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Fishing in Cuba is a delight and a continual mixture of incomparable sensations. In the exclusive fishing centers of AVALON at Jardines de la Reina (Gardens of the Queen), Isla de la Juventud (Island of Youth), Cayo Largo (Long Key), and at our newest destination on Cayo Cruz, you will be tempted with the most combative and acrobatic species, while enjoying the exclusiveness of a vast area of endless flats just for you. This is a unique and incomparable combination that Avalon offers their clients-fishing in their own marine park on the southern coast of Cuba. There is no doubt that this is a once in a lifetime opportunity. Imagine being able to choose the place where you want to fish, and go after the species you want and to do so accompanied by the most experienced and knowledgeable guides. These guides spend almost 250 days every year guiding visitors and ensuring that their guests enjoy all the benefits and opportunities that this amazing environment offers. These are some of the species that you can fish in Avalon, Cuba: Bonefish or Macabi, Tarpon or Sabalo, Permit or Palometo, and other ones like Snappers, Jacks, Snooks Barracudas, Needlefish or the combative and voracious Lemon sharks.

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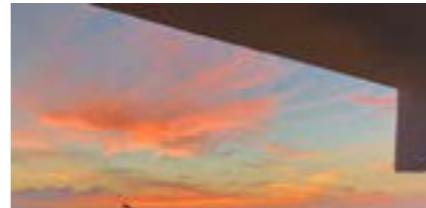
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CAYO CRUZ

Located on the north shore of the eastern province of Camaguey, the Cayo Cruz fishery is an enormous system of flats, lagoons and pristine estuaries. Located in Jardines del Rey, commercial fishing within this designated area is strictly forbidden and rigorously enforced. The sportfish- only area is 366 square kilometers in size, meaning that on the average day, each skiff has over 50 square kilometers to itself. The fishing area is virtually untouched and represents one of the cleanest and most biologically diverse ecosystems we've ever fished. This is one of the other reasons we have chosen this destination. It is still pretty much untouched and has only seen anglers for three seasons! The fish are plentiful and aggressive. Most other destinations are now heavily fished and have been fished that way for over 15 years.

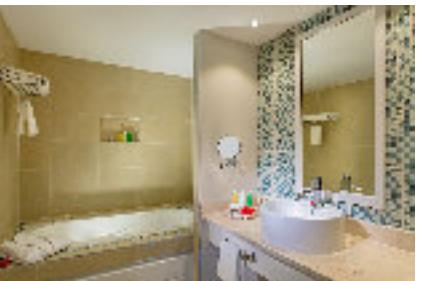
Also, those concerned by the occasional cold fronts from the north during January to March can be assured that Cayo Cruz is privileged in having an extensive string of cays on its northern border which protects it from all but the most violent of weather patterns.

Ocean Arenas Blancas
Cayo Cruz



NEW EXCLUSIVE ACCOMMODATIONS

The Oceans Arena Blanca by H10 is a luxurious all inclusive hotel facing the ocean on Cayo Cruz. This hotel is the pinnacle in comfort and amenities making the accommodations for the fishing week at Cayo Cruz absolutely stunning. This hotel will be located less than five minutes from the Cayo Cruz marina where anglers will board the skiffs for each fishing day. We are excited to partner with this hotel and give our visiting anglers the highest level of lodging and service available on Cayo Cruz.



It will be all inclusive system with swimming pool, bar, lounge, fitness center, etc, featuring several activities for non fishing guests as well, all of this will be offered by the entertainment staff.

Anglers booking their fly fishing trips with Avalon will have the unique opportunity of staying at this new and very comfortable hotel, which will facilitate logistics while maximizing fishing times and reducing transportation, because of being strategically located very close to the marina of Cayo Cruz.

For the very first season of operation with this hotel we have special discounted rates which allows us to offer fishing packages at very affordable prices for those who want a first class accommodation, and excellent fishing for permit and bonefish, with the possibility of fishing tarpon in the months of March to the end of July and other species such as jacks, snappers, snooks, etc.

We look forward to host you in Cayo Cruz / Cayo Romano!!

