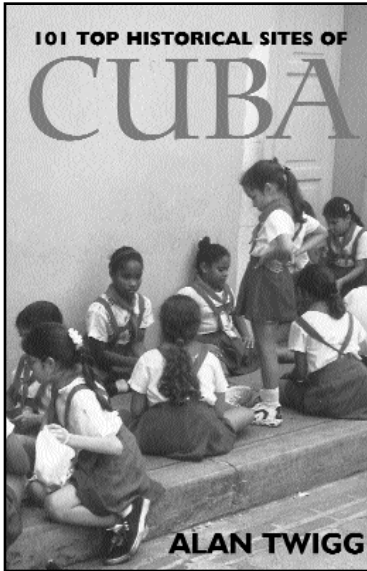




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Here, in one peerless compendium, author Alan Twigg rounds up his take on the 101 must-see historical sites in Cuba. Profusely illustrated with black-and-white archival photographs and pictures taken by the author himself, the book features mini-essays on everything from the Cross of Columbus and the Bacardi Rum Factory to Morro Castle and Ernest Hemingway’s Finca La Vigia.

Among the other highlights are the modernist statue erected in memory of runaway slaves above the oldest open-pit mine in the Americas; the Virgin of Copper Basilica; the seven-metre bronze statue of Che Guevara in Santa Clara; the Playa Girón Museum at the Bay of Pigs, scene of the U.S.-backed attempt to overthrow Fidel Castro; and the Tropicana Nightclub in Havana, decadent former haunt of playboys, entertainers, and socialites in dictator Fulgencio Batista’s day.

101 Top Historical Sites of Cuba is a personal argosy of wonders and delights that’s guaranteed to give glimpses of the island nation that even the dedicated Cubaphile will find illuminating.

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Two grim and wary soldiers guarded Fidel Castro’s seldom-seen birthplace, an off-limits and remote compound near Birán in Oriente Province. A heavy chain barricaded the dirt road. It was late afternoon during a rainstorm. We watched the storm for twenty minutes, four of us on a porch—a miniature camera hidden in my pocket—until the *gringo* tourist asked to use the washroom and was shown a rudimentary and filthy toilet, without water. While the guards were keeping an eye on my driver, I was able to lean out a square hole in the wall and take a few hasty photos. I hoped these pictures of Castro’s home site would show that he grew up in extremely rough conditions where his father ruled everyone for miles. Like father, like son. It was so dark the automatic flash went off. My driver saw the burst of light behind the guards’ backs. I left in a hurry.

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