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FISHING NEWS

Winter 2004

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☞ **Exploratories** - We've planned an ambitious season of exploratory trips. In May, we're offering an ecotour / fishing combo trip in Brazil's Mamiroa Reserve. Join us to enjoy the best Amazon Ecotour experience available while exploring exotic fishing possibilities.

☞ **Dorado** - Later on, we're off in search of freshwater Dorado in Brazil. We hope to find a dorado fishery offering a June thru Aug. season. If we succeed, it will provide a chance for anglers to enjoy the excitement of great dorado fishing in a remote wilderness while avoiding the overcrowding and instability of other South American dorado fisheries.

☞ **Peacock Bass** - We have our eye on two more potentially great trophy peacock fisheries. These areas could provide pristine new peacock waters for an Oct. thru Dec. season. We'll keep you posted.

☞ **World Record** - Russell Jensen has done it again. The intrepid, record setting angler from New York City has added two new records to his list. He set the new all-tackle record for Jau catfish with a 109 lb. beast caught on the Rio Urariquera this January. He also took home a line class record red-tail catfish. Congratulations!

Fishing Show Toronto, Canada

We're heading far north to spread the word about fishing in the far south. The show runs from March 17th through March 21st. Stop by and visit us. Book a trip at the show and receive a special show discount. PR

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New Peacock Destination

Nearly ten years ago, I ascended past the waterfalls at the mouth of the Unini river, together with Norberto Guedes, Moacir Fortes, and a boatload of Mo's ecotourist clients who were interested in trying a little peacock bass fishing. This wasn't a planned exploratory, just a one day excursion for folks who weren't rabid fishermen.

We thought the river might be a good bet, because with the natural barrier the falls create, the usual gamut of commercial fishermen and houseboat based sportfishing operations were never able to enter and exploit the region. So we sampled a few lagoons, often from shore, with novice anglers and unspecialized equipment. The results knocked our socks off. The river was loaded with fish, and big ones too. We had stumbled onto a peacock bass hotbed.

The rest is history. A decade later, the

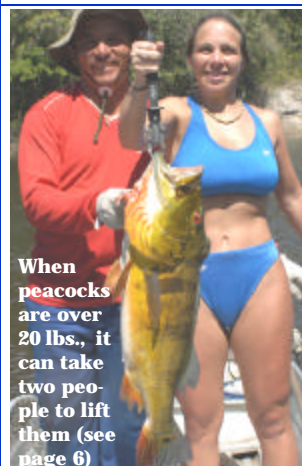
Unini has become one of the best known trophy peacock rivers in the Amazon. It has yielded huge fish, approaching record size, and excellent numbers over the years we've fished here. And the anglers and operators have come flocking. It's a very big river, so it's absorbed the fishing pressure and continues to produce very, very well (see the two 25 pounders on page 3). But its not quite the same as it was ten years ago. The fish have become wiser and the fishing operations have multiplied, with as many as four at a time operating from one end of the productive fishery to the other.

So we've been looking for someplace new to provide that wild, unexplored character we encountered so long ago. Someplace with fish that have never seen a lure and with lagoons that have never seen a fisherman. And finally, we think we've found it.

You'll need to look far west on your maps



Mobile floating bungalows allow the camp to constantly access fresh, new fishing waters.



When peacocks are over 20 lbs., it can take two people to lift them (see page 6)

Rio Uneixi - December '2004

for this one. Farther away from our Manaus take-off point than we've ever fished before. The Rio Uneixi is our new destination and we've planned three exploratory groups for this coming December, 2004. But these exploratories will be leaving out two of the most common ingredients of exploratory trips; the uncertainty and the discomfort. In order to eliminate the uncertainty, two of our guides visited the Uneixi for a quick look-see, a lot like our original Unini encounter. And the results knocked their socks off too, just like last time. Like the Unini, this river was also loaded with fish, and big ones too. We think we've found another peacock bass hotbed for years to come.

