



# Acute Angling - Exotic Fishing Trips

## FISHING NEWS

### Acute Angling's Fall Fishing Newsletter

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## The '2008/09 Season - What's New

As our regular 2007/2008 season reaches its end, our advance planning for the next season has moved into full swing. With this issue, we've got a new, bigger and better than ever schedule ahead of us for the fall of 2008 and the winter of 2009. More trip types, more options and the variety you need to select the trip that's right for you. Here are some of the highlights;

**The Blackwater Explorer** - Our beautiful new yacht is scheduled to operate from September thru March in three trip groupings. Our planned destination for September and March is the fantastically productive Igapo Acu. Closed to commercial fishermen as well as other sport fishing operations, this huge Indian reservation in the Rio Madeira basin provides high catch numbers (10 to 50 per day) and excellent average size. Trophies up to 23 pounds have been landed here. Due to the enormous amount of fishable water we can access, we operate the Blackwater Explorer here in double occupancy format. At only \$3550 per angler, this trip is by far the best peacock bass fishing value in the Amazon.

From late October until the Christmas holiday season, the BWE will shift to the Rio Negro basin. Based on predicted water level factors and governmental approvals, our destination will be the

famed Unini river. Known for good numbers (8-20 /day) and world record potential size (trophies up to 26 lbs have been caught here), this fishery also provides access to huge red-tailed catfish. Alternatively, if conditions warrant, we may opt to fish the amazing Urubaxi. Although not known as a numbers fishery (typically 5-10 /day), this river is famed for an enormous percentage of huge fish over 20 lbs.. Fully 14% of our catch here last year were trophy size, ranging up to 26 lbs. After a break for the holiday season, the Explorer will go right back to work in this region for the winter 2009 months of January and February.

**Macaroca and Posão Lodges** - The wonderful Xeriuni river is home to these rustic but comfortable twin lodges placed at opposite ends of this clear blackwater fishery. The natural bio-filtering effect of the savannah lands at the river's headwaters provides perfect conditions for fly-fishermen and conventional anglers alike. Known for its great numbers (15-50 per day), the Xeriuni produces trophies up to 20 pounds and a high percentage of mid-size (8-15 lb.) fish. The strategic location of the Xeriuni lodges allows us to select the most suitable position on the river to accommodate changes in water levels.

#### .... Winter Notes ....

● **Fishing Shows** - Visit us this winter at these great fishing shows;  
Harrisburg, PA, Feb. 1- 8;  
Suffern, NY, Feb. 28 - March 2;  
Toronto, ON, Canada, March 12 - 16.

● **WANTED** - Your participation in our newsletter, "Fishing News". We're looking for interesting articles, fishing tips, photos and letters that you'd like to submit. Help us make our newsletter more varied and relevant to the traveling angler.

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## Blackwater Explorer Yacht, Rio Travessão Camp, Macaroca Lodge



**Floating Bungalow Camps** - This season, we hope to use the floating bungalow camps for a projected scientific research trip (see Amazon tidbits - page 6) in November and December. In February, we'll once again offer our traditional Rio Tapera excursions. The Tapera is a Rio Branco tributary that boasts high numbers (15-50 per day) with plenty of trophy sized fish. Its clear blackwater is perfect for both fly or topwater anglers.

**Rio Travessão Exotic Species Adventure** - The most unique and exciting trip in the Amazon. Wild variety (payara, giant bicuda, peacocks, giant catfish and more) in a pristine, protected Indian reservation. This exciting fast water river provides an extraordinary range of environments and unforgettable experiences. Burgeoning with jungle wildlife, the Travessão beckons to the true adventurer. The superb fishing is accessed via aluminum boats returning to mobile campsites each day. Tent camping, jungle menu and basic facilities make this a trip for the more adventurous angler. For more information see the "Great Trilogy" article on page 2.

