

# Cuba

## Cayo Largo

### A ticket to Cayo Largo

Several airlines offer direct flights to Havana, from where there is a half-hour connecting flight to Cayo Largo. On your journey, you can stop over in Havana and savour one of the world's best cigars!

### Book now!

The fishing season in Cuba runs from December to August. Prime season is from February to June.

### Prime spots

You have chosen one of the best saltwater fishing locations in the world. Fish management on the flats of Cayo Largo is highly professional. That guarantees good catches of bonefish, tarpon and permit. You can wade or fish from the boats.

### The boats

Our partners have first-class boats with observation platforms.

### Rod and reel

Bonefish: 9-10 ft, 7-8 weight single handed. A floating line with 8-20 lb leader. Reel with drag and 50 yards (45 m) of backing.

Tarpon: Powerful 9-11 ft fly rod, preferably with extension butt or extra cork grip so that you can use both hands when playing the fish. A reel with 200 yards (180 m) of backing. Most important is a reel with a strong drag system because you can only play big tarpon from your reel. Special tarpon leaders with a breaking point of approx. 20-30 lb.

### For non-fishing guests

No other fishing destination offers such a wide spectrum of recreational activities for non-fishing travel companions. In the Caribbean, they can enjoy every variety of water-sport, diving courses, tennis, rental car or bicycle tours, or simply relaxing on the sunny beach. The Caribbean is an ideal holiday destination for the whole family.

### Cuba Libre

Do you want a really exceptional fishing vacation? Do you want to take the whole family with you and forget the cold winter weather at home? Do you yearn for a tropical ocean resort and a coastal landscape of unmatched beauty? Well, how about Cuba?



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### Let's go to the beach!

Cayo Largo is the name of the wonderful Caribbean oasis, which is only a 30-minute flight from Havana. The ocean temperature is 77°F (25°C), air temperature 79°F (26°C). The climate is pleasantly mild throughout the whole year and is ideal for combined relaxation and adventure.

### Over fished? You're joking!

Persisting economic differences between Cuba and the USA are probably one reason why the quality of fishing on Cuba has remained so high. The flats have been spared the over-fishing suffered by other saltwater locations. And that's a vital factor for conserving the shoals of shy bonefish because heavy fishing pressure makes these elegant sea fish even more "spooky". The Batida Fishing Club on Cayo Largo is run by Fabrizio, your friendly Italian host. He's a trusted authority on saltwater fishing and an absolute guarantee for a successful fishing vacation.

### Tarpon - king of the flats!

The very first powerful tarpon on your fly will tell you what tarpon fishing is all about! For some anglers, tarpon are the supreme fishing challenge. The king of the flats can weigh up to 100 pounds and more, but even smaller specimens will raise your pulse and tire your arms!

### Get hooked on bonefish!

The shy bonefish is also an exciting challenge for every dedicated fly fisher.

Sometimes it appears on his own, and other times in big shoals. You can never tell. He's suddenly there, appearing out of nowhere. A spot-on cast, followed by steady stripping and the bonefish rapidly chases the fly and takes it in a powerful swirl. What happens next is a ferocious fight that puts all your angling skills to the test - an experience you can easily get addicted to!

### Speedy predators

Barracuda and permit also belong to the predators that patrol the flats off Cayo Largo. The barracuda go for large bright fly patterns and are renowned for the speed with which they pursue the lure. After a voracious take they can rip over 100 yards of backing off your reel. Permit are more

difficult to locate. They are constantly on the move, scouring the flats for food, and when you finally spot one it is often too late for an accurate cast. But achieve the Grand Slam - a tarpon, a bonefish and a permit on the same day - then you'll be the true "king of the flats!"

### Poolside accommodation

The Sol Club is a new four-star hotel with every modern comfort. It is situated on the white sandy beach at Cayo Largo, looking out to the turquoise-blue sea. The attractive rooms overlook the club swimming pool. The accommodations are spacious and well appointed, with double bed or two singles, bathroom with showers/bath, satellite TV, hairdryer, air-conditioning, ceiling fan, balcony or patio.



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