With the uncertainty elimi-

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New Peacock DestinationContinued

nated, we've decided to move in with a full scale, safari style, floating bungalow camp. No discomfort here. These trips feature comfortable accommodations, great food, experienced guides and effective equipment, just like all of our well established destinations. And to maintain the trend toward history repeating itself, the camp will be operated, once again, just like a decade ago, by Norberto Guedes.

New '2004 Rio Uneixui Trip Schedule			
<small>Please Note - Dates are contingent on air schedules.</small>	Departs	Returns	Openings
Group 1	Nov. 27, 2004	Dec. 6, 2004	- 1 opening -
Group 2	Dec. 4, 2004	Dec. 13, 2004	- 3 openings -
Group 3	Dec. 11, 2004	Dec. 20, 2004	- open -

Distance has kept the Uneixui unexploited. That same distance will make our journey to the river a little bit longer and a little bit more arduous than the more heavily populated and exploited rivers to the east. But we expect it to pay off in spades when we begin to explore the winding miles of new water, and the myriad unfished lagoons with Norberto's moveable, floating camp and fast fishing boats.

Only 3 groups of anglers will have the opportunity to join us this fall. If adventure and exploration are among your ideas of what makes a good fishing trip, then this one is for

Sample Itinerary

Please note - This itinerary may vary as trip logistics are finalized.

Saturday Depart Miami via LAB flight to Manaus Brazil, about 9:00 PM

Arrive in Manaus. After clearing customs you are met by our agent and transferred to the domestic airport for a charter flight to the town of Santa Isabel. On arrival, board a fast boat and begin the cruise upriver to the fishing grounds. Relax and enjoy the scenery. Depending on where camp is located, the ride can take over 3 hours. Arrive at camp by early afternoon. Relax and unwind or set up your gear and get in a little fishing.

Sunday

Monday through Saturday

Six full days of fishing. Your angling day begins with a 5:30 AM wake up call. Breakfast is at 6:00 AM. Your guide is ready to depart at first light, although you can remain in camp at your leisure. Relax for an hour at lunchtime each day. Return to camp before dusk for appetizers, drinks and bragging, followed by a delicious dinner. Jungle hikes, spotlighting trips, catfishing and, sometimes, local village visits can be arranged.

Sunday

Early Sunday morning, transfer back to Santa Isabel via fast boat then to Manaus by charter flight. Transfer to international airport by late evening. Depart Manaus via LAB flight. Arrive in Miami about 6:00 AM Monday morning.

you. Join us on this unique adventure and enjoy the best of both worlds. An exploratory trip with plenty of fish, and comfort equal to anything you've ever experienced on a fishing trip. For more information or to reserve your place, please call, toll-free, 866 832-2987 or 866 431-1668

Giant Catfish – the Amazon's Bareknuckle Fighters

There's nothing subtle about a giant Amazon catfish. They don't need delicate presentations. In fact, a bloody, gory piranha head will make them more than happy. They don't need fine leaders. In fact, a huge 14/0 circle hook, haywired to 200 pound wire leader suits their sense of style just fine. They don't demand a patient wait and a fine-tuned touch on the hookset. In fact, just let 'em go and they'll hook themselves. And finally, they don't want you on the other end of the rod. And they'll immediately try to prove it. These are heavy-weights, old-time pugs, and they don't dance and feint and play around. They fight as though they want to crush you to a pulp the moment you step out of your corner. And they'll do it till your arms are sore. And most of the time, they win.

This year's Acute Angling trips to the Urariquera brought our clients toe to toe with the biggest and toughest of the Amazon cats. They caught big red-tails, the bottom hugging bulldogs of the catfish clan. They tangled with record sized Jau, huge, powerful, pile-driving fighters that mangle tackle and turn arms to jelly. And they caught the incomparable piraiba, the goliath cat. Fast, strong and sleek, these monsters are like nothing else in fresh water.

