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We Return to Brazil's Bountiful Igapo Acu Fishery

One of the largest, most productive and most exciting peacock bass fisheries in the Amazon has essentially lain fallow for three years in a row. Starting with the unusually severe drought of 2005 and then followed by two years of failed negotiations with the resident tribal leaders, the Igapo Acu region of the Rio Madeira basin hasn't seen a fishing lure in quite some time. It's natural for anglers to expect a fishery to respond to such a long period of disuse by a measurable rise in productivity when they finally return. Well, it certainly did respond, but it went way beyond simply measurable. It went way beyond any of our expectations. We found ourselves in the midst of a gigantic protected reserve full of wild and aggressive peacocks. You can almost guess what happened next.

We caught enormous numbers of fish! We caught them on everything, jigs and plugs and stick baits and especially prop-baits. These peacocks were so aggressive

that they struck woodchoppers and riprollers and Caribe pavon props with total abandon. The only reason anglers might catch more on other baits was that it simply takes longer to unhook fish

from the big propeller lures. The amazing productivity and the sheer fun of catching hundreds of these wild predators each week made even experienced anglers giddy with excitement. The tremendous numbers of fish we landed during our stay in the region surprised even our most grizzled veteran peacock fishermen.

Our first group arrived to slightly high water levels that were dropping steadily, creating perfect fishing conditions. Eight anglers combined for a total of 2,349 peacocks during the week, with plenty of big trophies landed - and plenty more lost! 21 peacocks over 10 pounds were weighed in. High hook for the week was the team of Steve Townson of Algarve, Portugal and Bruce Manalio of Paramus,



.... Fall Notes

● **Fishing Shows** - We're coming to your neighborhood. Visit us this winter at these great fishing shows;

- Suffern, NY, March 5th - March 9th;
- Kansas City, MO, January 7-11
- Louisville, KY, February 10-14
- Toronto, Canada, March 18 - 22.
- Manchester, UK, March, 2009

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Fall 2008 Fishing Report

NJ with an amazing total of 630 peacock bass between them. Bruce also landed a 17 pound trophy, duplicating the achievement of Larry Zebroski of Toronto, Canada and Bruce Kievit of Little Falls, NJ. This group of anglers averaged almost 300 fish apiece. What a week! Could it possibly get better?

It did! The 2008 fall dry season has been very normal and predictable in the southern Amazon Basin. Coupled with a remarkably bountiful fishery, conditions were ripe for a repeat performance by our second group. They outdid themselves. The presence of a core cadre of seasoned peacock fishermen, together with the great conditions yielded a total of 3,796 peacock bass for the week. Ricky Newton of Republic, MO and Bill Southworth of Springfield, MO both landed 17 pound trophies, while the pair of Ricky Newton and Ed Giltner of Fair Grove, MO, destroyed any possible competition with a mindboggling total of 910 peacock bass for the week!

The season's third group of anglers aboard the Blackwater Explorer kept the momentum going. Worldwide Anglers David Horne of Beverly Hills, CA and Steve Tucker of Anchorage, AK landed a pack leading total of 616 fighting peacock bass. Steve Tucker and Andy Rockwell of Rio De Janeiro each landed 18 pound trophies, tying for the big fish of the week. The mixed



Steve Tucker

Fishing Report cont'd. - An Abundance of Peacocks

group of 13 men and women aboard the Blackwater Explorer combined for a grand total of 2,886 fish for the week.

Conditions in the Igapo Acu remained superb as water levels continued to drop rapidly. Our fourth group of fishermen feasted on trophy fish in an angler's dream tableau. Michael Miller of Alexan-

Igapo Acu groups for next season (as you might expect, many who were here have already re-booked).

If you think you can handle the kinds of numbers we've experienced, then this is the trip for you. Not only is the fishing great, but our logistical advantages here, combined with the Blackwater Explorers capaciousness and efficiency allows us to offer this superior trip at a far lower price than we can manage in other fisheries. Great fishing, low price, comfort and security - Acute Angling's Igapo Acu peacock bass trip is the best value in the Amazon. Join us here on the fishing trip of a lifetime.



Acute Angling's 2008 Fall Yacht Trip Results					
Statistics	Gp. 1	Gp. 2	Gp. 3	Gp. 4	Totals
Total Peacocks	2349	3794	2886	2570	11599
Biggest Fish	17 lb.	17 lb.	18 lb.	22 lb.	22 lb.
Trophies/group	21	41	34	79	175
Anglers/group	8	14	13	11	46
Avg. # /angler	294	271	222	234	252
River System	Igapo Acu	Igapo Acu	Igapo Acu	Igapo Acu	Summary

dria, VA took the honors for biggest fish with a 22 pound lunker. Michael also combined with Dick Dahlke of Hickory Creek, TX to produce the highest total number of fish per boat with 771 peacocks landed for the week.

