

# COLOMBIA Expeditions!

Accessing The Orinoco,  
It's Tributaries and  
Lost Lagoons  
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# ORINOCO LODGE & CAMP

PEACOCK BASS AND PAYARA EXPEDITION

*Perfectly encamped for fishing the Rivers and Lost Lagoons of the Remote Amazon Fringe*





This trip is the perfect mix with World Class wading around class IV rapids in search of 20+ pound Payara, Sardinata and other exotics of the Orinoco River and with opportunities at catching multiple 10-20 pound Peacock Bass on a variety of lures. It's where you can try all angling styles and techniques. Luxury individual cabin style tents with full size beds, delicious meals designed by and served by Chefs means the benefits of camping in the most remote and virgin corner or "fringe" of the northern Orinoco Basin without sacrificing any comfort of a fixed lodge. Cooling fans and marine toilets at each portable camp are a plus! For the full Amazon experience, our waters are full of Payara, Peacock, several species of Catfish, and Sardinata. From casting poppers and rippers in a feeding frenzy, to sight casting in a pocket, the Tuparro and Orinoco luxury camping expedition is a "Trip of a Lifetime." This variety of fishing styles in these waters make our Extended Package(s) very attractive.







## DAY 1

Arrive to Bogotá, where our host is waiting to welcome and transfer you to the Marriot Courtyard Hotel.

## DAY 2

The next day you will join the main guide in the hotel to take the daily flight from Bogotá - Puerto Carreño from the Aeropuerto El Dorado. At your arrival in Puerto Carreño our driver will be waiting for you to commence the 4 hour 4x4 ride down unmarked roads through natural savannah full of deer, tapir, pumas and anacondas until you reach the mouth of the Tomo river.

The arrival time to your camp depends on your Domestic flight times. That night will be spent in the Orinoco Camp. There is "amazing Payara fishing" right at your fingertips!





A man with a beard, wearing a straw hat and a light-colored shirt, is holding a large, silver piranha fish by its tail. The fish is lying on a muddy bank, and its mouth is open, showing sharp teeth. The background shows a river and a cloudy sky.

# PAYARA FISHING DAYS

The Orinoco camp is located on the part of the Orinoco with the most rapids.



The natural beauty is unrivaled! The pull of a land-based 20+ pound Payara in strong current is also without equal! The amount of fish and low pressure angling means that the fishing here is World Class. Expect to run into "Big" Payara, Sardinata and Bicuda. Boats are shared between two anglers.

Three (3) rapid systems can be fished from this camp, as well as the mouth of the Legendary Tomo River.







## PEACOCK FISHING DAYS

After the first days fishing at the Orinoco lodge, we will depart at 6 a.m. for a 3 hour 4x4 drive through the savannah to reach one of our Headwater Camps where we will specifically target Peacock Bass.





You will transverse the beautiful rapids of the Tuparro River, after which walking 150 meters, were the crew will drag the boats through 40 meters of dangerous but thrilling, rushing and beautiful rapids.

You will be entering pristine Peacock Bass waters where we regularly catch Peacock Bass over 22 pounds.







We will reach the Peacock bass camp where we will be spending the next 4 nights.

The time spent in here will be under the protection of the local autonomous Sikuani natives



# SPECIES

## SPECKLED PEACOCK BASS

*Cichla temensis*

Largest cichlid in the world, characterized for it's aggressive nature and amazing looks.



## ORINOCO PEACOCK BASS

*Cichla Orinocensis*

Very strong game fish reaching close to 15 pounds. Pound for pound stronger than its larger cousin the speckled peacock bass the Orinoco Peacock bass inhabits the, Orinoco and Rio Negro basins.



## PAYARA

*Hydrolycus Armatus*

A perfectly designed sport fish, payara have speed, power, stamina, jumping ability and the meanest set of teeth in the animal kingdom.



## MATRINXA

*Brycon Amazonicus*

Caño Bocón is named after this species. eagerly taking articial lures and flies, Matrinxa are a perfect light tackle target.



