



RIO ORINOCO & RIO TUPARRO COLOMBIA, JANUARY TO APRIL

OUR TRIP

'Peacock Bass, Payara, Sardinata, Cats and much, much more'.

With established local resources underpinning this trip we will be hosting small groups of anglers deep into the unspoilt rainforests of Colombia, on the Rio Orinoco targeting Payara & Sardinata and the Rio Tuparro for Peacock Bass, with many other species at both locations.

The Rio Orinoco is renowned for its spectacular Payara fishing. These powerful silver missiles attack lures and flies with incredible energy and huge Payara to over 30lbs are regularly caught here.

The Rio Tuparro runs through virgin rainforest, with beautiful lagoons, lakes and streams. Massive Peacock Bass inhabit these secluded waters and fish in excess of 20lbs are commonplace.

And of course, the Amazon wouldn't be complete without some enormous Catfish to stretch your string.

Species including Redtail, Flat-Whiskered, Piraiba and Jau can be taken throughout the water systems, with many favouring deep areas containing structure, although 'margin' fishing can also be highly productive, as well as being great 'fun'.

In addition, there is always the opportunity for 'bi-catch', and as with other locations within the Amazon basin, predicting what you may catch is always difficult, especially if you are 'experimenting' or 'trying something different'.

THE LOCATION



The Rio Orinoco is one of the longest rivers in South America at 2,140 kilometres. Its drainage basin, sometimes known as the 'Orinoquía' covers 880,000, km², with over 75% percent of it in Venezuela and the remainder in Colombia. It is the third largest river in the world by discharge volume of water.

As a tributary of the Orinoco, The Rio Tuparro gives its name to El Tuparro National Nature Park. Snaking through savannah and dense jungle, the river provides many differing landscapes, hidden lakes and lagoons and a wealth of wildlife.



TRAVEL ADVICE

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CAMP LIFE

The main camp is located on the banks of the River Orinoco and is about 4hrs from Puerto Carreño. This is a purpose-built camp comprising bespoke one & two person cabins each with WC, shower and portable A/C. There is a main 'lodge' providing an extensive 'chill out' area as well as the camp kitchen. This is the main focal point for all meals and social gatherings.

The camp also has the luxury of WiFi.



Camp two, based on the banks of the River Tuparro provides large tented accommodation, both single and sharing. There are the usual amenities, WC, Shower and fans for comfort along with a fully functioning camp kitchen.



Food is predominantly local and is plentiful and wholesome with three good meals a day. There is always an ample supply of water, soft-drinks and beer, all kept at a chilled temperature in the on-camp fridges/freezers, or on the boats in iced coolers.

Generally, camp life starts early and following a hearty breakfast it's out to the boats. These are manned by our local resource (*Sikuane*) who have extensive knowledge of the water systems. Whilst you are out fishing, the camp is cleaned, maintained and a daily laundry service is provided for all clothing and bedding.

THE FISHING

There is fantastic top water action to be had with giant Three-Barred/Speckled and Butterfly Peacock Bass using surface Prop baits, poppers and stick baits/Super Spooks in the many lagoons, against the submerged trees, off points and along the banks. Excellent subsurface action can also be had using minnow baits, bucktail jigs with extended tails and other lures and flies.



There is also an abundance of other predatory species within in the lagoons and rivers, including the magnificent and hard fighting Payara, as well as Bicuda, Bocon, Sardinata and Morocoto. But it's not all 'lure' fishing... Fly fishing is a wonderful way not only to target the big Peacock Bass but is also highly effective with the Payara and Sardinata.

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Day 1: Arrive in Bogota and transfer to 5 Star hotel for an overnight stay.

Day 2: Commercial flight to Puerto Carreño and onwards by 4x4 & boat to Camp 1.

Days 3-4: Fish for two days for Payara on the Rio Orinoco.

Day 5-11: Move to Camp 2 on the Rio Tuparro and fish for Peacock Bass (and other species) for seven days.

Days 12: Move back to the Orinoco and fish for Payara last day

Day 13: Commercial flight back to Bogota, transfer to 5 Star hotel and overnight.

Day 14: Depart from Bogota, travel home.

Included:

- All transfers on arrival in Bogota,
- Two nights in 5 Star hotel in Bogota (*breakfasts included*).
- Return flights to Puerto Carreño.
- 10 days fishing*, 11 nights for two anglers per cabin/tent.
- Three full meals a day, snacks, beers (6pp pd) and soft drinks,
- Daily laundry.

Not included:

- International Flights & visas (*if required*).
- Meals and drinks whilst in Bogota.
- Additional hotel stays, hard liquor, wine etc,
- Fishing tackle, lures, jigs etc.
- Tips (We insist on US\$150 per camp, to be divided equally between the guides and the camp staff).
- Costs associated with any medical advice, consultation or medications.

*Note: The itinerary above represents the 10-day (fishing) trip. For the shorter 6-day (fishing) trip, the itinerary will be confirmed at the time of enquiry.

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

Terms and conditions of payment:

50% as deposit on reservation with the remaining 50% due 90 days before trip start date.

Contact us for further details and registration forms.

TACKLE TIPS

You will need to bring an appropriate range of tackle and we are more than happy to talk this through with you beforehand. 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 that in order to provide the best fishing opportunities, the durations at each camp location may vary, this will be decided at the time, based on water conditions, catch reports etc.

TRAVEL ADVICE



Don't forget your 'jabs'. Visit your GP at least 3 months in advance for the best advice on your trip.

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.



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.

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