



THE CIGAR MENU

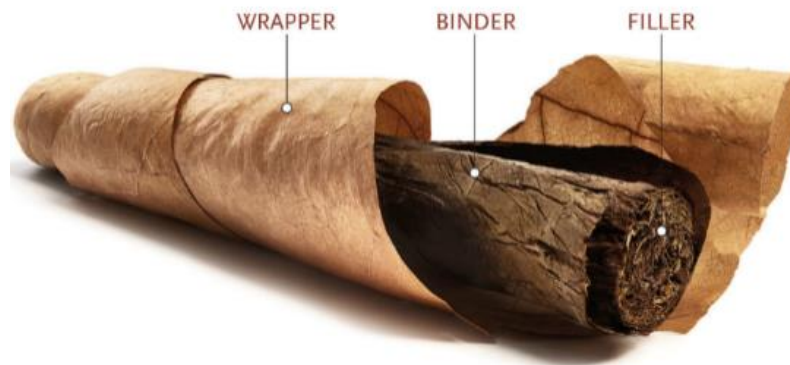
“A cigar ought not to be smoked solely with the mouth, but with the hand, the eyes & the spirit”

Zino Davidoff

CIGARS: AN INTRODUCTION

HOW IS A CIGAR DEFINED?

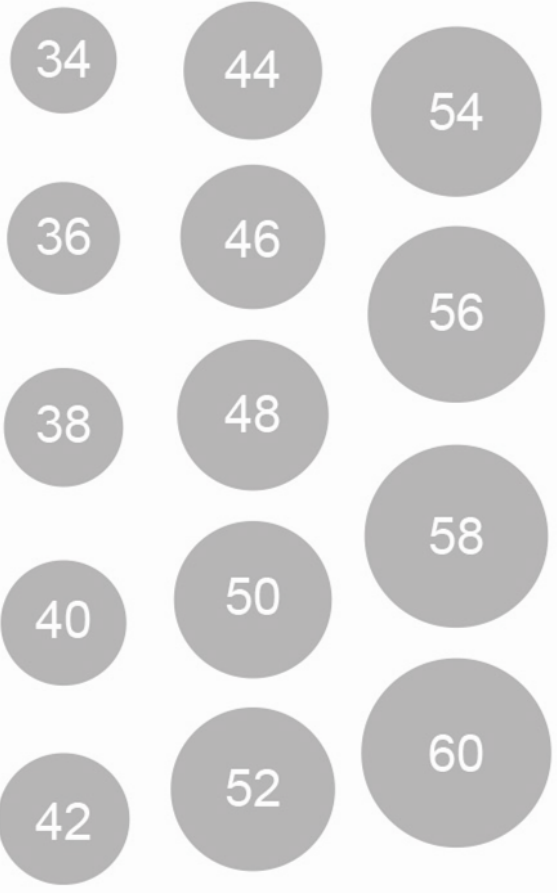
A cigar can come in all shapes, sizes, strengths, colours, flavours, prices... There are several countries which produce cigars across the world each, with different characteristics. You can think of them like wine, different regions, soils, temperatures, climates all add to the variety in each cigar. To be considered a cigar each one must have the following 3 components.



Wrapper: This is a thin leaf that dresses the exterior of the cigar, this is used more for appearance than taste.

Binder: Underneath the wrapper is the binder, this is used for the construction of the cigar and holds it all together.

Filler: The main body of the cigar, this is where the majority of the character, aroma, flavour & strength can be found.



HOW DO I KNOW WHAT TO CHOOSE?

For Havana (Cuban) cigar brands, we can separate them into 5 tiers in regard to their flavour from light to full. For all cigars you can also get a slight indication of how they will smoke as the length & ring gauge can alter the delivery of smoke, temperature the tobacco burns at, flavours on the palate and so on.

The ring gauge of a cigar is the size of its diameter, it is expressed in 64ths of an inch, so a 32-gauge ring is 1/2 an inch and so on.

In terms of length of cigar, they can measure from just 3 1/2 inches (90mm) all the way up to over 9 inches (230mm)!

Here's a few key points to note when finally deciding what cigar you would like...

- Heavy Gauge cigars burn slowly and deliver a higher volume of smoke that covers the palate with the full mixture of flavours.

