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RIO ORINOCO AND ITS TRIBUTARIES

JANUARY TO APRIL

THE 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 within its tributaries, 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 Orinoco's many tributaries run through virgin rainforest, with beautiful lagoons, lakes, and streams. Massive Peacock Bass inhabit these secluded and highly productive fishing grounds, with specimen's way in excess of 20lbs being taken frequently.

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'.

'All this, from one of the most exciting river systems within the region, providing our guests with unrivalled opportunities to catch true trophy species'.



THE LOCATION



The Rios

The Rio Orinoco is one of the longest rivers in South America at 2,140 kilometres. Its drainage basin, sometimes known as the 'Orinoquia' 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.

The Rio Orinoco has many tributaries snaking through the rich savannah and dense jungle. These rivers provide many differing landscapes, hidden lakes, and lagoons along with an incredible wealth and diversity of wildlife.



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THE CAMPS

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 do not forget to bring some heavier gear. Huge Piraiba have been caught along with Jau, Redtail, flat-whiskered etc. The Rio Orinoco's tributaries 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 is 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 one of the Rio Orinoco's top producing tributaries, this mobile camp provides large tented accommodation, in 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...

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.

And remember, make sure you bring your 'Yellow Fever' vaccination certificate with you.





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THE FISHING The Rio Orinoco

In fast flowing waters, take the opportunity to fish for monster Payara using deep divers such as Fig 1. Rapala CD-18, and other deep lures and then try for Sardinata on small poppers Fig 2. Rapala Skitterpop and jigs/flyes within the main river...



As a break from the insanity of the Payara and Sardinata, you can also try your hand at bait fishing, targeting some of the resident giants, Surubim, Piraiba, Jau, Redtails and many other Catfish species... Finding so many of these in one place makes this a sport anglers paradise...



Tributaries of the Rio Orinoco

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.





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THE ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrive in Bogota and transfer to the 4-Star Marriott Courtyard 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 and Sardinata on the Rio Orinoco.

Day 5-10: Move to Camp 2 on one of the Rio Orinoco's top tributaries and fish for Peacock Bass (and other species) for six days.

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

Day 13: Return to Puerto Carreño and commercial flight back to Bogota, transfer to the same 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* and 11 nights (Costs based on 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

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.

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 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 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.



Your 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.