The wickedly fast and boulder strewn Urariquera puts you on the cat's turf. Its not an even fight. Just a small

percentage of the battles end with the fish coming to the boat, but it's well worth it when these man-sized monsters finally give an angler a photo. Some of this season's featured catches include;

A 1.55 meter jau catfish - estimated weight 150-180 pounds - caught by Angelo Spezzano.

A 1.4 meter jau catfish - estimated weight 105-115 pounds - caught by Dave Orndorf.

A 1.4 meter jau catfish - certified weight 109 pounds - caught by Russell Jensen and submitted to IGFA as the all tackle record - beating the previous 97 pound record.

A 1.3 meter jau catfish - certified weight 96 pounds - caught by Russell Jensen.

A 2 meter piraiba catfish - certified weight 133 pounds - caught by Bill Crain.

Many other anglers fought even bigger monsters that remained undefeated. Perhaps the cats are admiring a compilation, just like the one above, listing some of the fisherman they defeated, for example;

A 5' 11", slightly overweight human - thinning hair, gray-ing at the temples - defeated by Finglub Whiskergill.

The Urariquera has proved to hold more and bigger cats than we ever expected. There is no doubt that more records will fall here, as anglers, with brawny gear, lots of guts and even more luck take off the gloves and punch it out with these big, powerful brawlers.



Client Photos - Fall '2003 / Winter '2004

These big, beautiful Amazon game fish were caught by Acute Angling's clients on this year's featured trips.



Brian Trybus - 25 lbs.



Craig Funk - 21 lbs.



Reuben Walker - 25 1/2 lbs.



Bruce Mitchell caught this beauty sightfishing.



Roy Pride's 19 pounder has a gigantic head.



Big peacock doubles are great fun. Brian Trybus and John Yale, at left, hoist theirs, as do Jenny Reiss and Paul Reiss, right.



A note about fish sizes and photos.

Some peacock bass operators have been known to freely exaggerate the size of fish caught on their trips. Of course its important to them, but so is truth. The peacocks on this page range from 11 to 25 1/2 lbs. but they all look huge. Much of that has to do with camera angle and perspective. Our trip descriptions accurately specify what you can expect. Not all rivers hold 25ers and frankly sometimes those that do aren't as much fun to fish. Plan your trip around a mix of good size, good numbers and the type of accommodation you prefer. We'll make sure you know what to expect. Any peacock over 15lbs is truly a trophy worth remembering.



Craig Funk - 20 lbs.



Dave Orndorf's Jau



Jack Wadhams displays an Uraniquera "Grand Slam" - a giant cat, a payara & a pirapitinga



Angelo Speszano gets help holding his enormous jau (left). Brent Morgenstern shows off a big cat and a toothy payara (below).



Succeeding in the Amazon

The last five years have offered peacock bass anglers and trip operators alike, an extraordinary run of very good Amazon Basin fishing conditions. It didn't take Acute Angling long to home in on the best ways to take advantage of Nature's largesse. We created a schedule that put us in the best places at the best times and enjoyed fishing that simply got better every year. It began to look as though the Amazon would hold to its schedule of rising and falling waters and predictable conditions forever.

Our fishing season this fall started off like clockwork. Our first four weeks on the Igapo Acu system quickly fell in line with previous years' conditions and we enjoyed superb fishing through September and October. Then everything changed. Our plans called for a move north to several Rio Negro tributaries (the Alegria and Unini among them) in early November, usually a time of excellent water conditions. Nope. Not this year. The rainforest served up an awesome helping of its namesake commodity – Rain – and loads and loads of it. First the Alegria flooded, with the Unini following right behind. Okay, this sort of thing happens and we're structured to deal with it.

There's almost always a river somewhere in the basin with the right conditions to fish - almost always, anyway. We looked north and west, the usual alternatives and all we found was more rain. The Urubaxi flooded. The Araca didn't even bother to come down. It was the same everywhere.

All that remained with any decent possibility was a gamble, so we gambled.