- Thinner cigars burn quicker and deliver a more concentrated flavour giving a sharper taste.

- Longer cigars allow the smoke to cool slightly as it travels to the palate.

- Cigars are tactical products and for some people it is all about the feel in the hand and between the lips. Some smokers will be loyal to a certain style or brand of cigar.

Havana cigar brands by flavour

Full	Bolívar Cohiba Behike Montecristo Linea 1935 Partagás Ramón Allones Saint Luis Rey
Medium to full	Cohiba Linea Clasica Cohiba Maduro 5 Cuaba Diplomáticos José L. Piedra Juan López Montecristo Romeo y Julieta Línea de Oro Vegas Robaina Vegueros
Medium	Cohiba Linea 1492 La Flor de Cano La Gloria Cubana Montecristo Open Punch Quintero Romeo y Julieta Sancho Panza Trinidad
Light to Medium	El Rey del Mundo H. Upmann Por Larrañaga San Cristóbal
Light	Fonseca Hoyo de Monterrey Rafael González Quai d'Orsay

NOW TIME TO SMOKE...DECISIONS DECISIONS



QUAI D'ORSAY (1973)

Named after a famous street in Paris winding along the left bank of the river Seine, important to French art as a location which many artists come to paint the landscape alongside the river.

	Gauge Size	Length	Smoke Time	Price
#50	50	4 3/8	20	£22



HOYO DE MONTERREY (1865)

Established by a Spaniard name Jose Gener, Hoy de Monterrey takes its name from the world famous plantation in Pinar del Rio. "Hoyo" means "hole" and refers to the low lying position of the field next to the San Juan y Martinez river, while "Monterrey" is the name of the first farmer to cultivate tobacco there.

	Gauge Size	Length	Smoke Time	Price
Epicure:				
#2	50	4 7/8	45	£35
De San Juan	54	5 7/8	60	£40



H. UPMANN (1844)

Herman Upmann was a German banker who so loved Cuban cigars that he moved to Havana to set up as both a banker and a cigar producer. Although his bank closed in the early 1920's his cigars live on.

	Gauge Size	Length	Smoke Time	Price
Coronas:				
Half	44	3 1/2	20	£16
Major	42	5 1/8	30	£25

Magnum:

54

54

4 3/4

45

£35



PUNCH (1840)

Created in the mid-19th Century with an eye on the Great British market, the Punch brand was named after popular European puppet show Mr. Punch, who is still shown on the label and cigar band.

	Gauge Size	Length	Smoke Time	Price
<i>Punch Punch</i>	46	5 5/8	45	£30



TRINIDAD (1969)

Named after the 16th Century city on Cuba's south coast, La Santissima Trinidad, which is a UNESCO world heritage site. Launched publicly in 1998, privately presented to visiting dignitaries and diplomats since 1969.

	Gauge Size	Length	Smoke Time	Price
<i>Reyes</i>	40	4 3/8	25	£22
<i>Viga</i>	54	4 1/3	45	£38



ROMEO Y JULIETA (1875)

Named after Shakespeare's play that had proved popular when read to the rollers. At one point Romeo y Julieta produced up to 20,000 different bands for its cigars. It is also the brand that made the first cigar named after Sir Winston Churchill.

	Gauge Size	Length	Smoke Time	Price
Churchill:				
Wide	55	5 1/4	60	£38
Short	50	4 7/8	45	£28
Petit Royale	47	3 3/4	25	£22



MONTECRISTO

MONTECRISTO (1935)

The bestselling hand-made cigar brand in the world. Named after the Alexander Dumas' novel "the count of Montecristo", which was a firm favourite when read to the cigar rollers at the factory where it was founded. The brand was launched almost exactly 100 years after the book was first published.

	Gauge Size	Length	Smoke Time	Price
Open Series:				
Eagle	54	5 7/8	60	£42
#2	52	6 1/8	60	£40
Petit Tubos	42	5 1/8	30	£25
Petit Edmundos	52	4 3/8	30	£28
Double Edmundos	50	6	60	£40

La Linea 1935:

Maltes	53	6	60	£45
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COHIBA

Habana, Cuba

COHIBA (1966)

Havana's flag ship brand was created for the late President Fidel Castro. Production began in 1966, but the cigars were not released to the public sixteen years later. Cohiba is an ancient Taino Indian word for the bunches of tobacco leaves that Columbus first saw being smoked by Cuba's original inhabitants. So, it was the first name of a cigar - in Cuba at any rate.

