

EL FARO



LODGE

*Cuba by
untamed angling*

An Untamed Angling destination

EXPLORATORY 2020 SEASON



travel planner

On the far western tip of the Caribbean island of Cuba is the Guanahacabibes Peninsula and the home of El Faro Lodge. Preserved for 40 years, this national park and biosphere reserve is where anglers will find 200 miles of flats, beaches, channels, mangroves, coral reef, and bluewater — all coming together for what is a fly fishing and conventional fishing paradise. Tarpon, bonefish, permit, snook, triggerfish, jacks, and a wide range of bluewater species are all available in waters that have been largely untouched and remain uniquely wild.



location

Remote, backcountry flats, coral reefs, and expansive blue water make these waters especially attractive for fly fishing and conventional angling. The Guanahacabibes Peninsula and its national park and biosphere reserve have been preserved for 40 years and offer world-class fishing for many flats and offshore species. The region is not only still wild and without fishing pressure, but it is also home to a unique mix of beaches, channels, mangroves, flats, and blue water, thereby allowing anglers to take on different waters and experiences each day.



LODGING AND SERVICES



accommodations

El Faro Lodge is the first and only beachfront fishing lodge in Cuba. Single occupancy, spacious wooden cabins with private bathrooms are available for all our guests. Offering first-class service and many luxuries, guests can enjoy the sunrise from their rooms in the morning and dinner and cigars on the beach at night after a day on the water. Gourmet food is a hallmark of all Untamed Angling destinations, and you can expect many modern comforts while enjoying the wilderness of Western Cuba.



THE FISHING



fishing and species

For saltwater anglers, Cuba has an abundance of riches. Home to some of the best tarpon, bonefish, and permit fishing in the world, anglers will find that the flats are filled with healthy populations of numerous species. In addition to the “big three,” anglers can take on giant barracuda, triggerfish, jacks, and more. And guests aren’t limited to the flats on a trip with us. From sailfish to wahoo to tuna, Cuba has drawn anglers from all over the world, and offshore fishing can be a great way to add even more to a diverse angling experience.

Anglers can access mangroves, channels, beaches, and remote wilderness flats from our skiffs. These boats allow anglers to comfortably and quickly get to the most productive water each day.



DAY BY DAY

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itinerary

The capacity is limited to 12 guests at el Faro Lodge

∞ **Day0:**

Arrival to Havana. Our representative will be waiting for you in the International Airport. Transfer from de airport to the lodge by a premium bus and tourism bilingual guide (meals and beverages are including during the travel)

Duration: 5.5 hours.

Welcome cocktail at the lodge and dinner

∞ **Day 1 to Day 6:**

Full fishing days. Breakfast at the lodge and full day fishing. Lunch at the Marina or in the beach, depending on the fishing spot. Appetizers and drinks when returning from fishing. Dinner at the lodge.

∞ **Day 7:**

In the morning, guest will pack up and be transferred back to La Havana hotel to spend a night there before travelling back home

(La Havana hotel is not included on this exploratory season)

RATES:

- × **USD 5.500 per person** (single room/single occupancy)
- × **USD 4.000 non angler**

Exploratory Season: May, June & July



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THE FISHING



fly fishing gear

🪝 **Fly Rods:** #7, #8 or #9 weight single handed rods, 9 feet in length are highly recommended. An #8 weight is the standard for bones and a high variety of fish, but it might be necessary to have a #9 weight rod if you pursue permit or big triggers. A #12 weight is a need for tarpon and blue water species.

🪝 **Fly reels:** As with rods, reels that have been designed for saltwater fly-fishing are the best choice. Fly reels that feature a strong, smooth disk drag with a large arbor spool are perfect. El Faro species will easily have anglers into their backing. Bringing a reel that you are comfortable with and that is in good working order. Weight of the reel is important; since you will be casting a lot, keep it light. 100 yd of Backing is required.

🪝 **Fly Lines:** Most of the fishing is done close to the surface. Weight forward floating lines for tropical waters are what you need. But is recommended to bring also clear tip intermediate lines or even sinking lines for big tarpon and blue water. The lodge has a complete fly shop where you can get additional lines if needed.

🪝 **Leaders:** Spools of Fluorocarbon of 80, 60, 40, 30, and 20lb are necessary. We normally use leaders of 6 to 9 feet long, even larger if you target permit on the flats. This allows a good performance with heavy flies without spooking away the fish. Our guides can help you out with the setting up of your leader for every fishing situation.

🪝 **Flies:** The typical patterns for saltwater are what we recommend for 2020 exploratory season. The place is quite unfished, so we still cannot recommend a specific pattern. The regular used for bones, permit, tarpon snook, and big streamers or poppers for blue waters will be enough. High quality, saltwater hooks are required considering how strong El Faro fish are.

FOR THE TRIP

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checklist

You needn't overload yourself with gear, but these items are regarded as essential:

(√ off items on this list as you pack – don't forget an important piece of equipment)

- 2 pairs of Polaroid glasses (in case you lose or break a pair).
- Waterproof Sunscreen SPF 30+ (UVA) (UVB) (waterproof)
- Fly Rods 8/9/12 Weights (no less than 3)
- Reels
- Fly Lines and extras
- Leaders, Fluorocarbon Tippets, and Wire just in case you wanna catch a barracuda.
- Long needle nose pliers
- Hook Sharpener
- Stripping Fingers, finger tape and fishing-sun protection gloves _ _ Cutter.
- Cap or hat, and Buffs.
- Flats Wading Boots
- Light Weight Rain Jacket
- 3 Long Sleeve Fishing Shirts
- 3 Pair of Fast Drying Pants
- Waterproof camera, storage cards, batteries and charger
- Smart Phone or Tablet with charger
- Universal adapter for the charger
- Insect repellent with 30% + DEET and "anti-itch" cream for possible bites.
- Flashlight/head lamp
- Water bottle & dry Gatorade mix
- Lip balm with sunscreen (highest SPF you can get)
- Waterproof bag or Back Pack (100% waterproof) -Waterproof bag (for camera or other valuable articles).
- Passport or ID (in case of coming from neighboring countries to Bolivia) with at least 6 months of validity
- 2 Copies of passport (**packed separately in zip-lock bag**)
- Airline tickets and itinerary
- Cash (small bills for tips, gift shopping, etc.), credit card
- Notebook and pen
- Emergency telephone numbers
- Toiletries, including shampoo, hand lotion, bandages, roll of athletic adhesive tape, protection for joints like knees, wrists o ankles if you need them.
- Aspirin, other over-the-counter medications like antacids
- Prescription medications (packed in your carry-on bag)
- Prescription glasses
- Lighter or matches

VERY IMPORTANT: In order to avoid annoying custom problems, do not bring to Cuba: Drones, satellite phones, walkie talkies, and other satellite devices.

expected weather and clothing

The tropical climate on the Guanahacabibes Peninsula gives us average temperatures around from the high 70s to the low 90s during our months of operation (May, June, July).

insects

The best way to protect yourself from bugs and no see ums is by wearing insect repellent at least 3 times a day (morning, afternoon and night).

health

Vaccines are not required

baggage

We don't have luggage weight limit cause we have land transport.



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