The Igapo Acu system that had performed like clockwork in September and October, normally floods in November. That's why we move north in the first place. But this year, when the weather went haywire up north, it seemed as though it compensated to the south. No sooner did we come to grips with the unavailability of the Rio Negro fisheries, than we realized that the best option we had was to return to the Amazon Angel yacht on the Igapo Acu and hope that conditions held up until the northern systems dropped back into good fishing conditions. We headed south and our luck was good - The rains never came to the Igapo Acu in November. Instead of the rain-soaked, fishless, jungle camping disaster up north, we enjoyed a sunny, comfortable fishing bonanza.

I'd love to say we prevailed because we're just plain good, but the reality of it is, we were pretty lucky. The real key was that we were able to capitalize on that luck. And that's a result of our underlying fishing philosophy and the method in which we operate Acute Angling's trips. We all know the old saw that if fishing results were guaranteed, they'd just call it catching instead. Its pretty much true. Conditions, patterns, fish behavior and accessibility change all the time, just about anywhere you fish. Our fishing philosophy, there-

fore, is simple – try to be in the right place at the right time. That's not so easy if you're tied to a single method of access or a fixed location. For this reason, our method of operation is to prepare alternatives in advance to ensure that we are never tied to a single place or method. We fish wherever and whenever there are big peacocks and we use whatever works to get at them; moveable camps, far ranging yachts and even fixed lodges with lots of water choices.

By the time the rains came to the south in December, the Unini had dropped dramatically and was ready for our normally scheduled trips there. It fished beautifully, just as though nothing had ever gone haywire. By the time we finished our December schedule, it looked as though the weather was going to settle back into its normal patterns. Once again, a big fat 'nope'!. Not this year. The rains came again, flooding just about all of the lower Rio Negro tributaries by January. It looked as though the season might be over very early. Thankfully, before the season ever started, we had worked to prepare alternatives. The advance efforts let us get lucky all over again. Our January trips went to the Rio Xeriuni, a tributary of the Rio Branco and essentially independent of the Rio Negro's wildly fluctuating levels. The Xeriuni proved quite fishable during a season when operators were canceling trips and closing camps on a wide range of other peacock rivers. We capped off our luck by bailing out on the Urubaxi in February (a Rio Negro tributary) and going with the Tapera, a Rio Branco affluent.

The end result of a season's worth of shuffling and dancing was another good fishing season for us even though the region was wallowing in the midst of the fishery's worst conditions in years. We were very lucky. After a decade of Amazon experience we've found that the harder we work, the luckier we get.



The dry season moves from the south to the north (from bottom to top on the map) as the season progresses, from September through March.

Urariquera River Camp - '2004 Images



The Urariquera abounds in sportfish—and they get huge!

The newly built camp is comfortable, bright and airy. It lets you live indoors without losing touch with the great outdoors. Our fleet of boats are specially designed to be able to navigate the Urariquera's challenging waters.



The surrounding jungle is rich in life. Exotic flowers, fruits and wildlife lend an added dimension to the Urariquera experience.

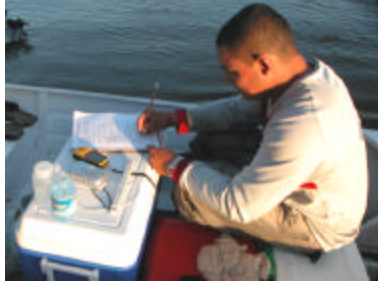


The river has many moods and endless variations. All of them lend themselves to the fisherman's passion. Flyfishing, plug casting and bait chunking all have their place and their favored targets.



Amazon Fish Research - Projeto Pirandira ... by

Far removed from the attention of most people, the Urariquera is a unique river within the Amazon system. Running through ancient rock formations on the south side of the Guyana shield, it harbors an impressive diversity of aquatic habitats and high densities of fishes, which are not under the effect of commercial fishing. This gives us a unique opportunity to study fish populations in their natural state without anthropomorphic influence.



Guides record the data on site.

