



The ultimate in 'hosted' angling adventures throughout the Amazon.

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HEADWATERS (Peacock Bass Trip) BRAZIL

Oct - Feb (Northern), July – Sept/Oct (Southern)

THE TRIP



'Welcome to the Jungle'

Peacock Bass anglers will tell you, that once you've had a big Peacock blow up on your surface lure, you'll be hooked for life!

There is nothing more exciting and adrenaline fueled than seeing an explosion over your propbait, spook or other surface bait. The strike is nothing less than awe-inspiring, loud, aggressive, fast & furious, and superbly shocking all in one. This is what keeps Peacock junkies returning **time and time** again.

Our fly-in (by floatplane) Headwaters Peacock Bass trips in Brazil's Amazon Rainforest are **THE** trips for giant Three Barred Peacock Bass fanatics or for newbies alike.

Our all-inclusive jungle adventure trips are based out of a modern luxury houseboat in exclusive reservation areas, and as well as awesome Peacock Bass action, our anglers will catch many other species that also hit lures and flies.

In our **Southern fishery**, from May, water levels start to drop quickly, and the rivers recede out of the flooded jungle and our season here runs from July - Sept.

In our more **Northern fishery**, water levels recede quickly from July, and our season here runs from October to end February.

These times of the season are prime to target Giant Peacock Bass and other species as the water levels have dropped and the fish are easier to target. Many Catfish species can also be found, depending on water levels at the time.

This really is a trip for all, with countless opportunities to put some ticks on your 'bucket list'...

THE LOCATION



The Rio Negro and Rio Madeira tributary headwaters, Amazonas.

These headwaters have lagoon after lagoon filled with hard-fighting 'Three-Bar' or 'Speckled' Peacock Bass (*C. temensis*) that can reach over 30lbs.

In the rainy season, the waters rise quickly and significantly, and a river that is only 100m wide between its banks in the dry season, may be 20 kilometers wide in the rainy season, spreading way out into the flooded jungle.

Fishing during that time is like finding a needle in a haystack as the predators have followed the baitfish way back into the jungle. Once the rains stop and the levels recede back out of the jungle and into the riverbanks, this is prime time to catch this magnificent adversary, this is the space **you** will be in.

This truly is an incredible location and the opportunities within the secluded and hidden lakes and lagoons are endless, with further scope within the main rivers.



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THE ACCOMODATION

Our ultra-modern luxury Houseboat is the only boat of this design with great lines, modern furnishings and four double cabins with smoky-black windows. Each cabin has its own private bathroom with hot and cold-water showers.

Our anglers will arrive by floatplane on the headwaters of our chosen tributary and onto the fabulous 5* luxury houseboat that is totally unique to this area and which operates so remotely, you are unlikely to see any other fishing boats.

There is a bar area, dining room, a large living & socialising space and outside seating areas front and back, and all inside areas are fully air-conditioned. We even have a jacuzzi on board!!

The bar is open 24/7, the beers are always ice cold, cocktails flow in the evenings and delicious and sumptuous meals are prepared by our in-house chef. You will also have the chance to experience some of the finest BBQ cooking anywhere in the region.

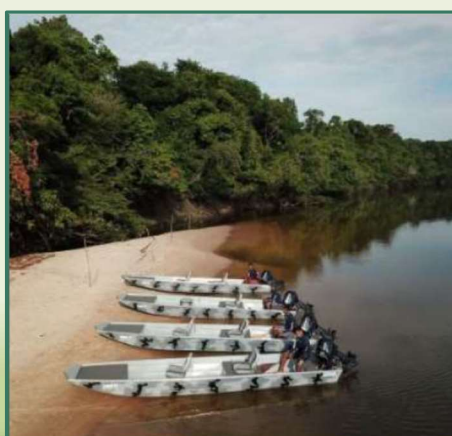
This trip is without doubt the ultimate for combining incredible sport fishing with absolute comfort.



THE DAY BOATS

There's certainly no 'roughing' it for our guests on this trip!!

Our fishing boats are 17ft skiffs with raised decks, fishing seats if needed, 25Hp engines and electric trolling motor. Each boat will have an ice box filled with ice and drinks of your choice. Two anglers share a boat with a guide. These boats are light and can easily be carried and dragged into landlocked lagoons and lakes where necessary.