Our return to the Igapo Acu produced some of the best fishing we've encountered anywhere in quite a few years. The fish were wildly aggressive, the numbers were astounding and trophies were plentiful. We caught 11,599 peacocks! Every angler lucky enough to be part of our triumphant return to the Igapo Acu recognized that they had been privileged to enjoy the fishing trip of a lifetime.

The Igapo Acu has long been noted for its high numbers, good average size and the ever-looming presence of huge trophy peacocks. This vast Indian reservation is closed to commercial fishing and all other non-affiliated sportfishing operations. The Blackwater

Note - As has been our recent custom, we are offering early-bird discounted pricing for all confirmed bookings whose deposits are received before December 31, 2008. Call us for more information.

Igapo Acu - Fall 2009				
#	Leaves Manaus	Returns	Price	Availability
	Sept. 17, 2009	Sept. 24	\$3550	- Full -
2	Sept. 24, 2009	Oct. 1	\$3550	- Full -
3	Oct. 1, 2009	Oct. 8	\$3550	- 4 openings -
4	Oct. 8, 2009	Oct. 15	\$3550	- openings -
5	Oct. 15, 2009	Oct. 22	\$3550	- open -

Explorer roams over several hundred miles of prime peacock bass water here in four big, lagoon studded rivers and a huge flooded forest lake. Even though the region is recognized as one of Brazil's premier peacock bass fisheries, it surely outdid itself this season. Never before have we seen so many fish per angler. What's even better, is that we expect it to continue to perform this way for many years to come. The recently completed agreement with the region's Mura tribespeople has ensured that this giant reserve will remain carefully protected against commercial netting and unauthorized entry well into the foreseeable future. We have ensured that the awesome natural experience and the high level of fishing excitement that our anglers experienced here aboard the Blackwater Explorer will continue unabated for years to come. Although we've just finished our schedule for the area, we are already beginning to fill our

Winter 2009 / 2010				
Unini / Urubaxi / Rio Negro Blackwater Region - 2009				
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A	Oct. 24, 2009	Oct. 31	\$4250	- open -
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C	Nov. 7, 2009	Nov. 14	\$4250	- openings -
D	Nov. 14, 2009	Nov. 21	\$4250	- Full -
E	Nov. 21, 2009	Nov. 28	\$4250	- open -
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L	Jan. 23, 2009	Jan. 30	\$4250	- open -
M	Jan. 30, 2009	Feb. 6	\$4250	- open -
N	Feb. 6, 2009	Feb. 13	\$4250	- open -
O	Feb. 13, 2009	Feb. 20	\$4250	- open -
P	Feb. 20, 2009	Feb. 27	\$4250	- open -
Q	Feb. 27, 2009	Mar. 6	\$4250	- open -
Please Note - All river and date combinations are subject to availability and access to the fishery named along with weather and water level. If any factors prevent the use of a specified fishery or dates, an alternative river will be used, if suitable, or alternative dates will be offered.				