With Acute Angling's logistic and financial support, Projeto Pirandira (Project Payara) started collecting data on the Urariquera River's experimental catch and release sport fishery. Our initial objective is to collect baseline information on the species that are being captured by sport fishermen. In a unique interaction between scientific work and recreational fishing, anglers, while fishing, are providing the specimens and data for this study through their catches.

We are using a tagging program to learn basic aspects of the biology and behavior of the fish species available for anglers, specifically the highly prized payara, jau and pirapitinga. All fish captured are implanted with numbered anchor tags and their length, weight and catch location (using handheld GPS units) is recorded prior to release. The tagging program is serving as the baseline to estimate several population parameters, such as size ranges and short term movements of fish. It serves to monitor the effectiveness of the practices used in the fishery and over time derive growth rates of individuals through successive recaptures. It will also help to estimate fish densities during the fishing

season in particular stretches of the river.

In addition to tagging, we are collecting environmental and hydrological data to characterize river conditions during the fishing season. We hope to be able to relate water level, transparency and other environmental parameters to angling success. Together this information will allow us to better understand the factors that influence fishing and generate valuable information on population structure of these fishes. We also expect to be able to make an assessment of mortality rates associated with fishing practices.

Although our immediate objective is to monitor the effect of catch and release sport fishing, our long-term objectives are to produce an inventory of the fish diversity in the Urariquera river and to understand the migratory and reproductive cycle of key species. Ultimately we hope to develop an appropriate conservation strategy in collaboration with Ibama, the Brazilian regulatory agency that is responsible for the management of natural resources.

We need your help to fund this study of the behavior, biology and distribution of these great Amazon gamefish. To contribute, please make a check out to Bio-Amazonia Conservation Intl. with "sport fishing fund" in the memo section. Mail checks to Acute Angling. They will match your contributions (up to \$2500). A confirmed, tax exempt acknowledgement will be returned to you for your records by Bio-Amazonia Conservation International, a non-profit organization.



Dr. Petry holds a tagged payara.

Adventures in the Secret Lagoon

By Jenny Reiss

Some daughters have dads who are lawyers. They get free legal help. My dad runs fishing trips in the Amazon. Guess what I get to do? As a result, I have been on many trips and seen some beautiful things in the Amazon but one of the most exciting experiences I have had was finding the 'secret' lagoon.

My dad and our guide and friend, Raimundo, had been studying satellite photos for two days before they decided that we were going to try to find a hidden lagoon they saw in the photo and believed we could get to. I was excited in anticipation of we would find from the start, since Raimundo kept saying it would hold monsters. The adventure began when we pulled over to the river-side in front of a shallow trickle of water and removed the motor, leaving it there for when returned.

My Dad and I began walking while Raimundo calmly paddled the boat through mere inches of water. Unfortunately those inches quickly disappeared and our travel became extremely slow, as my dad and Raimundo had to cut through fallen branches with a chain saw and push our extremely heavy boat through wet sand. I disappeared upfront hoping that around the next bend the lagoon would reveal its identity, but it didn't. I walked and they cut and pushed till a rest was in order, at which point I thought we would never make it. But we moved on and finally the water began to trickle and then flow. After nearly two kilometers, the water depth increased and the size and number of the fish swimming past our knees grew exponentially. When we finally hit a deep pool, we hopped in the boat and tried a few casts. We could practically feel huge fish around us. Our test casts were immediately rewarded and we pulled in

an 11 and 14 pounder simultaneously. We caught a tremendous amount of fish as we continued our slow paddle, and then suddenly it became a lagoon. We finally arrived.

We hurriedly ate our lunch and replenished our energy, as we knew our fishing time was cut short by all the travel ahead. It was time to get to work so I threw in a yozuri minnow and began to test the waters. I don't think it would be too much of an exaggeration to say that I felt a fish on every cast. The lagoon was loaded. I hauled in a 12, a 14, a 17 and a 15, and then finally I landed my first ever 20 lb peacock bass (see page 1). I was on cloud nine. Not only was I catching lots of fish but they were almost all well over 10 lbs.