	Gauge Size	Length	Smoke Time	Price
La Linea 1492:				
Siglo #1	40	4	20	£23

<i>Siglo #3</i>	42	6 1/8	45	£40
<i>Siglo #6</i>	52	5 7/8	50	£65
La Linea Clasica:				
<i>Esplendidos</i>	47	7	60	£70
<i>Robustos</i>	50	4 7/8	45	£45
<i>Talisman 2017</i>	54	6 1/8	60	£180
Behike:				
<i>BHK 52</i>	52	4 3/4	45	£150



PARTAGAS (1845)

Don Jaime Partagas is the man widely credited with starting the tradition in 1865 of having rollers read to while the worked. Sadly, Don Jaime was fatally wounded on one of his tobacco fields several years later.

Today the Partagas Serie D No.4 is the bestselling Havana cigar in the world.

	Gauge Size	Length	Smoke Time	Price
<i>Serie D #4</i>	50	4 7/8	45	£35
<i>Serie P #2</i>	52	6 1/8	60	£38



BOLIVAR (1902)

Named after the Venezuelan revolutionary Simon Bolivar, the 19th century liberator of much of South America and still a hero to many in that part of the world.

	Gauge Size	Length	Smoke Time	Price
<i>Royal Coronas</i>	50	4 7/8	45	£32
<i>Belicosco Finos</i>	52	5 1/2	60	£32

“If heaven has no cigars, I shall not go there”.

Mark Twain



DAVIDOFF (1958)

Davidoff is a Swiss premium brand of cigars. The cigars are produced in the Dominican Republic and Honduras, and tobacco is sourced from the Dominican Republic, Nicaragua, Brazil, Peru, Mexico, Ecuador, Honduras and the United States of America.

	Gauge Size	Length	Smoke Time	Price
Signature Range:				
2000	43	5 1/16	25	£26
Winston Churchill:				
Churchill - Aristocrat	47	6 7/8	60	£40
Toro - Commander	54	6	60	£40
Winston Churchill – The Late Hour:				
Robusto	52	5	45	£35
Nicaragua – Box Pressed:				
Robusto	54	5 1/2	45	£35
Escurio:				
Petit Robusto	50	3 1/4	30	£22
Gran Toro	58	5 1/2	60	£45
Yamasa:				
Petit Churchill	48	4	35	£26



PLASENCIA (1865)

Don Eduardo Plasencia left The Canary Islands in search of success and opportunity and started growing tobacco in Vuelta Abajo, Cuba. Castro's regime confiscated the farms. Don Sixto (Don Eduardo's nephew) and his family fled to Mexico with only what they could carry, and later relocated to Nicaragua. In the 70s they moved their farms in Honduras, in the 90's the family went back to Nicaragua to revive the land and raise the production to 33 million cigars a year.

	Gauge Size	Length	Smoke Time	Price
Alma del Fuego:				
<i>Candente - Robusto</i>	50	5	35	£24
Alma del Campo:				
<i>Tribu - Robusto</i>	52	5	45	£24
Alma Fuerte:				
<i>Sixto II - Hexagona</i>	60	6	60	£40



CIGAR COCKTAILS

MONSIEUR CRISTO

Remy Martin 1738, Cointreau, Fig

£14

DOICE FUOCO

Remy Martin Remy VSOP, Apricot, St Germain, Elderflower

£12

REMY SOUR

Remy Martin VSOP, Lemon, Foamer

£12

CHAMPAGNE COCKTAIL

Remy Martin 1738, Sugar, Telmont Champagne

£14

SAZERAC

Remy Martin 1738, Bulleit Bourbon, Absinthe

£14



LOUIS XIII

Remy Martin
COGNAC GRANDE CHAMPAGNE



Created in 1874 Louis XIII is a blend of 1200 eaux-de-vie aged from 40 to 100 years. Created with grapes exclusively from the Grande Champagne region, the most prestigious region in Cognac.

Rich with aromas of plum, honey and jasmine, with a complex warm, harmonious, and spicy palate culminating in an extremely long finish of an hour or more. Louis XIII is the King of Cognac.

15ml £70

25ml £125

50ml £200



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