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# Australia to South America - The Great Trilogy

## A Marathon Fishing Trip Report in Three Parts

**Colin Roberts** is a modern-day Australian renaissance man. Renowned down under as a fishing writer and photographer of wild images, Colin is also an internationally recognized TV fishing personality (Discovery UK) and editor of the extraordinary fishing magazine, *Fishing Wild*. As if that weren't enough to keep anyone busy, he is a respected Magistrate (judge) in his home territory of Western Australia. (see box at end of article for info on Col's magazine).

This January, Acute Angling and Colin Roberts put together a unique trip package, custom-designed to savor some of the best of tropical America's fishing flavors. The three week marathon tour quickly became known as the "Great Trilogy". Accompanied by a troupe of fellow Aussie anglers and rabid explorers, Colin Roberts and Paul Reiss led the way from the wildest heart of the Brazilian wilderness to the most luxurious redoubt of Costa Rican elegance, fighting and landing the fiercest fishes of South America all along the way.

### The Great Trilogy ..... by Col Roberts

It's a long way - and expensive to get to the Amazon from Australia. That's why we wanted to maximize our time away and cram in as much fishing as possible. We wanted to fish for peacock bass one week and then rough it on a wild variety species exploration the following week. We were also tossing up whether to do the Rio Urariquera as well - a place that we had fished with Acute Angling several years before. Looking for new places to fish and report on for "Fishing Wild" magazine, we ultimately settled on famous Uraima Falls in Venezuela - a place renowned for its huge payara.

Paul Reiss was not quite sure how we'd get from the Rio Travessão, our exploratory site, to Uraima - but the "trilogy" concept was left to him to put together. After a number of email exchanges, Paul worked out that we would travel overland from northern Brazil across the border with Venezuela and charter a light plane direct to the lodge. It must have been a nightmare to attempt to put the whole concept together - but Acute Angling was up for the challenge.

Not all things go to plan. A couple of months before our departure, Paul contacted me to advise that Uraima Falls Lodge had closed down for the year - due to a marriage breakup. Since we had already purchased expensive air travel, we needed to quickly find an alternative to fit our travel dates. Luckily, Rio Parismina Lodge in Costa Rica, with its world-class tarpon fishing, was available.

**Week #1 - Trophy Peacock Bass.** A couple of weeks before the trip, Paul again contacted me to advise that the Amazon had unexpectedly gone into flood and that fishing would be difficult the first week. He suggested that,



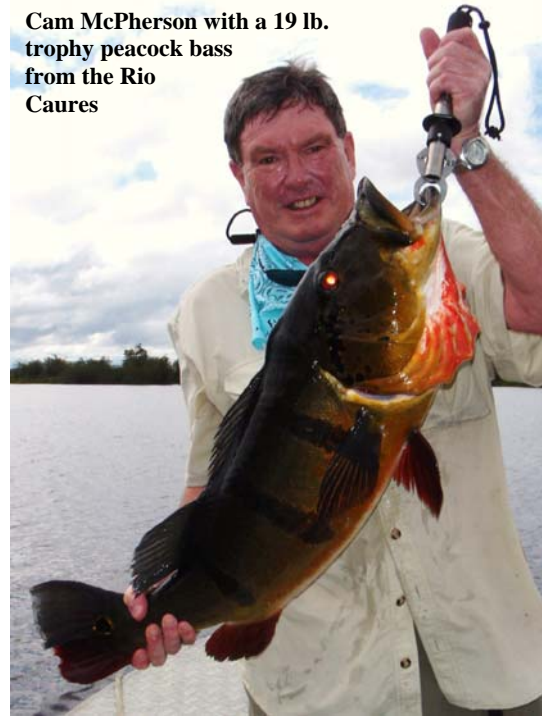
short of cancellation, the best option might be to fish the Rio Caures - with an extensive lake system that normally produced numbers of peacocks even in high water levels. We opted to go forward and the Blackwater Explorer was moved into position.

At Barcelos airport we met a group of American anglers that had managed to catch 600 peacocks with the biggest going only 10 pounds. We knew pretty well that it was going to be a tough week size-wise - but at least we'd be catching peacocks.