Fall '2008 Images - Blackwater Explorer Trophies

**Marcus Wallner,
Venezuela.**



**Michael Miller,
Alexandria, VA**



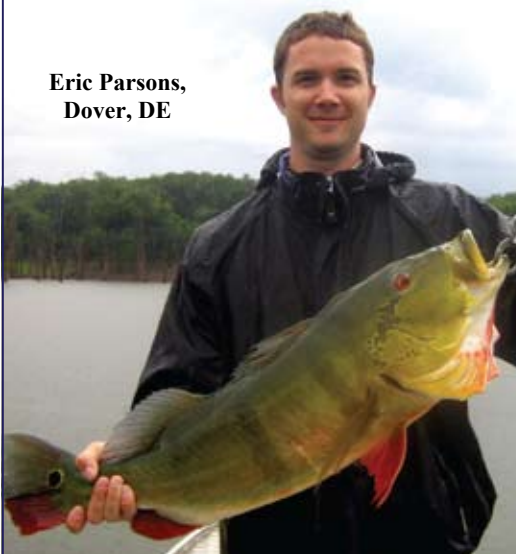
**Steve Tucker,
Anchorage, AK**



**Paul
Reiss**



**Eric Parsons,
Dover, DE**



**Dick Dahlke,
Hickory
Creek, TX**



**Cecilia
Wallner,
Venezuela.**



**Cele, Blackwater Explorer
Guide-in-training.**



**Bruce Manalio,
Paramus, NJ**

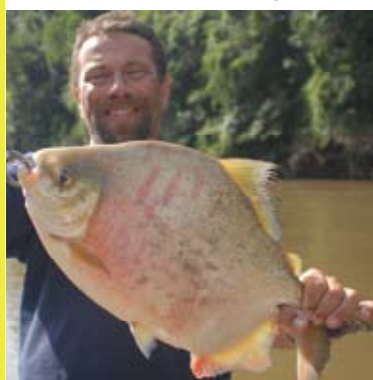


New Exploratory Trip - Nov. 2009

We've Found Another Exciting New Variety River

Mark Drnec, a veteran peacock bass angler, contributed this first person report on our recent preliminary exploration of the Rio Pacu. He opted to join us even though we repeatedly warned him of the potential pitfalls of a first venture into a new fishery. He was well prepared to suffer discomfort camping in the forest, to suffer boredom parsing out logistics and to suffer fishing deprivation if the river was a bust. Happily, none of these things came to pass. Instead, we found a very comfortable little pousada that provided our lodging, we flew in, bypassing all the detailed logistics and we caught lots of great fish—the river turned out to be a real winner. Join us on our full-scale exploratory series in November, 2009 - only \$3250!

Our adventure on the Rio Pacu started with the plane ride in. We landed a Cessna on a little grass runway lying perpendicular to the river.



Nobody would think of landing a plane here, but we did. After being warned that I was going to camp in the woods and sleep on the ground, we were lucky enough get access to a 'pousada' that had been meant to be an eco-lodge built along the river. It was a quaint, but comfortable little place that can hold up to about 10 anglers. I ended up having a great place to call home for the trip. The food was surprisingly good - as I tend to be one of the worlds pickiest eaters. The many different types of fish and the local game we ate were all delicious.

We had four anglers fishing in two boats. Each boat had a native guide who knew the river like the back of his hand. We traversed many different rapids and never hit a rock! I was amazed! Ironically these people had never seen any artificial lures, or even a baitcaster, or spinning reel before. Our guide would throw out a hand line when we were anchored and in no time would have a fish on. It was humorous to watch him struggle with a big cat on that rig because he went into full conversation with the fish while he fought it, which took a very long time. I couldn't understand a word he said, but he got it into the boat.

We explored close to 60 miles up and down the river. Because we were committed to travel in October, before the normal low water season, the river was about 3 feet higher than optimal. Yet it provided plenty of great action anyway. We were able to locate lots of peacocks up to about 10 lbs. in small tributaries and braids off the main river. These were readily available whenever we wanted to



catch them. Meanwhile, the main river seemed to hold the really big fish.

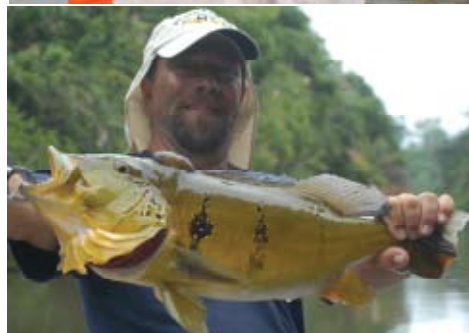
One afternoon, Dave Caywood and I, after much sign language, took our guide's advice to use cut bait for Pirapitinga. It didn't take very long between piranha bites to hook up with an enormous 28 pounder. I thought sure this fish was going to break my rig. It took me a good 15 to 20 minutes to land the beast and having no net made it all the more fun. I could barely hold the fish up for a picture after the battle. Although it was my only Pirapitinga in the 3 days we fished, it was a beauty. The locals claimed that this was a small one for this river. Ha! I cannot imagine one getting twice as big.

I didn't spend a lot of time fishing for Payara, but I did manage to get a nice 7 pounder on a Yo-zuri. I had a few more payara chase various baits right up to the boat and take a swing and miss. Wellington Melo and Dave landed a few larger specimens that day. On our last morning before departing, we meandered through some backwaters above a nice series of rapids. We then walked for a good 20 minutes through the jungle and fished off of some rocks below the rapids. There, I watched Paul Reiss jump off a really nice payara. Because the water was a bit high and rough here, we hiked our way back to the boats. This was another cool looking place that is bound to hold some really big fish when Acute Angling returns to these waters next November.