## SARDINATA

Incredibly beautiful fish resembling super sardines and fighting similar to tarpon, these fish can grow to 25 pounds and are specially abundant in this section of the Guaviare River.



## BLACK PACU

*Piaractus brachypomus*

The seed dispenser of the Orinoco River these strong fish feed on fruits, seeds, nuts, fish, lizards, frogs and anything else it can get it's mouth around.



## SHOVELNOSE CATFISH

*Pseudoplatystoma Faciatum*

Characterized for it's distinctive stripes, shovelnose catfish readily take cut and live bait, and every now and then, flies and lures.





# THE AMAZON EXPERIENCE

Live with the Puinave Indians in a comfortable camp setup.





Wake up to flocks of macaws over an absolutely perfect sunrise.

State-of-the-Art fishing lodge on the Orinoco River along with our World Class cabin tents and private bathrooms at our Headwater camps.

Lets us show you what makes this part of the world so incredibly special.













# WILDLIFE

A large flock of colorful parrots, likely blue and yellow macaws, is captured in flight against a clear, bright blue sky. The birds are scattered across the frame, with some in the foreground and others further away, creating a sense of depth and movement. The parrots' wings are spread, and their vibrant colors are clearly visible against the sky.

The Amazon is the most biodiverse region in the planet. The entire river is a protected area with pristine rainforest.

Expect to run into wildlife during your stay including many iconic species like the Amazon river dolphin, tapirs, the green anaconda, giant otters and the elusive jaguar.







CONSERVATION AND  
**SUPPORT**  
TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITIES

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To ensure this place is protected for future generations, it is essential local indigenous communities are also benefited through conservation. This is why for every visiting angler we contribute a fee to the Puinave community to aid the local conservation efforts.







Every December our operator organizes “El festival del Pavón” (The Peacock Bass Festival) to raise awareness of the beauty and richness of the local fauna among the children in the community. Activities include classes teaching local mothers how to make tradicional artwork, competitions for the best Peacock Bass drawing among the children, planting saplings and a banquet for the community.





# LAST DAY

On the 7th and final fishing day, you will fish your way down the Tuparro River. You may fish the entire day for Peacock Bass until 4:30 p.m. when you must make your way further down, approximately 1 hour from the last Peacock Bass lagoons, to the Orinoco Lodge camp where you will spend the last night.

In the alternative you may fish this last day one half for Peacock and one half for Payara.

On the last day of the trip you will depart on a 3 hour 4x4 ride back to Puerto Carreño airport to fly back to Bogota the same day.







World record Sardinata fishing: during February to late March Sardinata in excess of 8-14 pounds are a daily occurrence. All tackle World record is currently just 9 pounds. Hands down, this is the best Sardinata fishery on the planet.



A person wearing a light blue long-sleeved button-down shirt and khaki pants is holding a fishing rod. The rod is dark with a wooden handle and a fly reel attached. The person's hands are visible, holding the line. The background is a blurred outdoor setting, likely a river or lake.

# FISHING SEASON

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December 1 to April 15



## CLIENT TESTIMONIAL

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Mention had long been made of the fact that some of the biggest peacock bass reside not in Brazilian waters, but in fact a number of water sheds within Colombia and Venezuela. When a friend mentioned the fact that he had a 'lead' for a possible trip to Colombia on a 'big fish river' with a real shot at a 20lb plus peacock, the decision was an easy one – 'I was in'.

Towards the end of 2015 the planning phase was complete – Beto was a great help, and of course the fact that he is perfectly bi-lingual helped hugely, both in the pre-trip planning and during our fishing adventure itself.

After fairly long travel schedules our party arrived firstly at the river and then later at camp with great spirits – the excitement heightened by the fact that Beto had already caught another 20lb plus peacock on topwater as he had arrived a day earlier than us to set up camp.