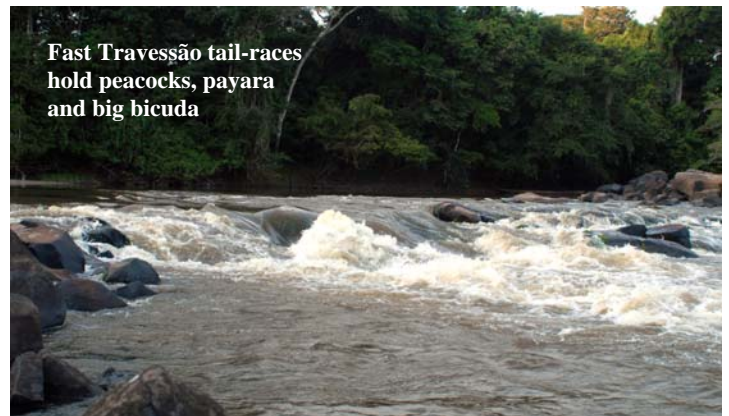
The fishing turned out to be better than expected with 10 peacocks caught between 10 and 19 pounds - not bad when one considers that the water was still rising for the first three days of our adventure. The peacock rattle jig was top dog, followed by shallow running Rapalas and fly. One of the most unusual aspects of the week was catching peacocks on a saltwater fly intended for yellowfin tuna. Rob Bland, one of our Aussie group, had brought along a cut pilchard pattern (representing the chopped off head of a pilchard when chumming up tuna). After initially refusing the larger peacock rattle fly - they went nuts over the cut pilchard pattern. In an hour one afternoon, Rob and myself caught over 30 peacocks before leaving them biting.

**Week #2 - Rio Travessão Variety Exploration.** The yacht was a pleasant experience - with all the comforts of home on the well-

**Cam McPherson with a 19 lb. trophy peacock bass from the Rio Caures**



**Fast Travessão tail-races hold peacocks, payara and big bicuda**



appointed Blackwater Explorer. What a contrast to then fish the wild Rio Travessão. We knew when putting the trilogy together that it was going to be rough. Paul Reiss was quite open about the fact that we would be eating fish, camping out in pup tents and crapping in the woods. No bother (not a problem) for tough Aussies.

This was the first camp of the year - and it was not without its drama. Getting the camp into position involved numerous boggings and cutting a new road through the washouts. Despite the adversity, the river was stunning - in natural beauty, the interaction with the native Indians and the great fishing. In many respects the river reminded me of a more passive Rio Urariquera - although hidden river rocks accounted for quite a few smashed bottom ends (lower units) and propellers. That goes with the territory!

The peacocks here are a predominantly yellow coloring - fatter than most and thus far found in no other sport fishing venues. Paul Reiss is currently studying this population and it may turn out that this is a potential new species of peacock bass. We caught peacocks up to 14 pounds in all sorts of places - from the typical back lagoons to mid-river rocks in fast water. Surprisingly, most were large size - averaging between 8 to 10 pounds. In addition were payara, huge piranha and the unusual trairão . In fact, the camp assistant, Chico, put his body on the line with the difficult to pronounce (for us Aussies anyway) trairão (sounds something like “try-ear-own” - as in ‘town’ without the “t”). Chico was cutting up a bass for dinner when a sneaky



**Trairão - Known to bite the hand that feeds them.**

trairão moved in from the cover of a dinghy and latched onto his hand, cutting it to shreds. While he was being bandaged up, the camp’s native Indian staff members quickly sought retribution and shot the 15 pound monster with bow and arrow. For his troubles, the camp was named “mão de trairão ” (trairão’s hand) in his honor.

One of the highlights of

this leg of the trilogy was the interaction with the Indians - not only our native guides but also visiting various villages. They love their hunting and it was a real eye-opener to observe the way they went about securing bush tucker (translation for non-Aussies - food). My library of bird and wildlife images has now bulged at the seams after this trip. Observing anacondas in the wild was another highlight.



