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Fly Fishing – Cuba, Jardines Reina 14.-23.2.2025

Great fly fishing for permit, bonefish and tarpon in Jardines Reina in Cuba. Fishmaster will arrange a hosted fly fishing trip to Jardines de la Reina on 14.-23. February 2025. Jouni Rauha will work as a host for this fly fishing trip. Jardines de la Reina is considered to be an excellent tropical fly fishing destination located in southern coast of Cuba.

Cuba. Aside from its fascinating culture and Caribbean hospitality, Cuba has long been synonymous with some of the finest fly fishing in the world. For the last decades of fishing operation has brought together the most exclusive areas of the country combined with a high level of service in what are logistically complex environments.

Fly Fishing. This huge Jardines Reina area consists of several different types of flats that can be waded and fished from special boats. The fishing season is long and fishing can be done with single hand fly rod. Tarpon, bonefish, permit, jacks and big barracudas are plentiful. Local fishing guide will take you by boat to a range of interesting and challenging fishing locations and show where and when to cast. Two persons will fly fish with one local guide in a boat. The guides know the local waters intimately and speak well English.

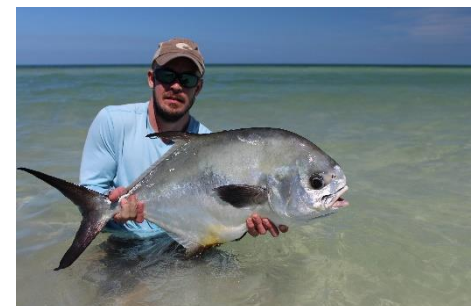
Jardines Reina is an outstanding location for producing Grand Slams and Super Grand Slams, in part because the permit fishing is consistently so good. Each of these fisheries regularly produce 25 pound + permit for anglers and we don't know of too many other places that boast the number of Grand Slams that Jardines Reina do.

Fly Fishing Tackle. 9 feet long 7 or 8 weight fly rod is good for bonefish and one 9 weight for permit and 10-11 weight for tarpon. High-performance reels with a good brake system are required, capable of holding 200-250 yards of 20-30 pound backing. We recommend weight forward tropical floating fly lines for bonefish and permit. For bonefish and permit we recommend 9-12 feet knotless leaders with 0,33-0,38 mm tippet. For tarpon we recommend floating, intermediate and sinking fly lines with 60-80-pound fluorocarbon leader.

Flies. Good flies for bonefish are for example Crazy Charlie, Bonefish Special, Cuban Shrimps and small crabs tied on hooks 4 or 6, sand and light-brown. Permit flies: Avalon fly, Rag Head Crab, Brown Special, Flexo Crab and Del's Merkin tied on hooks 2 and 4. Flies for tarpon and snook: streamers, deceivers on hooks 2/0-3/0 in colours tan, olive and white, Black Death and Purple Death.

Accommodation. In Havana we stay in three star hotel. Jardines Avalon IV replaced the former Tortuga. Jardines Avalon 4 is a remarkable 54 m long yacht, it stays moored in Jardines de la Reina and features 20 guest cabins, a spacious lounge areas, and fabulous sun deck with two hot tubs. Each guest room includes private bathroom, personalized air conditioning, storage space and convertible double beds.

The cabins and common areas have electric sockets for you to plug in your items (220/110 volts). The sun deck includes four suites. The upper deck includes eight double rooms with private bathrooms as well as a lovely dining area and rear patio. The main deck includes another eight double rooms, a comfortable lounge area. The main entrance to the yacht features a massive rear deck and platform to keep all of your gear organized with easy access. The crew resides in the lower deck.



Travel Arrangements. Hosted Fishmaster saltwater fly fishing trip. Jouni Rauha will travel with as a host for this saltwater fly fishing trip to Jardines Reina in Cuba. Anglers will take an international flight to Havana airport in Cuba and stay one night in hotel in Havana. Next day we continue with a bus from Havana to Jucaro port. At Jucaro we have a yacht transport to the Jardines Avalon 4 Yacht in Jardines Reina. In both ends of this trip we stay one night in Havana.



Travel Insurance. Visa. When travelling to Cuba it is mandatory that every one has a good travel insurance and also proof of it with you. Please remember to take with and put your visa between your passport.

Money. Please take with cash 600-800 euros gratuities for guide and staff, meals, drinks and taxi in Havana.

Baggage. Take with the tackle listed. For flights 1 piece baggage per person is allowed, max 23 kg and 1 piece hand luggage, max 8 kg. Please pack luggage into a big soft travel bag, it's easier to pack them into the yacht. Please pack your rod tube inside your travel bag, so you can avoid extra payments.