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THE FISHING

Our three main target species here are the Giant Three Barred/Speckled *C. temensis* which can reach over 30lbs, Butterfly *C. orienocensis* to 14lbs and 'Popoca' *C. monoculos* to 9lbs. *C. temensis* starts off life as 'Pacas' or Speckled Peacocks and will morph into the full-blown Three-Bar 'Açu' breeding uniform for its spawning mode. Peacock Bass are structure-loving fish, although spawning fish are often seen with their young dimpling the flat mirror glass surface of a quiet lagoon. If they don't want to eat a bait, they'll want to kill it with explosive strikes and that's no exaggeration. Baits must be worked fast here in the Amazon.

Key structures that Peacock Bass love to inhabit are entrances to lagoons, points of beaches and trees, shoulders between a bank and an island, blowdowns, and laydowns, stands of trees and individual trees, drop-offs, and sand bars. Best surface baits to use are Klures propbaits or similar propbaits, poppers, walk-the-dog stick baits like Spooks and other cigar-shaped lures. Best sub-surface lures are lead-head jigs, minnow-style baits like Rapala X raps, Yozuri Crystal Minnows, Cotton Cordell or similar. Bucktail Jigs with extended tails can catch you over 150 fish a day, although many will be smaller than when using the larger baits. Fly fishing is a great way to fish in the right conditions, off sandy beaches, in lagoons and in the many river systems. You can catch plenty of Peacocks a day with large, flashy streamer flies and poppers.

But let's not forget the other species you may encounter: **Arowana**, **Bicuda**, **Dogfish**, **Jacunda**, **Surubim/Shovelnose Catfish** as well as the much sought after and hard fighting species, such as **Piraiba (Lau Lau)** and **Redtail** which reside in some of the deeper holes, so don't forget to bring some of your heavier gear.





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THE ITINERARY

Day 1: TOUR STARTS – arrival in the city of Manaus and transfer to the hotel and overnight.

Day 2: Early morning floatplane from Manaus to the river and start fishing when ready! Overnight on the Houseboat for the next 7 nights.

Days 3-8: Six full days of guided fishing.

Day 9: Floatplane back to Manaus by late morning and transfer to international airport for onwards journey home – **TOUR ENDS.**

Included:

- All transfers on arrival day before trip and overnight at hotel in Manaus.
- Return floatplane flight in and out of the jungle.
- All food and beverages while at the Houseboat and while fishing.
- 6+ days guided fishing.
- Daily laundry.

Not included:

- International and domestic flights to and from Manaus.
- Meals and drinks whilst in Manaus.
- Additional hotel stays, hard liquor, wine etc.
- Fishing tackle, rods, reels, lures, jigs etc.
- Tips – we suggest US\$150pp for your guide and US\$150pp for the remaining houseboat staff.
- Visas - N.B. European, American, Canadian, Australian, and Japanese citizens do NOT require a visa for entry into Brazil.
- Costs associated with any medical advice, consultation, or medications.

Terms and conditions of payment:

50% as deposit on reservation with the remaining 50% due 90 days before trip start date, or 100% payment should initial booking be within 90 days of the planned trip date.

Contact us for further details and registration forms.

Trip Cost pp: Message us for full US\$ pricing and details of any applicable deals / promotions.

Once reservation is confirmed, a complete and comprehensive list of gear, clothing and tackle suggestions will be provided.

TACKLE TIPS

You will need to bring an appropriate range of tackle and we are more than happy to talk this through with you ahead of your trip. We can also assist with tackle hire (rods & reels) as well as provide 'bespoke' tackle packs if preferred (UK only).

A full kit list will be provided upon booking.

Also note, to enable us to provide the best fishing opportunities, the durations at each location may vary, this will be decided at the time, based on water conditions, catch reports etc.

For more information on fishing tactics, tackle, and the species you are likely to meet, go to our website:

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DON'T FORGET

You will be in one of the planets most breath-taking environments, **the Amazon**. Make sure you have a good camera and plenty of SD storage for your trip. There will be endless opportunities for both live action and still shots...



HEALTH & WELFARE

Keeping you safe on your trip is of paramount importance to us and we want your experience with us to be memorable for all the right reasons!!

Top Camp tips: listen to your host / guides, bring high SPF sunblock and drink plenty of water.

Note: there is a strict 15Kg baggage limit for the floatplane. Excess weight can be left safely at the hotel if necessary.

TRAVEL ADVICE: Do not forget your jabs. Visit your GP at least three months ahead of travelling to gain the best advice about your trip. In the UK? Boots the Chemist also provide this service.