**David Gaffy with a specimen of the beautiful yellow Travessão peacock.**

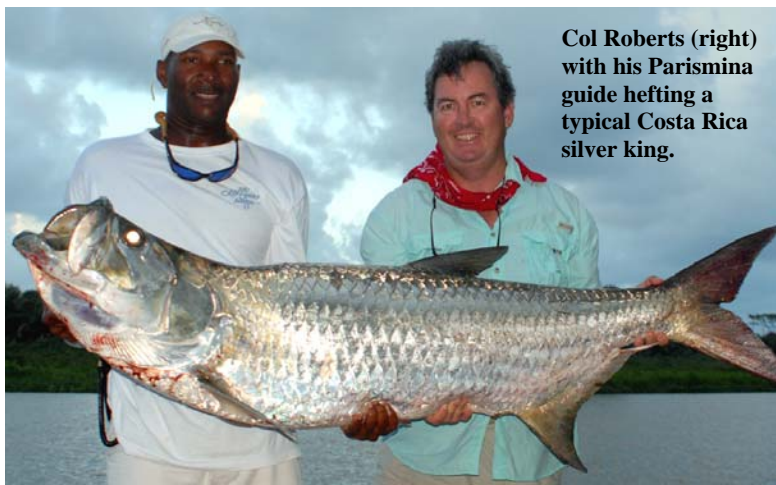
If you have a chance - fish the Rio Travessão. If you need creature comforts, then this trip is probably not for you. For those with an eye to adventure, this is one of the most interesting trips of all. Indeed, we all felt it was a real privilege to have been able to experience the Rio Travessão. There is so much more to it than just the fishing.

**Week #3 - Rio Parismina Lodge.**

After roughing it on the Travessão, the stunning and elegant facilities at Rio Parismina Lodge were just what the doctor ordered. On the very first afternoon, I was lucky enough to catch a 15 pound Atlantic snook - very similar to our barramundi back home.

Initially the offshore conditions were pretty ordinary, with the

water more akin to minestrone soup than azure blue tropical waters.



**Col Roberts (right) with his Parismina guide hefting a typical Costa Rica silver king.**

Teeming rain as regular as clockwork didn’t help. After all, this was not peak season.

On the third day the clouds cleared and the wind backed off, allowing us to get amongst the tarpon. In a number of memorable sessions, we locked horns with a good number of fish up to 120 pounds. Other than the spectacular leaps, the most unusual occurrence was when a hooked 110 pounder was accompanied all the way to the boat by a free tarpon.

Finishing the trip off at the comfortable Rio Parismina Lodge was an ideal way to end our trilogy. We already have an appointment booked for 2009, when we will undertake another spectacular adventure into more unknown parts of the Amazon with Acute Angling.

**“Fishing Wild” Magazine**

To read more about The Great Trilogy by this same author, be sure to get your hands on Colin Roberts’ spectacular fishing travel magazine. The next three issues will contain over 60 pages of articles and photos on his great trilogy trip. Fishing Wild Magazine is devoted to discovering new fisheries worldwide. Published in a format like nothing you’ve ever seen before, its 20+ page articles provide extraordinary detail, world-class photography and a layout suitable to an Ansel Adams coffee-table book. For more information and subscription details visit Colin Roberts’ website at [www.fishingwild.com.au](http://www.fishingwild.com.au)



John Velky,  
Amarillo, TX



Russell Jensen,  
Bronx, NY



Our hostess  
Barbara Silva,  
gets into the act  
with her first  
trophy



John Velky,  
Amarillo, TX

**Blackwater Peacocks**  
John Velky (left) and Aneli Kimbro (below right) had fishing trips beyond anyone's wildest dreams. Each of them shows off four amazing trophies. How do you top that?



Blackwater Explorer  
guide, Altemar, with  
a monster  
Amazon trophy.



John Velky,  
Amarillo, TX



Aneli Kimbro,  
Tampa, FL



Aneli Kimbro,  
Tampa, FL



John Velky,  
Amarillo, TX



Aneli Kimbro,  
Tampa, FL



John's son, Jason  
Velky, with his own  
trophy.