In the late afternoons we would typically hit spots where our guide liked to catch surubim catfish. He sure knew what he was doing, since each time we hit a spot we were on the cats quickly. The flatheaded surubim is one of the coolest looking catfish I have ever seen. They don't reach the size of the jau, or some of the other giant cats, but they'll give you a serious fight, since they swim in open water and will reach over 50 pounds here. Our biggest surubim that made it to the boat weighed about 30 pounds. This river also holds the bigger giant catfish species and I would think some real beasts are waiting within its confines.

Catching a huge Pirapitinga was great, but the highlight of my trip was watching a jaguar swim across the river. Our guide spotted it in the middle and was able to get the boat to it quickly where I snapped off a few really cool pictures. This thing wasn't as happy to see me as I was him. Although it didn't last long, it was one of the neatest things I have ever seen. There is plenty of wildlife here. This area holds many of the same birds as other Amazon regions, but we also saw a lot of toucans. One afternoon, Paul and I were greeted by a snake that was knocked out of a tree as we bumped it while passing underneath. Although I didn't like the fact that it chose to slither across my feet to exit the boat, at least I didn't embarrass myself by jumping and screaming like a little girl. I was too scared to move at all!!

Under the lower water conditions that will occur in November, this place will offer fantastic fishing opportunities for many different species of fish. There is a lot of water here and a lot of variety within it. I can't wait to see what types and sizes of fish come out of here during the three full scale exploratory trips next November. (see page 7).



The Flip Pallot Escape Series - 2009

When Acute Angling and Worldwide Angling merged earlier this year, not only did it bring along exciting new fishing destinations, it also brought an association with the legendary angler, Mr. Flip Pallot. The renowned host of ESPN's highest rated outdoor television show, "Walker's Cay Chronicles" is not only famous for his angling expertise, he is also a wonderful story teller, drawing on his many travels throughout the world.

For years people gathered every Saturday to watch Flip's highly popular outdoor show. Because Worldwide Angling did much of the logistics for Flip, the relationship quickly grew to include fishing trips hosted by non-other than Flip Pallot himself. Now, we're excited to offer an array of destinations with Flip, throughout the entire year. He'll be hosting the trips and will be there to help with fishing tactics and any questions. If you would like to fish with Flip at a destination he selected and we organized, consider these new options for the trip of a lifetime.

The Amazon Jungle: After several trips to Brazil, Flip has focused his efforts on highly mobile yachts, instead of fixed lodges and barge camps.



Along with 12 other anglers, Flip will board Acute Angling's beautiful new yacht, "Blackwater Explorer" on January 29, 2009 for 6 days of trophy Amazon Peacock Bass action in Brazil's northern blackwater fishery. Both conventional tackle and fly fishing welcome. \$4250 per angler

Unalakleet River Lodge, Bering Sea, Alaska: When Flip and company filmed here several years ago, the show that aired was one of the most popular in the 12 years of *Walker's Cay Chronicles* on ESPN. Unalakleet has one of the last unspoiled salmon runs in Alaska, due to a location far outside the range of Anchorage's float plane armada. Flip and 11 others will return here to experience five and a half days of some of Alaska's finest Salmon angling July 18-25, 2009. \$4850 per person.



"Unalakleet was like being HOME except for the incredible fishing! The food, the folks, the feelings are all still very near the surface of my recollection. I actually had a salmon try to EAT ME at Unalakleet. I got plenty of sympathy!" *Flip Pallot/2008*

Gangler's Lodge, Northern Canada: The Gangler name has long been the standard bearer for Canadian angling, and Flip's friend, Kenny Gangler, has taken the standard to an even higher level. Join Flip, July 3-11, 2009 for 7 days of the biggest Northern Pike in Manitoba, huge 'lakers' and fantastic trout and char excitement. First class accommodations, gourmet meals and 20 daylight hours to enjoy this remote fly out angling adventure with your host, Mr. Flip Pallot. Priced at \$4495 per angler.



"Gangler's could actually be the greatest angling adventure available...Anywhere! Northern pike, walleye, lake trout and grayling all in the same water and eminently fly fishable. Although it never really gets dark, loons sing you to sleep and the smell of bacon wakes you up. Eagles, bears, caribou and wolves all leave sign but two minutes from the lodge you could never tell that human eyes had ever seen this wonderful place!" *Flip Pallot/2008*



Join us and meet and enjoy and Flip Pallot. These exciting fishing trips will be booked exclusively through Acute Angling. For more information or to book a trip, contact David Caywood, toll free, at (800) 521-0072 or contact Garry Reiss at (866) 832-2987.