All too soon the six days fishing had passed; everyone had caught at least one 18-20 lb plus fish – the fact that Colombia has some 'special' peacock bass rivers was confirmed..! There was no need to fish jigs and other techniques to hit the trophy fish – they simply loved hitting topwater lures – a huge bonus. The average stamp of the fish was impressive – and although we did not catch 'huge numbers' of fish I would take quality over quantity any day.



Despite the fact that I have travelled extensively all over the world for fishing related exploits, I had a few reservations about visiting Colombia due to what you hear from the Western media, and its fairly 'colourful' past. Soon all this was forgotten – Colombia is a great place with friendly people, and I must say not once did we feel 'unsafe' on any part of the trip. In fact experiencing some of the local culture was a bonus over and above the fishing.

My advice would be to get across and fish Colombia before 'the crowds' arrive. I have already booked a return trip and will be this time to have a shot at yet another river system and game fish species that Colombia has to offer.

# Marc Towers

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## THIS PRICE INCLUDES

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Domestic Flights Within Colombia  
2 nights at the Marriott Courtyard in Bogota  
All meals and snacks  
Unlimited beer and soft drinks  
Professional guides  
High end camping gear  
Indigenous Peoples Fee

## THIS PRICE EXCLUDES

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Tips (recommended 150 for guide and 150 for staff)

Meals first and last night in Bogota

Fishing tackle\*

Fishing license (currently not required)

Domestic Flights in the US and International Flights  
Travel Insurance , Trip Cancellation Insurance  
and Medical Evacuation Insurance \*\*

## IMPORTANT TRIP INFO

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There is no cell connection on the river but guests will have access to wifi at the Lodge and a satellite phone is available if an emergency arises.

The Currency is the Colombian Peso. Please be sure you bring sufficient funds to settle extra expenses in town and for all tips. Tips may be made in USD but Pesos is more convenient for the staff and guides.

\* Tackle is not included. However, rods and reels can be rented for 90 dollars a setup. All guests will be sent through tackle requirements and recommendations in their pre trip information.

Wilderness Camping: While we try to make the Lodge and Headwater Camp as comfortable as possible, guests are advised that this trip is designed for the adventurous with a bare minimum level of fitness required.



# TERMS AND CONDITIONS

\* Please Note: Amazon River Adventures, a Division of Global Angling Tours, Inc., shall read ARA/GAT throughout the summary Terms and Conditions identified herein.

## INSURANCE IS REQUIRED BY ARA/GAT

**MANDATORY FULL COVERAGE TRAVEL INSURANCE:** We recommend Global Rescue or Travel Guard. You may choose any that you like as long as it is full coverage. Your insurance plan should cover flights, trip costs, trip cancellation (should it be per operator/ outfitter or someone getting sick in your family to return home), personal medical, and medical evacuation from "point of injury" should you have a medical issue or injury. We require a copy of your insurance policy prior to your travel.

## CANCELLATION TERMS AND CONDITIONS

All deposits are to be made to Global Angling Tour, Inc. as soon as possible to confirm your reservation. Upon receiving your deposit, you will receive, via email, your Pre Trip Information Form, Trip Reservation Form and Tackle Recommendation Lists. The forms must be returned as soon as possible.

**CANCELLATION BY OUTFITTER/OPERATOR:** Your Travel Insurance should read that it provides coverage if, by some unforeseen event, the Outfitter themselves must cancel the booked trip due to an event out of our (ARA/GAT) control.

**CANCELLATION BY CLIENT:** Notification by client must be in writing, and is effective as of the date it is received by ARA/GAT. Funds cannot be reimbursed once sent to the operator and preparations have begun preparing for your arrival.

121 Days or more Notice: Deposit is NON-REFUNDABLE / Remainder of payment returned / Can Reschedule for another date within 12 months of cancelled date.

120 Days Notice or Less: Deposit is NON-REFUNDABLE / Trip NON-REFUNDABLE / Transferrable to friend or family member.



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