Aneli Kimbro

# The Blackwater Explorer Yacht

## A Comfortable Home Away From Home in the Amazon

By Jenny Reiss

I'm lucky enough to have an Amazon Fishing trip operator for a Dad, so I get to take an annual fishing trip with him - I've convinced him of the concept of "quality time" with his daughter. (Since I'm a starving grad student, this is how I get to go fishing). This year I joined a full group of fishing crazed Aussie's (see the Great Trilogy, page 2 and 3) for a week on the new Blackwater Explorer, fishing the tributaries of the Rio Negro.

The moment I saw the Explorer, I realized, uh oh, Dad's got a brand new baby. When we arrived at the elegantly designed boat, we were brought right into the dining hall where we enjoyed a homemade breakfast while our hostess, Barbara, told us how the boat worked and gave out the keys to our rooms. After filling my belly with tasty treats and a nice powerful cup of coffee, I went to my room to get changed and cleaned up. Dad hadn't mentioned where the bathrooms were and to my surprise it was right in my room. Nothing could have been better than a nice hot shower in my own private bathroom after the long trip to Brazil. Showered and refreshed, I set my personal air conditioner to 22 degrees Celsius and spread my books out on my bed to get some studying done (a grad student's work is never done).

After studying in my room for a while, I decided to visit the top deck so I could enjoy the view of the beautiful waters. The Aussies were up on the deck as well and we all enjoyed the fresh breeze, cavorting dolphins, beautiful sunshine and jungle scenery. The deck is by far my favorite part of the boat. My Dad's friend and partner, Norberto, designed the boat and wanted it's lines to match the shape of the elegantly curved hull. Not only do the decks reflect the gently curved shape, but the entire boat has the graceful form of a vessel from an era gone by. It might sound like a curved floor would be a little strange and things wouldn't work but every detail was made to work with the flowing design (uneven table legs, custom made doors and all).

When we arrived at the fishing grounds, everyone immediately hopped onto their bass boats to test out the waters. I stayed up on the open air top deck with my Dad, since there was only an hour until it got dark. The view of the Amazon sunset was amazing! At dinnertime I chatted with Barbara, the Explorer's bilingual hostess while I enjoyed the intuitive service provided by the yacht's waiter, Luciano,

who has your drink poured before you even know you want one.

The next morning it was time for me to fish. Our fishing boat pulled right up to the water level embarkment deck and off we went. Our guide, Pingo (which translates to drop of water - because he is so small) took us to numerous different fishing sites and treated me with the patience I have grown to expect from these highly professional

guides. Whether it be recovering lures from ten feet up a tree or diving down to get a fish that wrapped the line around a submerged log, Pingo was on top of it and did it with a smile. I had a great time fishing since all I had to think about was what amazing creatures I would pull out of the water next. I love to see the bright blue and yellow flash of color of a hefty fish flicking his tail in his last effort to

escape capture. Even better is when you let him go free.

I have been to many amazing places to fish, but I have never felt that I was going home at the end of the day of fishing. The comfortable dining hall, the cool and spacious cabins, the attention from hostess Barbara and Luciano made me feel like I was at home each night. I couldn't have asked for a more comfortable experience. I was not the only one who enjoyed the luxurious boat and it was nice to see everyone else on the trip relaxing. A few of the Aussies, especially the ladies, returned to the boat for lunch where they enjoyed toasted sandwiches, afternoon tea time and chatted about the events of the day. Some of their more die-hard husbands packed lunches and stayed out on the water, fishing.

I have never been on a sea cruise and have always had a hard time understanding the concept, but I think I get the idea now. Watching the sun go down every night as we enjoyed the light breeze of the moving boat and the constantly changing scenery was an experience that will be hard to match. We were able to fish two completely different rivers because, one night while we slept we traveled from one river mouth to another. The moving boat rocked me into a sleep that I had once upon a time before I started graduate school. Although being in the Amazon and fishing for the world's most exciting fish is really all I need to be happy, enjoying the luxuries of the civilized

world while you're there is a very nice addition. Now that I'm back to the grind of graduate school, when I get a little anxious I try to think about the wonderful time I had on the Blackwater Explorer.



