	Switzerland	(site was down on the survey date)						
Gesto Cigars		www.gestocigars.ch	Switzerland	(site was down on the survey date)						
Habano Direct		www.habanodirect.com	Spain	(site was down on the survey date)						
Havana Direct		www.havanadirect.com	Spain	(site was down on the survey date)						
Havanna Lounge		www.havanna.ch	Switzerland	(site was down on the survey date)						
Intl. House of Cigars		www.ihc.ca	Canada	(site was down on the survey date)						
La Cava del Cigarro		www.la-cava-del-cigarro.com	Spain	(site was down on the survey date)						
Old Morris Tobacconists		www.ordercubancigars.com	Canada	(only single cigars offered for sale)						
SanLeo Cigars		www.sanleocubancigars.com	Canada	(site was down on the survey date)						
Tobacco Station Moorooka		www.tobaccostation.com.au	Australia	(none of the test cigars were available on the survey date)						
UK Smokers		www.uksmokers.com	Great Britain	(site was down on the survey date)						