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# I Am Going To Walk The Malecón!

A Step-by-Step Guide On How To Visit The Seafront Promenade.

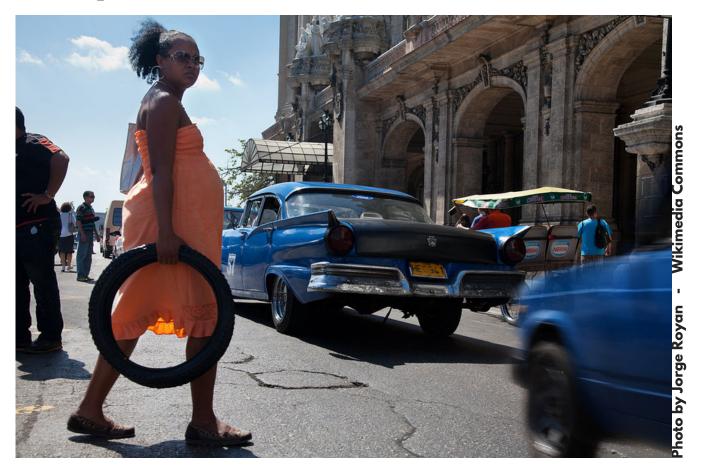
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### The Malecón is a five-mile promenade that follows the shoreline in Havana. Every day Cubans walk on the Malecón and see their friends and family.



Let's go take a walk on the Malecón!

### You will have to cross the street to get to the promenade. Make sure you look for cars and wait until it is safe!.



### There can be lots of traffic in Havana so be careful!

### Some people come here just to look at the ocean. At high tide the water can splash up over the sea wall and on to the Malecón!



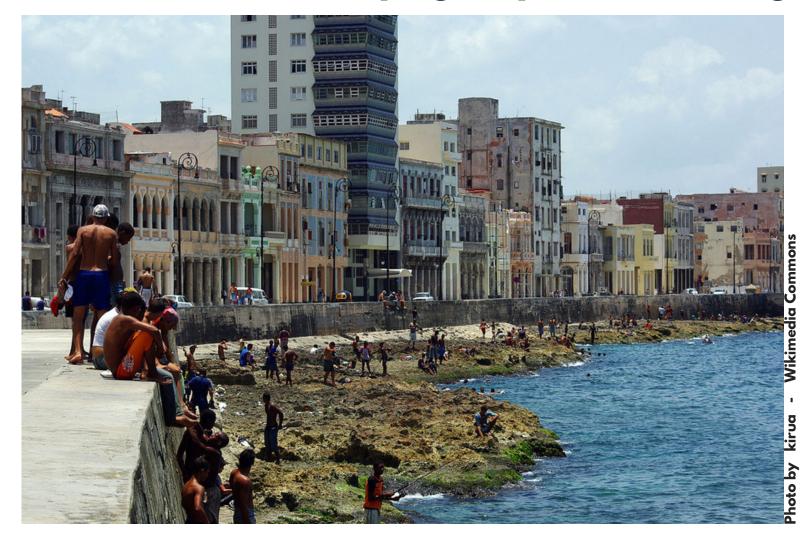
### You might get splashed by a wave!

# When the tide is low you can see rocks and tide break. Some people walk down here. Be careful!



### Don't go near the water if you don't know how to swim!

# These people are very good swimmers. They are watching out for each other and staying very close to their group.



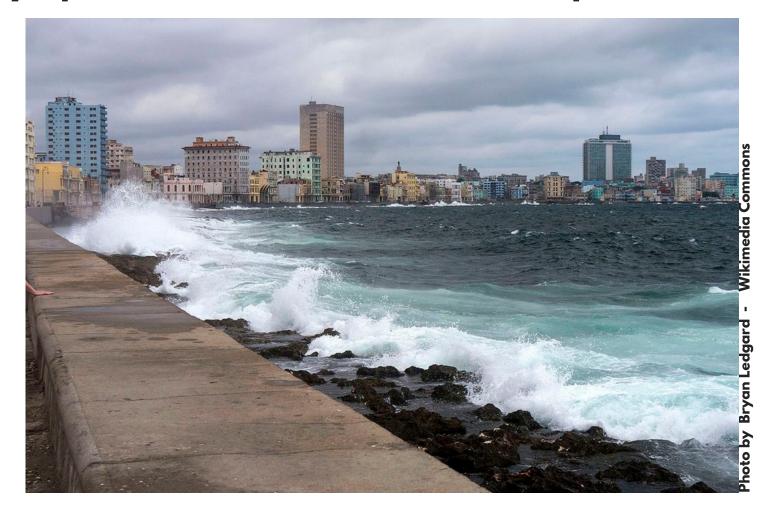
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# There are places to go down to the break water. Only go down on the ramps or stairs. Don't climb down the wall!



#### Be careful! The steps can be slippery!

# But be careful! There are big waves here that come all the way up to the wall! Let's find a safer place to swim!



### Some people walk the promenade to see the ocean. Others meet their friends.



There are some benches on the Malecón but most people sit on the wall. Be careful!

### There are many monuments on the Malecón.









### Across the street are many old buildings to look at. Some of them are very beautiful!.



# I know you will have a good time walking on the Malecón.



### Watch out for the waves!

Ability Guidebooks are step-by-step instructions on how to access community destinations. For many people with autism and neuro-diversity, new situations can cause stress and discomfort. Ability Guidebooks help prepare people for new experiences. This is why I emphasize the places to sit and areas to relax.

This book will also help general ed teachers prepare their young students for a visit to the Malecón.

### Can You Translate? If you can translate this book into any other language I would love to hear from you!

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