



*Dear Adventurous Friends!*

*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 frequently arrange or host a few destinations we've deemed superlative. Cuba is one of them and worth repeating again and again!*

*In the following pages, we have laid out a unique saltwater fishing adventure on a live aboard yacht, La Perola, navigating through the Archipelago de los Canarreos. This is an 80 mile string of keys that connects Isla de Juventude and Cayo Largo. The pristine flats are considered one of the best places to get a Grand or even Super Grand Slam. Late April is the peak of the tarpon and permit season and good weather should accompany us as well.*

*We've made this itinerary all inclusive so your only extra costs will be dinners in Havana and a couple taxi rides. We have 3 spots left!*

*We can't wait to show you CUBA!*

Justi Campa and Oscar Dono, Co-owners, Fly Fishing Patagonia

**Cuba**  
**April 13-21, 2012**



**La Perola, Isla de Juventude (6 rods)**

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Our home for 6 nights will be La Perola a 75 ft luxury yacht with polished wood, hardwood flooring and air conditioning throughout. The open air top deck is a social and dining area, while the downstairs holds a living room, dining and cabins. Five spacious cabins can accommodate 6 anglers and 4 of these cabins have their own private bath. It's the little things aboard La Perola that make life so sweet, like fresh flowers on the tables, lobster and conch, frozen fruity drinks before lunch or napping in hammocks on deck.



The yacht will be pulling three, 2-man flats boats which anglers will use to get up close and personal with tarpon and permit. We'll be in perhaps the best place in Cuba and maybe the world to target these two species. Plus, we'll be there at peak season. Big bonefish will be abundant and readily available to ease frustrated anglers.

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## *Fishing & Navigating Canarreos Archipelago CUBA*

### *Aboard LA PEROLA*

#### ARRIVAL DAY: APRIL 13

Reception in Cancun before flying to Havana. A representative will meet us in Havana, give us a trip overview and send us to our 5-star Parque Central Hotel. Tonight we will hit any of the fantastic private restaurants in Havana.

#### APRIL 14

After a free morning we'll transfer to the airport to catch a 35 min flight to Gerona Airport on Isla de Juventude (IDJ). We be greeted and transferred to La Perola. Welcome cocktails, assemble gear, dinner.



#### APRIL 15-19 LA PEROLA

For the next 5 nights we'll be living aboard La Perola, a recently refurbished 75 ft yacht, with hardwood flooring and air conditioning throughout. The open air, top deck is a social area where anglers spend most of their time and have most of their meals on board. Walk down the spiral staircase and you encounter a second 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. The staff on board will be 3 guides, a chef, hostess and barman and captain.



#### 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 30-120lb 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.

#### APRIL 20

Fish until noon, transfer to the Nueva Gerona Airport and fly to Havana arriving at 5:30pm. We'll check into the Park Central Hotel and enjoy another night in Havana before flying to Cancun the next morning





## Fly Fishing Cuba

Apr 13-21, 2012

2 nights in Havana—Hotel Park Central

6 nights aboard La Perola yacht

5.5 days fishing

- 4/13 Fri** Meet representative at the Cancun Airport before 12:30pm, receive Cuban Tourist visa, flight & hotel, and temporary health insurance policy vouchers. Fly Cancun–Havana, on CU153 2:30-5:20pm. Meet and greet at Havana Airport, taxi to 5-star Hotel Park Central. Dinner independently in town. Flight and hotel included.
- 4/14 Sat** Morning free. After lunch, transfer to the Havana Airport and fly 35 mins to Nueva Gerona Airport on Isla de Juventud. Quick transfer to La Perola yacht. Mojito, assemble gear.
- 4/15-19** Five full days of fishing. We'll be using 3 flats boats, towed behind La Perola, to access flats and channels of the Canarreo Archipelago.
- 4/20 Fri** Morning fishing. Return to the Nueva Gerona Airport and fly back to Havana, arriving at 5:30pm. Check into the Park Central Hotel. Dinner independently in town. Flight and hotel included.
- 4/21 Sat** Transfer back to the Havana Airport. Fly CU152 departing Havana at 12:55pm and arriving Cancun at 1:25pm. Flight and hotel included.

**Per angler:** \$8,259 (double occupancy)  
50% deposit holds your reservation  
Final balance due 90 days prior to arrival (Jan 13, 2012)

**Included:** Two nights at the 5-star Park 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, 5.5 days guided fishing, all beverages and meals on La Perola.

**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.. 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."

