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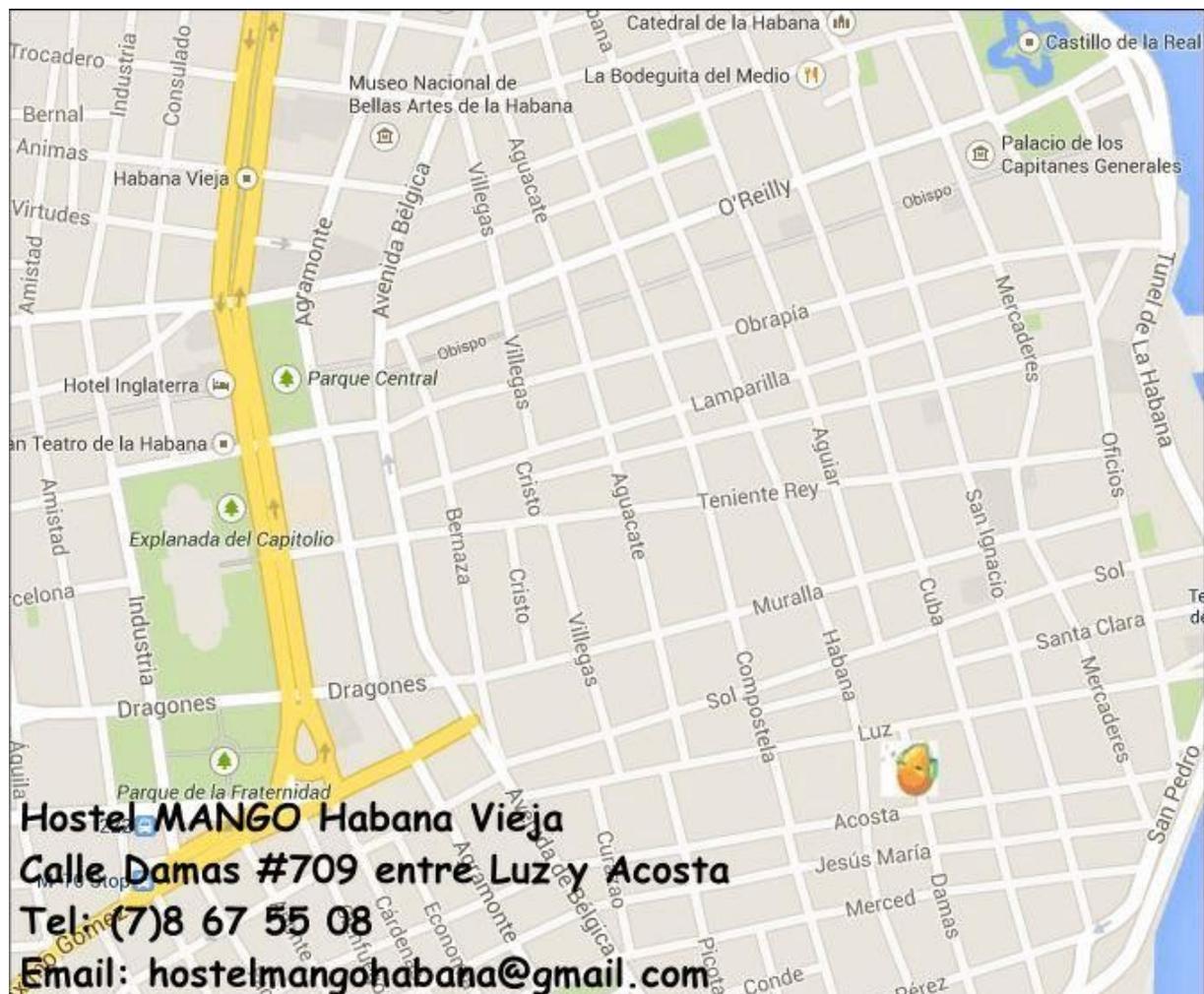
## Getting to Hostel Mango

**FYI:** Nowadays the best option to travel around Cuba is bringing cash. Casas Particulares and shared taxis charge in euros or dollars. Exchanging euros or dollars to pesos is necessary to pay for bars, restaurants, museums, night clubs, public transportation.

### From El Capitolio

From the Capitolio (the parliament building with the big dome) it takes 12 minutes walking.

Walk down Brasil/Teniente Rey street (opposite the Capitolio) and turn right onto Habana street. Walk 3 blocks then turn left on Luz then take the first right onto Damas street. Hostel Mango is number 709 on the left.





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## **From the Viazul Bus Station (Terminal de Ómnibus Nacionales):**

### Bus/Guagua:

A) Public bus (Guagua) P12. By exiting the Bus Station walk towards Boyeros Avenue to get the P12. Frequency of one bus per hour during the day and less at night (watch out about the pick pocketing).

Get off at the last stop (Parque de la Fraternidad) and walk 12 minutes to the hostel at Damas street (bus price is two pesos).