Trip length: 5 and half fishing days/7 nights in Jardines Reina, 1 night in Havana

Price includes:

- Bus transport Havana/Jucaro/Havana
- Yacht transport Jucaro/ Jardines Reina/ Jucaro
- 7 nights in JA 4 yacht (Double cabin, air conditioning, shower and toilet)
- All meals in JA 4 yacht (breakfast, lunch and dinner)
- 5 and half fishing days, guide, boat (2 fisherman/guide/boat)
- Fishing license, Fly fishing

Price excludes:

- International flights to/from Havana
- Taxi from/to international airport to hotel in Havana
- 1 night in hotel in Havana (air conditioning, shower and toilet) (100-200 eur)
- Meals and drinks in Havana
- Gratuities for guide (300 eur)(if you catch Grand Slam or Super Grand Slam add 100/150 eur)
- Gratuities for staff (150 eur)
- Conservation Fee (290 eur)
- Soft drinks, Alcohol drinks and beers in JA 4 yacht (190 eur)
- Visa

Trip Schedule:

14.2. Friday. Flight departure at airport in Europe (Paris/ Madrid/ Amsterdam). Flight arrives to Havana International airport in the afternoon/evening. Meeting host Jouni Rauha and other fishermen at Havana airport. Taxi from airport to hotel in Havana. Check in to the hotel.

15.2. Saturday. Wake up at 6.00. Breakfast at hotel. Check out 7.15 and moving to Hotel Parque Central. Leaving the hotel at 8.00 AM and heading towards the Jucaro Port with bus (6 hours bus drive). Arrive to the Jucaro Port at 14. Yacht transport from Jucaro to Jardines Reina. Arrival to Jardines Reina at 18. Check in to the Jardines Avalon 4 Yacht. Dinner at 19-20.

16.2. Sunday – 20.2. Thursday. Wake up at 7.00. Breakfast at 7.30. Depart from yacht at 8.00. Professional fishing guides will take us to the sea with boats. Guide will show the fishing places, techniques and so on. Lunch by the sea. In the afternoon around 17.30 return back to the yacht. Dinner at yacht at 19-20.

21.2. Friday. Wake up at 7.00. Breakfast at 7.30. Depart from yacht at 8.00. Professional fishing guides will take us to the sea with boats. Guide will show the fishing places, techniques and so on. Return back to the yacht at 12-13. Lunch at JA 4 yacht. Afternoon free program at yacht. Dinner at yacht at 19-20.

22.2. Saturday. Wake up at 6.30. Breakfast at 7.00. Check out at 8.00 and about 4 hours yacht transport from Jardines Reina to Jucaro. About 6 hours bus transport from Jucaro to Havana. Arrival to Havana airport in the afternoon/evening. Flight departs from Havana in the evening.

23.2. Sunday. Flight arrives to Europe.

Cuba, Jardines Reina – Tackle List

Pack into hand luggage or wear on

Backpack
Flats cap
2 x Polarized sunglasses with side shields, lens cleaning rag
Buff (30-50 SPF)
Long sleeve fishing shirt
Short boxers
T-shirt
Socks
Long wading pants (light weight, quick dry), belt
Shorts
Sun gloves
Sneakers
Light weight rain jacket with hood
Lip balm with best possible SPF
Camera, battery, charger, memory cards
Mobile phone, charger
Books, magazines, maps, notebook, pen
Passport
Visa
Flight tickets and travel documents
Travel insurance, travel insurance card
Wallet, credit card, cash for tipping and drinks (euros)
Tooth brush, Compeed bandage
Electronic adapter
Razor
Pain killers, cortison paste, prescription medicins, prescriptions
Flats wading boots/neoprene wading boots

Pack into luggage bag

4-6 x Long sleeve fishing shirts (30-50 SPF)
2-3 x long wading pants (light weight, quick dry), belt
Short boxers
T-shirts
Socks
Sandals or Crocs
Swimming boxers
Photocopy of passport
Sunblock (30-50 SPF, waterproof)
Insect repellent
Shampoo, hand cream, tooth paste
Small flashlight
Zip lock bags, plastic bags
Tape, Sports tape
Fly boxes, flies
Fly rods, length 9' class 8-11, rod tubes
Fly reels, spare spools
Fly lines (tropical fly lines)
Fly leaders, fluorocarbon leader material 0.33, 0.36, 0.70, 0.80 mm
Chest bag
Fly line cleaning kit
Reel oil
Hemostats
Hook file, clippers

Cuba, Jardines Reina - Flies

Gotcha

Hook: Single saltwater 4-8
Thread: Pink
Tail: 4-5 pearly flashabou
Body: Pearly flashabou
Wing: Light brown calf tail
Eyes: Ball chain or painted dumbbell eyes
Head: Pink



Avalon

Hook: Single saltwater 2-4
Tail: Orange antron, 2 orange/black rubber legs, 2 dark mirror flash
Scissors: Light brown zonker on sides
Body: Pearl light brown, keel monofil with silver beads
Eyes: Ball chain
Head: Pink



Flexo Crab

Hook: Single saltwater 2-4
Thread: Tan
Scissors: White or tan Ultra chenille micro
Legs: 3 pairs white or tan Ultra chenille micro
Body: Tan Body tubing
Weight: Dumbbell eyes
Head: Tan



Black Death

Hook: Single saltwater 1/0-3/0, Tiemco 600 SP
Thread: Red
Wing: 4 black hackle feathers
Hackle: Red marabou
Head: Red



Black and Purple

Hook: Single saltwater 1/0-3/0, Tiemco 600 SP
Thread: Black
Wing: Purple and black Slinky fibre
Eyes: Plastic eyes
Head: Clear epoxy



Chartreuse and Pearl

Hook: Single saltwater 1/0-3/0, Tiemco 600 SP
Thread: White
Wing: Pearly white and chartreuse Slinky fibre
Eyes: Plastic eyes
Head: Clear epoxy

