



Dear Adventurous Friends!

Cuba April 13 - 29, 2012

We are excited to return for our 5th hosted trip in Cuba! We may specialize in Argentina but we are traveling anglers like yourselves, and consequently arrange and host a select few destinations worldwide which we've deemed superlative. Cuba is one of them and worth repeating again and again!

In the following pages, we have laid out the ultimate two week saltwater fishing adventure. The first week we'll be on a live aboard yacht navigating our way through the Archipelago de los Canarreos, east of Isla de Juventude and for week 2 we'll be stationed at a resort in Cayo Largo. You may join for one week or book both for a special rate. If you can make these dates our alternative dates are April 6-22.

We've made this itinerary all inclusive so your only extra costs will be dinners in Havana and a couple taxi rides. We have ready to ship, preassembled fly boxes with flies specifically for these waters.

The time frames below are during Peak Season, but other quality weeks are available should you need to go later in the season or if these weeks are full.

Maximum number of rods is 6 on Week One and 12 on week Two.

We can't wait to show you CUBA!



La Perola, Isla de Juventude (6 rods)

Apr 13-20, 2012

Aboard the 75ft luxury yacht, La Perola, you'll be fishing from flats boats the remote and pristine keys from Isla de Juventude to Cayo Largo. These pristine flats offer some the finest Tarpon fishing in the world. You'll catch Tarpon along with Permit and Bonefish on the flats and in back bays. On Friday, the 20th, after 6 days of fishing, we'll be transferred 1.5 hours in a skiff to the Sol Melia Hotel on Cayo Largo.



Sol Club Melia Resort, Cayo Largo (6 rods)

Apr 20- 29, 2012

Cayo Largo is Cuba's epicenter for Grand Slams. Why? Because it offers the most shots at Permit in the Caribbean. Land that Permit before 11am and your Grand Slam is well within reach. You'll be fishing the 27 kilometers coast line of the largest key within the Archipelago de los Canarreos. The deluxe, all inclusive Sol Club Melia will be our base, offering adventures for you and the family in an untouched wilderness.



Week One
Isla de Juventude
Fishing & sailing
Canarreos Archipelago
Aboard LA PEROLA

ARRIVAL DAY: APR 13

Reception in Cancun, before flying to Havana. A representative in Havana will meet you and see that you are checked into the 5-star Parque Central Hotel. Dinner in the town independently.

APR 14

You'll have the morning free, but after lunch we'll transfer to the airport to catch our 35 min flight to Isla de Juventude (IDJ) and transfer to La Perola yacht. Welcome cocktails, assemble gear, dinner.



APR 15-19 - LA PEROLA

For the next 5 nights we'll be living aboard La Perola, a luxury 75 ft yacht, with polished wood, hardwood flooring and air conditioning throughout. The open air, top deck is a social area for hanging out and dining. Walk down the spiral stair case and you encounter the dining, living room and cabins. Six anglers can share 5 cabins, 4 of which have their own private bath. Each cabin has enough space for more than 3 big duffel bags. It's the little things aboard the Perola that make life so sweet, like fresh flowers on the tables, frozen fruity drinks before lunch or napping in hammocks on deck.

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THE FISHING

The traditional course of La Perola starts from Isla de Juventude and runs west along the Archipelago de los Canarreos, an 80 mile stretch of about 300 keys connecting to Cayo Largo. This entire area offers, hands down, some of the best Tarpon fishing in the world. Our flats boats will be pulled behind the La Perola and we'll use them to quickly access new fishing grounds everyday. We'll be catching bonefish and have many shots are Permit on the flats, but mainly we'll be jumping 30-100lb Tarpon on particular flats, back bays and channels. You'll want to bring extra rods and lines plus a variety of flies for each species.

APR 20

Fish until our 4pm transfer to Sol Melia Cayo Largo Hotel. (If you are only doing week 1, you'll be transferred back to the Nueva Gerona Airport aboard La Perola and fly back to and overnight in Havana.)



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Week Two
Cayo Largo
Fishing the tip of
Canarreos Archipelago
SOL CLUB MELIA

APR 20 WEEK TWO ANGLERS ONLY

Reception in Cancun before flying to Havana. Reception at the Havana Airport, transfer to 5-star hotel. Enjoy the city. Fly Havana - Cayo Largo at 7am the next morning.

APR 20-21, SOL CLUB MELIA

Week Two Only anglers will arrive Cayo Largo at 7:30am and check into the hotel at 8am. Free day to explore. Angler fishing both weeks will also have a free day on the 21st at the Sol Melia Hotel. Cayo Largo lies on the eastern tip of the Canarreos Archipelago, 177 km from Havana and is 27 km of fine-grain white sandy beaches. For 7 nights we'll stay at the Sol Melia, *all-inclusive* resort on Cayo Largo. The resort has 296 rooms, each with a terrace looking out at the ocean. Amenities include 3 restaurants, cooking classes, health center, bikes, eco-tours, theater with nightly entertainment and internet. Anglers will depart early every morning to fish an untouched marine park with fish that are still uneducated. Cayo Largo is Cuba's Permit and Grande Slam capital and is the perfect destination for couples.



APR 22-27, FISHING CAYO LARGO

Not having been commercially fished in over 30 years, Cayo Largo is an almost virgin marine park. It offers the world's greatest opportunity at catching Permit. In 2009-2010, there were 115 Grand Slams and 34 super grand slams. Daily protocol is Permit first, then Tarpon, then Bonefish, then hopefully Snook for the Super.