GUIDES



Cayo Cruz has only been in operation since 2011 and has not seen many clients. This leads to a completely unpressured fishing area where the guides have free range to explore and share the bounty of this flats oasis. Many of Avalon's guides have worked in this area previously as commercial fishermen and have grown up among these flats, lagoons, and mangroves. Because of this deep history and wealth of knowledge, along with Avalon's professional and progressive training measures, Cayo Cruz features some of the best and most competent guides in all of Cuba and the Caribbean. Our guides speak good English and are eager to share stories about their Cuban heritage and unique fishing experiences. These guides will go the extra mile for each and every one of our clients while exhibiting a passionate drive towards success while pursuing the fish of a lifetime.

GENERAL PROGRAM



The skiffs depart from Cayo Cruz each morning and depending on the guide rotation that day, you may be heading to any number of areas to spend the day. From Cayo Paredon Grande in the north to Cayo Guanaja in the south, there are countless islands, lagoons and bays that will keep anglers happy and into fish. Much of the fishing takes place back towards the mainland, in and around the massive island of Cayo Cruz. The average boat run to the fishing areas is about 20 minutes in length and in some areas, you can be into fish within 5 minutes of leaving the boat docks. It just depends on where your guide wants to take you that day and what you are interested in targeting. With 50 square kilometers per boat, the options are just about limitless. There are so many great aspects to this fishery that it can truly be a sensory overload at times.



FLY FISHING

The first thing that guests need to know about when considering this location, aside from the exceptional flats fishing that is found here is that this new fishery is still very much in its infancy.

The flats are an inviting combination of hard packed white sand and a semi-firm mottled bottom that still provides good wading. And what a place this is for those who like to wade! It's very similar to Los Roques in terms of the amount of area that's wadable and there are places here where you can wade for 4 straight hours without heading back to the boat.





Cayo Cruz demonstrates all the characteristics of a recently discovered, virgin fishing territory – large numbers of fish, good sizes and their evident lack of exposure to flies and leaders. Add to this the natural beauty of the cays and of the water and you have a truly memorable place to fish.

The average sized bonefish is a healthy 4 pounds and during the course of the week it is not unheard of for guests to land a fish or two in the 10 pound range. Tailing bonefish are common and guests can expect to see bonefish in singles and doubles, all the way up to schools of several hundred fish. What really sets this location apart from so many other fisheries is that guests can expect to encounter and get shots at good numbers of permit each day. There are very few places on earth where guests can fish for

big bonefish each day and also get shots at tailing permit. This combination may take place in other locations but not with the consistency that is virtually guaranteed at Cayo Cruz. It is a rare day when you don't encounter and get shots at permit. The permit will range in size between about 8 and 30 pounds.

The flats at Cayo Cruz/Cruz are a little deeper than those found in other areas of Cuba, which means that the bonefish and permit are still found in excellent numbers throughout the year.

There are two locations within the Cayo Cruz that offer very good tarpon fishing. Guides tend to save these areas for when an angler has already boated a permit and is looking for a Grand Slam. These fish will range from 30 to 90 pounds. Besides the fishing for permit, bonefish and tarpon, you will also cast for other challenging species as mutton snapper, snook, cubera, snapper, jack crevalle, barracuda, etc.

SEASONS

The period January to March brings with it the risk of cold fronts from north-east. However, as explained above, Cayo Cruz is well protected by the string of cays that shelter most of the fishing spots. The fishing at this time is good; particularly for good-sized bonefish, small and medium tarpon (20-30lbs), and from mid-January the permit begin to appear.

The period from April to June is perhaps the best time both for weather and for appearance of large quantities of huge tarpon, in addition to the bonefish and permit.

In July and August, the fishing is the same, but hotter sometimes.

September to December is a good period for bonefish and for smaller quantities of large and medium tarpon.

GETTING THERE

Guest can fly into Havana city (mostly for European citizens) or to Cayo Coco (to Canadian and South American anglers in some cases), in both arrival points, you will be met by an Avalon representative as soon as you clear customs.

Programs at Avalon Cayo Cruz are weekly. Starting on Saturdays and ending the following Saturday, fishing is from Sunday to Friday (6 fishing days).

In Low Season months (November / March and July / August) we can offer shorter programs, between 3 and 5 fishing days.

Guests on this programs can arrive directly to Cayo Coco (specially from Canada and Europe in some months) or to Havana, we give you flexibility to choose your arrival point, note our rates for this destination do not include Havana accommodation and internal transfer to your Hotel, this can be perfectly arranged as per your request.

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