AMAZON TIDBITS - NEWS FROM THE RIVER

Even more amazing than the amazing fishes of the Amazon, is the amount of rumor and gossip generated about it. This column will appear from time to time in an effort to report actual news before it evolves into wildly inexplicable fiction.

Blackwater Explorer Heading North - As the dry season progresses, our yacht has moved into the Rio Negro basin. We expect to be fishing several of the region's blackwater rivers during the next few months. Depending on conditions and government regulations, we foresee the Rio Urubaxi, the Jufari, the lower Caures and perhaps the Rio Unini. We, along with many others, are waiting for an as-yet-unrendered government decision regarding this fishery.

Mini-Exploratory - 2009 - Paul Reiss and Wellington Melo are heading to Brazil's northwestern Para state to explore another potential new variety fishery next fall, 2009. We're not sure what to expect here since there has been little information recorded regarding the waters above an almost-impassable waterfall on this river. As we did on the Rio Pacu (see page 4), we are likely to encounter a mix of peacocks, payara, pirapitinga, bicuda and giant catfish. We may be able to take 1 or 2 intrepid anglers with us. There will be no staff, no services and no guarantees. We'll share the work, risks and potential fishing rewards. If you're up for something like this, give us a call.

New Manaus Flight - Beginning after Jan 1st, 2009, Delta Airlines has scheduled a new daily flight from Atlanta, GA to Manaus, Brazil. Depending on your personal schedule and itinerary, this flight may be a good choice for your trip. Acute Angling is pleased to offer this flight, along with TAM's existing Miami to Manaus flight to all of our anglers. We welcome this new option and we expect that this suddenly competitive route, together with

recently dropping fuel prices will help to lower travel costs to Brazil.

The World Economy - Hardly a topic for optimistic conversation, recent economic factors have, however, made going peacock bass fishing a little bit easier for the angler. After five years of steady decline, the dollar has finally reversed its trend against Brazil's currency, the Real ... at least for now. This translates into a potentially more stable set of operating parameters for our trips and, at least temporarily, we plan to hold prices steady. We will therefore honor today's trip prices for all of next season's trips, as long as these currency conditions remain stable. If conditions change and we are forced to raise prices later this year, we will continue to honor prices for all bookings made and deposited prior to any renewed devaluations of the U.S. dollar.

That makes this today a great time to book your next trip. Lower airfares, last year's trip prices and our "early-bird special" pricing on the Blackwater Explorer's Igapo Acu trips all combine to create what we'd like to call an "economic fishing stimulus package". For many of us, this might be more meaningful than the one the U.S. government recently doled out.

Water Levels - Beginning with our Igapo Acu trips in the southern Amazon basin and continuing into our Blackwater Explorer trips in the Rio Negro tributaries, water levels have been exactly as expected so far this season. Fishing conditions have been extraordinarily good (see page 1 report) and look to continue that way. We're finally having a season free of the effects of 'El Nino and La Nina'. Take advantage of what is shaping up to be a great fishing season by booking one of our remaining trip spaces (see page 7).

Schedules - Beginning with this issue, we'll be starting our trip dates based on the day the air charter transfer takes you into the fishery and the day it takes you back out. Due to the new variability in ways to access Manaus, we think it will be more to the point if we tell you when you'll be leaving Manaus and when you can expect to return to Manaus, leaving you free to select which one of our travel options will work best for you.

NEW - Acute Angling Website Upgrade

Its been quite some time since we've updated our content laden Acute Angling website. Due partly to inertia and partly to the site's size and complexity, change has been a while in coming. As you read this, however, our website is undergoing a major upgrade. We haven't gone after fancy gimmicks or technology-heavy features, however. What we've concentrated on has been to improve the site's readability and to add important new content so that our anglers remain the best informed peacock fishermen in the world. Although we expect it to be a work in progress for quite some time, here are some of the new features.

Peacock Bass Species Directory - Although always subject to a fair amount of confusion and misunderstanding, peacock bass species identification was comparatively simple a few years ago when anglers only had to deal with five recognized species. In 2006, however, Dr. Sven Kullander and Dr. Efreim Ferreira redescribed the genus *Cichla*, adding 10 previously unnamed species of peacock bass to the angler's inventory. Now peacock ID has become a challenge even for taxonomists and museum curators!