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# 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.**

**New Trips on the Horizon** - Acute Angling has a strong motivation to deliver new trips that offer new species, new places and new trip configurations, so we've always got a few irons in the fire. Here are few interesting ones that are beginning to take shape for the near future.

**Arapaima** - We've tackled these monsters before, yet never succeeded in finding a venue that was both practical and productive. The options we found were either artificial (like canals on Marajo Island or rice paddies near Belem) or inaccessible, with low productivity. Things have changed lately. As a result of new conservation initiatives in the Brazilian National Parks, giant arapaima (pirarucu) have made a dramatic population comeback in some of these protected areas. So dramatic, in fact, that they are overwhelming the fluvial ecosystems they patrol.

This past fall, the Brazilian government authorized a hunt in a protected park in western Amazonas in an effort to thin the population to more manageable numbers. Two thousand five hundred of these scaled behemoths were harvested from Mamirauá reserve, in what appears to have been a successful management effort. Park management is promising to invite sport fishing operations to take part in next year's harvest. If they do, we'll be there.

The region is accessible by floatplane, the overpopulation should ensure that anglers will succeed and the park itself is an incredibly beautiful natural ecosystem. Other species such as apapa (sardinata) and giant catfish may also be available. We haven't sorted out any final details but we will probably offer at least one week (8 anglers) sometime during October/November of 2008. The configuration might be a full week in Mamirauá or it might be a combination trip with a few days of peacock bass fishing added in. Price is estimated to be between \$4,000 and \$5000 USD.. We'll know more soon.

**Mini-Exploratories** - We've poked our noses into just about every piece of water in the Amazon basin that *Cichla temensis* calls home, but there are still dozens of rivers with other awesome sport-fish that we'd like to try. Some just don't lend themselves to our normally easy peacock bass exploratory format. Some are smaller

waters, some are extremely distant from Manaus and some just don't provide easy access for commercial scale visits. So we're planning some trips that will use other means to go about exploring them.

These trips would probably be limited to smaller numbers of anglers (perhaps 4 or 6) and might require longer (possibly more arduous) logistical access, meaning either longer total trip length or shorter fishing time. Costs might be higher. Yes, we're suggesting a more uncertain, more difficult and less comfortable trip for more money. How's that for an attractive marketing approach? The reward of course, when an exploratory pays off, is a chance to be among the first to experience an untouched, unfished environment.

We know there's a hard-core of you out there that is as demented as we are and will endure just about anything to get at new, unexplored waters. Let us know who you are and perhaps you and we will find it a good fit for you to join us on one of these adventures.

First up is an exotic fishery in northwestern Para state. We expect to encounter peacocks, payara, pirapitinga and giant catfish. We're planning on early September 2008. Call us to find out more.

**Igapo Acu Update** - Negotiations for reinstating our access to this wonderful region have reached a successful conclusion. All that remains is finalizing the paperwork and getting it signed. We expect that to be concluded shortly. So we are pleased to say, with 99% confidence, that we'll be returning to the Igapo Acu next fall with even better results than usual. Fishing should be fantastic, considering the region has not been fished since 2005. Join us in early fall 2008, when the Blackwater Explorer is scheduled to roam this region until late October. Although the trips are filling fast, spaces are still available on several of the planned weeks (see schedule page 7).

**Research Trip Update** - The first hurdles of the application process for a proposed scientific research project to measure the socio-economic and ecological impact of sportfishing for peacock bass have been successfully navigated. The project is now officially in consideration and, subject to approval, may be initiated in the fall of 2008. The project will offer a group of selected volunteers the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to assist scientists in catching, tagging and releasing peacock bass on a protected and unfished river.