### Collective Shared Taxi (Taxi colectivo/Máquina):

B) Walk toward Boyeros Avenue to take a collective taxi (taxi colectivo, máquina, old car that fits 5 people); ask the taxi driver to take you to Habana before getting in. The price should be half a dollar per person. Take the collective taxi until the last stop which is El Capitolio. Get off at El Capitolio and follow the previous instructions from El Capitolio.

### Taxi:

C) Take a private taxi from Viazul Bus Station to Hostel Mango. The price for a direct taxi should be about 5 or 6 USD (per taxi, not per person). If the taxis parked in front of the bus station don't agree, walk to Boyeros Avenue and stop whatever taxi or car passing by to negotiate the trip.

### By bike: The ride takes about 30 minutes by bike.

D) By bike, go to the right in front of National Bus Station (Terminal de Ómnibus Nacionales). At the traffic light turn right and go straight on this avenue until arriving at the Parque de la Fraternidad. There, take Calle Máximo Gómez (better known as its previous name: Monte) and turn right on calle Agramonte (people call it Zulueta), then turn left on the 2nd block (calle Acosta) and turn left again on Damas street (which is six blocks away from calle Zulueta). Hostel Mango is building #709.

### Walking: This scenic stroll would take about 50 minutes.

E) Same way than by bike. If you get the [maps.me](https://www.google.com/maps) app, you can follow other directions.



## **From the Aripport Terminal 2 or Terminal 3:**

### Bus/Guagua:

#### A) Walk to Avenida de Boyeros:

- From Terminal 2 it is approximately 100 metres, 5 minutes walking.
- From Terminal 3: exit the airport towards your right hand side, after 70 metres you will come to a street outside of the airport. At this point you can offer 1 euro to any car to take you to Boyeros Avenue if you don't want to walk. If you want to walk turn right onto the street – the distance is appx. 2km or about 40 minutes walking - and keep going until you reach Avenida de Boyeros.  
Possible disadvantages? Weight of your luggage, no sidewalk and at night there isn't any light.

Cross Avenida de Boyeros and walk to the right. The #P12 bus stop is about 100 metres away. The public bus (guagua) P12 costs 2 pesos (moneda nacional). The buses come at irregular intervals and sometimes it can take up to 1 hour and more after 8:00 pm. Generally they are quite full. After 8pm, it is better not to wait for them. Get off at the last stop (about 1 hour trip), at the Parque de la Fraternidad and follow our previous instructions from el Capitolio.

### Collective Shared Taxi (Taxi colectivo/Máquina):

B) Go to Avenida de Boyeros (see above - anywhere on the avenue will do, you don't need to go all the way to the bus stop), cross Avenida de Boyeros and put out your hand to stop a collective taxi (taxi colectivo also known as máquina, old car that fits 5 persons). Make sure to ask Havana? before climbing in, to make sure that the car is going in your direction. If the answer is affirmative, then take that collective taxi until the last stop in El Capitolio (about 40 minutes). The price is 250 pesos per person. Get off at the Capitolio and follow the previous instructions from el Capitolio.

### By bike: The ride takes around 1 ½ hour.

C) By bike, exit the airport to your right until Avenida de Boyeros, turn left on Avenida de Boyeros and go straight until the 3rd street after the National Bus Station (Terminal de Ómnibus Nacionales). Turn right and continue straight ahead on this avenue until you arrive at the Parque de la Fraternidad. From there take Calle Máximo Gómez (better known under its former name: Monte) and turn right on calle Agramonte (formerly known as Zulueta), then turn left two streets down on calle Acosta and then left on calle Damas (sixth block from calle Acosta). Hostel Mango is located at Damas #709, on the right hand side.

### Taxi:

D) Yellow taxis charge 25 euros from the airport to Hostel Mango (per taxi. Up to 4 persons can share a taxi). It is necessary to negotiate and make the price clear before getting in the taxi, ask as well to arrive in front of the hostel.



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### **From the Train Station:**

#### Walking:

A) You can easily walk from the train station to the hostel. With your back to the station, go to the left on Egido until you reach Acosta. Turn right on Acosta and go straight until calle Damas. Turn left on calle Damas. Hostel Mango is on Damas street between Luz and Acosta, #709.

#### By Rickshaw (bicitaxi):

B) If your luggage is heavy or you are exhausted, offer 1 euro and take a rickshaw (bicitaxi). It is necessary to negotiate and make the price clear before getting in the rickshaw (bicitaxi), ask as well to arrive in front of the hostel, take your luggage down and only then pay.

### **From Varadero Airport:**

At the time of writing this, the bus/guagua Viazul runs 3 times per day from Varadero Airport to Havana City. It costs 10 USD and takes about 2 hours and 40 minutes.

<http://www.viazul.com/ruta/21/Varadero-Habana>

Get off at the Viazul Bus Station and follow the previous instructions from Viazul Bus Station.

You can also ask to be dropped off after crossing the tunnel of the bay (tunel de la bahía) and then take a rickshaw (bicitaxi). The price should be 1 euro.

It is necessary to negotiate and make the price clear before getting in the rickshaw (bicitaxi), ask as well to arrive in front of the hostel, take your luggage down and only then pay.