



The ultimate in 'hosted' angling adventures throughout the Amazon

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RIOS ORINOCO, MESETAS & TOMO, 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 Mesetas & Rio Tomo 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 Rios Mesetas and Tomo run 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 tributaries of the Orinoco, The Rio Mesetas and Rio Tomo snake through rich savannah and dense jungle. These rivers provide many differing landscapes, hidden lakes and lagoons and a wealth of wildlife.

TRAVEL ADVICE

In the UK? For direct flights, Give Bruce a call at:

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CAMP LIFE

This incredible angling adventure is set across two camps. The time at each camp is roughly 4days/6days, however, dependent upon water conditions, catch results etc, durations may be changed to provide the best in angling opportunities. The Rio Orinoco is a varied landscape, with fast flowing waters, rapids, and rock gardens, a Payara heaven. Out of the rapids the Sardinata shoal together and are there in mass one moment and gone the next. Big Catfish can also be taken, so don't forget to take some heavier gear. Huge Piraiba have been caught along with Jau, Redtail, flat-whiskered etc. The Rios Mesetas and Tomo provide a total contrast, with slower moving waters, secluded back-waters and lagoons, producing some of the largest Peacock Bass imaginable. There are also many opportunities for bi-catch, but it's hard to move your focus away from the Peacocks, with their explosive top and sub-surface action.

CAMP ONE – 2+2 days

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 and is the perfect location to talk through the days catches and plan the following day. The camp also has the luxury of WiFi and plentiful electricity for charging your tech...



CAMP TWO – 6 days

Based on the banks of the Rio Mesetas or Tomo, this mobile camp 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 and social area. As with camp one, there is adequate electricity available for your tech, but understandably there is no WiFi...

Food at both camps is predominantly local, is plentiful and wholesome, and very often 'gourmet' style, capitalising on the incredible range of local resource, with three good meals a day, breakfast, a day pack and an evening meal. There is always an ample supply of water, soft-drinks, and beer, all kept at a chilled temperature in the on-camp fridges and freezers, or on the boats in iced coolers.



Camp life starts early and following a hearty breakfast it's out to the boats, which will be fully loaded and waiting for you. The boats are manned by our local resource (*Sikuane*) who have extensive knowledge of the water systems and will help put you 'on the spot'. But, always remember, if you want to try a different location, or try something new, just ask, the guides are there to ensure your angling adventure is memorable for the right reasons, and a bit of experimentation can often pay dividends. Whilst you are out fishing, the camp staff go to work, ensuring the camp is cleaned, maintained and the daily laundry service undertaken for all your clothing and bedding, ready for your return at the end of the day...



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THE FISHING RIO MESETAS / RIO TOMO

There is fantastic top water lure action to be had with giant Three-Barred/Speckled and Butterfly Peacock Bass using surface prop baits (rippers), 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. Fly fishing is also highly productive and has proven itself to be a consistent method for taking these big fish.



Examples of prop baits 'rippers' from K-Lures



Examples of 'Jigs' from Stevie Stinger

RIO ORINOCO

In fast flowing waters, take the opportunity to fish for monster Payara using deep divers (see illustration of Rapala CD-18 below) and other deep lures and then try for Sardinata on small poppers and jigs/flyes within the main river...



You can also try your hand at bait fishing for some real giants, Surubim, Piraiba, Jau, Redtails and other Catfish species....

Finding so many of these species in one place is amazing, but to have all them in the sizes and abundance that we have here, makes this place simply a sport fisherman's Paradise





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TRIP ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrive in Bogota and transfer to 4 Star hotel for an overnight stay.

Day 2: Domestic flight to Puerto Carreño and an overnight.

Days 3-4: 4x4 transfer (04:00 start) to Camp 1. Fish for two days for Payara / Sardinata on the Rio Orinoco.

Day 5-10: Move to Camp 2 on the Rios Mesetas & Tomo and fish for Peacock Bass (and other species) for six days.

Days 11-12: Move back to Camp 1 and fish for Payara and Sardinata for the last two days.

Day 13: Early start with domestic flight to Puerto Carreño and flight back to Bogota, transfer to 4 Star hotel and overnight.

Day 14: Depart from Bogota, travel home.

Included:

- All transfers on arrival in Bogota,
- Two nights in 4 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.

Remember, as a 'Hosted Trip', you will always have a member of the Amazon-Angler.com team with you, providing you with the best of advice throughout your trip.

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.

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

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 '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.

For more information on fishing tactics, tackle, and the species you are likely to encounter, visit our website: www.amazon-connect.co.uk

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. Also remember, if in doubt, ask!!

TRAVEL ADVICE



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