

Playa Girón (A/K/A Bay of Pigs) Tour

Price: \$225 (per car)

The vast Zapata Peninsula is an uninhabited swamp that's catnip for birdwatchers, fishermen, scuba divers and lovers of the wilderness. This is arguably Cuba's top birding spot, with 18 of the 24 endemic Cuban bird species calling Zapata home, such as the tiny bee hummingbird. Fishing is huge, with many aficionados returning time and time again to catch bass, trout, tilapia, bonefish and more in the mangroves and saltwater flats, the rivers and lagoon. Some of Cuba's best diving can be found off Playa Larga and Playa Girón; the area is sponge and coral rich, with huge drop-offs. At its eastern perimeter is the Bay of Pigs – Bahía de Cochinos – a crucial place in the national consciousness as the site of the failed 1961 USA-backed invasion of Cuba. The little Museo Playa Girón is where you can find out all about the invasion and check out tank wrecks, plus a fallen US plane. There is one hotel on Playa Larga and Playa Girón each; the latter is superior to the Soviet blocks on Playa Larga, but generally there are better hotels – and better beaches – in Cuba, so a trip to Zapata is usually reserved for committed naturalists and lovers of the Cuban wilderness, as opposed to sybarites.



Departure from Havana.

Duration: 8:00 AM- 6:00 PM