Most of the fishing is from the boat, poling the 3-6 feet deep, soft sanded flats for Permit and big Bones. Baby Tarpon and Snook are found in the mangroves, while big Tarpon are found in the deeper channels. Snook can also be caught off the beaches near the hotel. Always be prepared to cast to Jacks, sharks and Cudas.



APR 28

Breakfast and lunch depending on plane schedule. Fly back to Havana, transfer to Havana hotel, dinner on the town.



APR 29- DEPARTURE DAY

You'll take a taxi back to the Havana Airport for your flight home.





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Fly Fishing Cuba

April 13-29, 2012

2 nights in Havana—Hotel Park Central

6 nights aboard the yacht Perola

7 nights at Sol Melia Cayo Largo

- 4/13 Fri** Meet representative at the Cancun Airport before 12:30pm, receive Cuban Tourist visa, flight & hotel, temporary health insurance policy vouchers. Fly Cancun–Havana, on CU153 2:30-5:20pm. Havana Airport meet and greet. Board taxi to Hotel Park Central. Dinner independently in town.
- 4/14 Sat** Morning free. After lunch, transfer to the Havana Airport and fly to Nueva Gerona Airport on Isla de Juventude. Quick transfer to La Perola.
- 4/15-19** We'll be using 3 flats boats, towed behind La Perola, to access flats and channels of the Canarreo Archipelago, a pristine tarpon paradise.
- 4/20 Fri** Morning fishing. Week 1 and 2 Anglers: transfer 1.5 hours via skiff to the Sol Melia Resort on Cayo Largo. Check in. Week 1 Only Anglers: Transfer back to Nueva Gerona Airport, Isla de Juventude on the Perola, take afternoon flight back to Havana, spend one night at the Park Central Hotel before flying home the next morning. Week Two Only Anglers Fly Cancun—Havana, Reception at Havana Airport, transfer to Park Central Hotel.
- 4/21 Sat** Anglers at Sol Melia Resort, Cayo Largo have a free day. Week One Only Anglers: Fly Havana – Cancun - Home
- 4/22-27** Six days of fishing Cayo Largo chasing Permit, Tarpon, Bonefish, Snook, Jacks, Cudas, Sharks and reef species. Boxed lunch, or eat at Play Sirena restaurant accessed via skiff for the best lobsters in Cuba!
- 4/28 Sat** Check out, fly Cayo Largo– Havana. Transfer to Park Central Hotel. Check in, last night to enjoy Havana.
- 4/29 Sat** Hire a taxi to the Havana Airport, fly Havana—Cancun—Home.

Week One, La Perola: \$8,259 **Week Two, Cayo Largo:** \$7,322

Booking both weeks: \$12,830

Included: All nights at the 5-star NH Parque Central Hotel in Havana with breakfast, domestic flights in Cuba and roundtrip flights Cancun/Havana/Cancun, Cuban Tourist Visa, national park license and a temporary health insurance policy voucher, Six nights aboard La Perola, and 7 nights at Sol Melia Hotel in Cayo Largo, 11.5 days guided fishing, all beverages and meals on La Perola, and at Sol Melia Hotel .

Not included: Air travel to and from Cancun, round trip ground transfer between the Havana Airport and the Havana Park Central Hotel (~€20), gratuities (€150 guides, €75 Perola staff per week), rods, flies, scuba dives etc.. Specialty alcohol at Sol Melia Resort. Fly Fishing Patagonia is not responsible for costs incurred due to flight delays, changes or cancellations.



Testimonials

"I fished with five friends on La Perola fishing uncountable miles of virgin keys. La Perola is an incredible high end, 1967 yacht, perfectly maintained, with capacity for 6 fisherman that makes you feel a friend of Hemingway in his golden years. The crew was lighthearted and very hard working. Everything was always cleaned up like a hotel lobby and the food was to die for. Our one week of fishing was simply too short, but definitely sweet. 40-120lb tarpon, infinite bonefish, one grand slam and too much fun. Just a unique, fantastic trip.

Thank you Oscar and Justi. This trip was incredible!"

"Nicholas and I have been severely affected by "Permit Disease" since our first saltwater experience two and one year ago respectively. The only possible treatment has been going back to Cayo Largo and dedicate all our efforts to catch the elusive fish which was turning itself into a recurrent nightmare for both the two of us. But it got incredible good, with fat permit caught everyday."

Day 1 was actually dedicated to tarpons in area 6 with many shots to nice fish. We were both slightly out of training and after a good number of fish jumped we were able to catch one each in the 50-60 lbs range. Some bonefish and large mutton snappers in beautiful spawning dress were also part of the catch of the day."

"Outstanding!!!!.. Between July 29 and August 04 (6 fishing days), 8 Grand Slams and 3 Super Grand Slams were achieved in Cayo Largo, every Permit was caught using the famous Avalon Fly (more than 200 permit since April 2011 landed with this pattern). Without any doubt, Cayo Largo is the only place in the world where you can make such a record. Hope to see you soon in Cuba!!!!"

"The fish were big and stupid. Who knows how many fish we could have caught if the sun was out. I am convinced that the tarpon that broke my rod was north of 60 lbs.. The guides were much better than average. We fished over ten hours everyday and 14 on one day. I don't know anywhere else that you get that much time on the water."