Catching a 20 pound trophy provides enough energy for daughters to take over boat pushing when dad runs out of steam.

This went on as we paddled our way through the afternoon, making it tough to leave, but trekking through the jungle at night wasn't on our agenda, so off we went. I won't say I was scared witless when my dad just sat down and said "That's it, no more", but I was worried. After a day of labor, he simply couldn't push the boat anymore. Now how were we going to get back?

Well, my confidence was so high from the absolutely perfect day I had, that I decided to get behind the boat and push myself. To my and my father's surprise it moved, and we continued our way back to the river. After a bit of rain and some bumps and bruises, we were back to the camp safe and sound, still gleaming from the days adventure. The secret lagoon held fish and beauty beyond my wildest expectations, reminding me that no matter how many trips I take to the Amazon, I can never truly know what to expect.

NEW! - Thanksgiving Peacock Special

Acute Angling, in cooperation with Amazon Peacock Bass Fishing Adventures, has created a unique, new Thanksgiving Holiday trip package. The beautiful Xeriuini River is



The Xeriuini's clear water makes for great sport on both fly and conventional tackle.

home to two of the Amazon's most comfortable and well operated luxury lodges.

Macaroca, located in the river's central region, is surrounded by giant lagoons and complex flood-plain structure, while Posao, located in the river's headwa-

ters, provides crystal clear sandy lagoons and small water fishing situations. Join us during the Thanksgiving Holiday season and fish them both for less than the price of either one!

For just \$2500 per angler you can experience both of these unique fisheries in the same week. Arrive at Macaroca Lodge on Thursday morning, settle in and sample the fishing. Explore the lower and central river's big lagoons and tangle with electrifying trophy peacocks for the next three days. On Sunday morning, pack your lunch and fish your way upriver.

Enjoy the beauty and productivity of rarely visited central river sections and arrive at Posao in time for a delicious, well-earned dinner. Your bags will already be waiting in Posao's comfortable, air-conditioned cabins. Three more exciting fishing days await you in Posao's beautiful, fish laden waters. You will have fished the entire river! Your charter will pick you up on Thursday morning to begin your journey home.

This unique itinerary provides you with the best of both worlds. The comfort, security and luxury of an air-conditioned, ground-based lodge with all of the amenities, but with the expanded access of a rough and tumble mobile exploratory camping trip. The Xeriuini's crystal clear black water provides great fishing for both fly and conventional tackle, while the gorgeous white sand beaches accentuate the natural beauty of the wild Amazon Basin. And the icing on the cake enjoy it all for almost \$1000 less than the price of either lodge alone.

Pack up the family or your friends and enjoy Thanksgiving in the Amazon. If we were to add a pair of drumsticks to a beautifully roasted peacock bass, you just might forget that turkey ever existed.



NEW! - Exploratory Ecotour /

Anglers on peacock bass trips often ask, "Where Are the monkeys, the harpy eagles, the sloths and all the rest of the fabled Amazon animals?" The answer is simple. They're not in the peacock waters when we fish them because they abandon the dormant "varzea", or riverside flooded forest during the dry season. Want to visit them when they're at home? Acute Angling, in a joint effort with Moacir Fortes and his wonderful Amazonia Expedition yachts, will be offering a one-of-a-kind exploratory trip this spring to find the missing critters while we pursue a variety of wonderful Amazon fish in the far reaches of the Solimoes basin during the season of the flooded forests.

During the Amazon's high water season, the flooded forests bloom with a wealth of flowers and fruits, attracting myriad fish, bird, and monkey species and the great predators that feed on them. The fruiting treetops provide a banquet for parrots, toucans, uakaris, spider monkeys and more while the food laden varzea waters host tambaqui, pacu and other vegetarian fishes. Coatimundi, capybara, tapirs and agoutis patrol the the waters edge, all under the watchful eyes of big cats, anaconda and cayman. This is where we're heading. Don't even think of coming without a well-loaded camera.