We've **started** our new peacock bass species directory in an effort to provide anglers with clear and concise information about all of the current species and even some that may be added to the genus in the future. We're hoping to help clear up the confusion for fishermen ... with help from fishermen. We want to make this part of our website a web-community project. We've laid down the basic framework with data from scientific research and input from ichthyologists. Now, we're asking all of our website visitors with knowledge of these newly described species to help by contributing their photos, experiences and fishing tips to the pages as they evolve. Take a look, send us any info you may have, add your name to our list of contributors and help make accurate field identification of peacock bass feasible once again.

Peacock Bass Fishing Primer - Our instructive how-to and where-to guide for the peacock bass angler has been updated, enlarged and reformatted. New techniques and tactics have been added. Tackle recommendations have been updated and broadened to include a wide new array of modern lures. We plan

to continue to grow and update this feature of our site in order to enable our anglers to be prepared before they travel and to succeed when they arrive. Send us your suggestions, tips and experiences and we'll make them available to all of our visitors.

The Peacock Bass Rattle Jig - The most productive peacock bass lure in the Amazon has long remained a mystery to a great number of peacock bass anglers. We've added this detailed new section to make sure that the secret's out and to provide universal access to this easy to use fishing tool.

Peacock Bass Science - New material has been and will continue to be added to our science and conservation section. We believe that the more anglers know about their quarry, the better they are able to successfully pursue it and manage its conservation. Amazon river system related scientific articles and papers can help angler's to gain valuable insights and understanding of the peacock's life history and its amazing home waters.

Photos and Video - New video by Steve Townson, the 'Fish Finder', has been added to Acute Angling's website, as well as to "youtube.com". Our photo section is being updated to enable the use of "Gallery" a photo management system that will allow visitors to find and review hundreds of photos from our previous trips.

A New Look - Our site is written, compiled and maintained by us. We're anglers, not programmers, so our site has never looked particularly glitzy. No flash and dazzle here, since we just don't have the technical know-how to make it happen. What we do have, however, is the most useful and complete information about peacock bass available on the web today - a wealth of content. Although that's not about to change, we have changed the look of our site in an effort to make it more readable and more easily navigated. We've tried to make the pages cleaner and more intuitive. Hopefully, you'll also find it easier to make your way through our site with this simpler new approach. **Visit us soon at www.AcuteAngling.com**

2008/9 REMAINING TRIP SPACES

Note - Available spaces shown as of 10/30/08

Peacock Bass Trips - Remaining Spaces for Fall 2008 and Winter 2009

BLACKWATER EXPLORER - RIO UNINI/URUBAXI - 2008					BLACKWATER EXPLORER - RIO UNINI/URUBAXI - 2009				
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F	Nov. 29, 2008	Dec. 6	\$4250	- 4 openings -	P	Feb. 20, 2009	Feb. 27	\$4250	- open -
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EXPLORATORY - FLOATING BUNGALOW - 2008					WINTER 'RIO TAPERA' FLY-IN SAFARI - 2009				
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Variety Trips - Remaining Spaces for Winter 2009

MULTI-SPECIES VARIETY - RIO TRAVESSÃO - 2009					NEW - THAILAND - ASIAN VARIETY TOUR - 2008 SNAKEHEAD, ARAPAIMA, ASIAN CARP, BARRAMUNDI, GIANT MEGALOPIDAE				
#	Departs Manaus	Returns	Price	Availability	#	Departs U.S.	Returns	Price	Availability
J	Jan. 29, 2009	Feb. 5	\$4250	- 3 openings -	T	April 9, 2009	April 20	\$3750	- 2 openings -
M	Feb. 19, 2009	Feb. 26	\$4250	- 2 openings -					

2009/10 NEW SEASON SCHEDULE

Blackwater Explorer Trips - Fall 2009—Winter 2010

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G	Dec. 5, 2009	Dec. 12	\$4250	- openings -					
H	Dec. 12, 2009	Dec. 19	\$4250	- open -					

Variety Trips - Fall 2009

RIO PACU - EXPLORATORY - FALL 2009					RIO PARISMINA LODGE - TARPON AND MORE - 2009/10				
#	Departs Manaus	Returns	Price	Availability	#	Length of Stay	Format	Price	Availability
I	Nov. 4, 2009	Nov. 11	\$3250	- Full -	I	3 days	2 per room	\$1950	- year round -
J	Nov. 11, 2009	Nov. 18	\$3250	- open -	J	4 days	2 per room	\$2300	- year round -
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