And the fishing.....? Well, we really don't know. This will be a true exploratory fishing trip and anything is possible. Although



the high water season offers fish great opportunities for cover and dispersal, many migratory species that we never encounter otherwise will be here, often in concentration. We're planning to seek out large schools of sardinata (apapa) that frequent these regions in pursuit of vast schools of migrating baitfish. We'll try and see what big, broad-shouldered pirapitinga and perhaps even tambaqui can do on rod and reel. Pacu and peacock bass (up to 10 pounds) are also on our agenda along with

possibilities of encountering aruana and arapima. And we already know about the big catfish. This region is home to giant piraba and pirarara and often hosts dourado and suribim also. These brutes never give up a photo without a knockdown battle. Whatever species we discover here, the possibilities and combinations are endless.

Although the fishing is exploratory, the ecotouring experience with Moacir Fortes in the wildlife laden Mamiroa Reserve is already a well known quantity. Simply stated, it's the best in the

Amazon. Join us on this unique adventure and see the Amazon in its most beautiful and bountiful stage. Experience the pulse of the floodplain and explore exotic angling opportunities while living on the elegant and comfortable Cichla Ocellaris. And meet and enjoy the folk knowledge of Moacir Fortes, a native Amazon Indian and an Amazon legend in his own right. One week only - May 12th - 21st. Limited to 16 explorers.

'2004 Featured Trip Schedule

Note - Available spaces shown as of 3/14/04

PEACOCK BASS TRIPS - Fall 2004 - The best values in the Amazon

#	Depart	Return	Fishing	Host	Location	Price	Availability	Description
Fall 2004 - Amazon Angel Yacht Trip - Comfort and Mobility - Matupiri River								
1	Sept. 22, 2004	Oct. 1	6 full days	Paul Reiss	Igapo Acu	\$2300	- FULL -	Our most popular trip and a perfect introduction to peacock bass. Explore Amazonia on a comfortable, air-conditioned yacht. Our mobility allows access to 300 miles of majestic waters. Excellent daily catch averages (20 - 50/day) with an average size around 5 pounds. Trophy fish in the high teens are common and monsters over 20 pounds are taken here each trip. Return every evening to fine food and drink and the secure comfort of the yacht. Enjoy jungle hikes, Indian village visits, spotlighting, and more, on this unique and exclusive adventure. Protected within an Indian reservation, this sportfishing-only reserve's peacock bass populations have burgeoned in recent years, while our ongoing explorations have opened up new, even more highly productive water in this fishery.
2	Sept. 29, 2004	Oct. 8	6 full days	Paul Reiss	Igapo Acu	\$2300	- FULL -	
3	Oct. 6, 2004	Oct. 15	6 full days	Paul Reiss	Igapo Acu	\$2300	- FULL -	
4	Oct. 13, 2004	Oct. 22	6 full days	Pat Nicholl	Igapo Acu	\$2300	- 1 opening -	
5	Oct. 20, 2004	Oct. 29	6 full days	Pat Nicholl	Igapo Acu	\$2300	- FULL -	
6	Oct. 27, 2004	Nov. 5	6 full days	Pat Nicholl	Igapo Acu	\$2300	- open -	
#	Depart	Return	Fishing	Host	Target River	Price	Availability	Description
Fall 2004 - Fly-in Safari Camps - Live within the Amazon's mystery								
8	Nov. 3, 2004	Nov. 12	6 full days	Paul Reiss	Rio Unini	\$2950	- 6 openings	Fish the beautiful, black water tributaries of the Rio Negro. Live in comfortable floating bungalows that provide access to new water as they move up and downriver. Dark water in these productive fisheries favors surface action and explosive topwater strikes. Excellent daily catch averages (12 - 20/day) and huge fish up to 25 pounds.
9	Nov. 10, 2004	Nov. 19	6 full days	Pat Nicholl	Rio Unini	\$2950	- open -	
Fall 2004 - Holiday Special - Macaroca & Posao Lodge - An Air conditioned bargain								
10	Nov. 17, 2004	Nov. 26	6 full days	Wellington	R. Xeriuini	\$2500	- open -	A unique, 'one-of-a-kind' bargain. Luxurious Macaroca lodge, and rustic Posao lodge, both located on the beautiful Xeriuini River, provide air-conditioned comfort and great peacock bass fishing. Join us during the Thanksgiving Holiday season and fish them both for less than the price of either one on our special itinerary!
11	Nov. 24, 2004	Dec. 3	6 full days	Wellington	R. Xeriuini	\$2500	- open -	
Fall 2004 - New, Unexplored Peacock Bass fishery - Moveable floating bungalows								
12	Nov. 27, 2004	Dec. 6	6 full days	Paul Reiss	Rio Uneixi	\$2345	- FULL -	We're heading to new, even more remote waters than ever before. The big Uneixi system, a far western tributary of the Rio Negro, is as yet unexploited by sport fishermen. The river promises endless miles of unfished waters, isolated and far from the reach of the growing crowd of novice peacock bass operations. Live in comfortable floating bungalows. Dark, clear water promises both excellent numbers and very big fish.
13	Dec. 4, 2004	Dec. 13	6 full days	Paul Reiss	Rio Uneixi	\$2345	- FULL -	
14	Dec. 11, 2004	Dec. 20	6 full days	Paul Reiss	Rio Uneixi	\$2345	- 6 openings	

PEACOCK BASS TRIPS - Winter 2005

#	Depart	Return	Fishing	Host	Location	Price	Availability	Description
Winter 2005 - Rio Xeriuini - A Protected Clear Water Fishery in Northern Brazil								
15	Jan. 19, 2005	Jan. 28	6 full days	Wellington	Macaroca	\$3250	- open -	Beautiful white sand beaches and clear black water provide an extraordinary setting at this comfortable, air-conditioned lodge. Enjoy the laid-back atmosphere while catching excellent numbers (20 - 30/day) with an unusually high percentage of medium to large fish (10 to 20 pounds). The lodge features spacious rooms, a screened dining area with panoramic river views and complete bathrooms with hot showers. Enjoy a taste of luxury in the jungle.
16	Jan. 19, 2005	Jan. 28	6 full days	S. Rossi	Posao	\$3250	- open -	
Winter 2004 - Fly-in, Rio Tapera - Amazonia's most beautiful Peacock River								
17	Feb. 2, 2005	Feb. 11	6 full days	Paul Reiss	Rio Tapera	\$3650	- open -	Live in comfortable floating bungalows on white sand beaches surrounded by "Jurassic Park" jungle and clear black water. Great for fly fishermen and plug casters alike. Fantastic daily catch averages (20 - 70/day) with fish up to 22½ pounds.

WORLD RECORD VARIETY TRIPS - Winter 2005

#	Depart	Return	Fishing	Host	Location	Price	Availability	Description
Explore new waters - Fish for record-class payara, pacu, giant catfish & more								
18	Jan. 12, 2005	Jan. 21	6 full days	Pat Nicholl	Urariquera	\$3250	- open -	We've discovered a spectacular new destination on the fringe of the Amazon basin. The beautiful Rio Urariquera, closed to sport fishing since 1952, holds an amazing variety of gamefish. Protected by the pristine Maraca Island Bio-reserve, this fishery has yielded 5 IGFA records so far and will certainly produce many more. We've seen pirapitinga over 25 lbs. and giant catfish well over 200. If you can land them on rod and reel, you'll demolish the world record. Live in comfortable bungalows and enjoy excellent meals in a safari style camp in the middle of the river's most productive region.
19	Jan. 19, 2005	Jan. 28	6 full days	Paul Reiss	Urariquera	\$3250	- 2 openings	
20	Jan. 26, 2005	Feb. 4	6 full days	Paul Reiss	Urariquera	\$3250	- 3 openings	
	Jan. 5, Feb. 2, 8, 16 & 23	9 days	6 full days	Pat Nicholl	Urariquera	\$3250	- Openings -	

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