The fishing is expected to be fantastic and anglers will enjoy the chance to be an important part of a study that may help protect the peacock bass for future generations. Interested anglers should contact Paul Reiss at 908 832-2987. Only 8 places remain available.

## Trip Insurance - Why You Should Have It

One of the most important enclosures included with our booking confirmation package is an insurance application and memo outlining travel insurance options. In the excitement of planning for a trip, most anglers just shunt it aside, instead of considering just how important this simple and inexpensive option is. We highly recommend that all travelers protect themselves, either with the "Sportsman Insurance Package" that we offer from Travel Guard International or a similar product. You wouldn't think of leaving on a fishing trip without your rods and reels ... travel insurance is just as important for the protection and peace of mind that it offers at very reasonable prices!

Although we have seen significant increases in the number of anglers purchasing this important coverage over the years, many of you, especially the younger travelers, don't seem to recognize its value and importance. Sure, you're in perfect health and not at all concerned, but there are numerous circumstances that could cause you to cancel your trip, return home early or force you to seek emergency medical treatment while traveling that you've probably never considered. Travel insurance gives travelers coverage for unforeseen problems, from a cancelled flight, to a serious illness (not necessarily yours) —

everything that could arise, even an act of terrorism or the financial default of an airline. None of this can be predicted, but it could prevent you from traveling. If an illness, accident, or other covered unforeseen circumstance forces a traveler to cancel or interrupt their plans, they face two major financial losses—money invested in non-refundable pre-payments, and medical expenses that in many instances may not be covered by health insurance.

Travel insurance is not expensive and the coverage and protection that you receive is well worth the investment. The cost of travel insurance is based, in most cases, on the value of the trip and the age of the traveler. Typically, the cost is about five percent of the trip cost. Many plans also offer 24-hour "911" travel emergency service for emergency medical assistance, last-minute or emergency travel and flight changes, lost luggage tracking, pre-trip travel advice and more.

Consider the fact that your long awaited fishing trip can take a year to save for but only a second to ruin, and you can understand the importance of travel insurance. While you can't do anything to prevent an unexpected storm from closing the airport, you can do something to help cover your travel investment - **buy travel insurance.**

# 2008 - 9 TRIP SCHEDULES & PRICES

Note - Available spaces shown as of 2/01/08

## Peacock Bass Trips - Fall 2008

## Peacock Bass Trips - Winter 2009

BLACKWATER EXPLORER - RIO MADEIRA BASIN - 2008					MACAROCA LODGE - 2008 / 2009				
#	Departs	Returns	Price	Availability	#	Departs	Returns	Price	Availability
1	Sept. 24, 2008	Oct. 3	\$3550	- openings -	A	Dec. 3, 2008	Dec. 12	\$4250	- open -
3	Oct. 1, 2008	Oct. 10	\$3550	- Full -	B	Dec. 10, 2008	Dec. 19	\$4250	- openings -
4	Oct. 8, 2008	Oct. 17	\$3550	- openings -	C	Jan. 7, 2009	Jan. 16	\$4250	- openings -
5	Oct. 15, 2008	Oct. 24	\$3550	- openings -	D	Jan. 14, 2008	Jan. 23	\$4250	- open -
BLACKWATER EXPLORER - RIO UNINI/URUBAXI - 2008					BLACKWATER EXPLORER - RIO UNINI/URUBAXI - 2009				
#	Departs	Returns	Price	Availability	#	Departs	Returns	Price	Availability
A	Oct. 24, 2008	Nov. 2	\$4250	- Full -	I	Dec. 31, 2008	Jan. 9	\$4250	- open -
B	Oct. 31, 2008	Nov. 9	\$4250	- Full -	J	Jan. 7, 2009	Jan. 15	\$4250	- 4 openings -
C	Nov. 7, 2008	Nov. 16	\$4250	- 2 openings -	K	Jan. 14, 2009	Jan. 23	\$4250	- Full -
D	Nov. 14, 2008	Nov. 23	\$4250	- Full -	L	Jan. 21, 2009	Jan. 30	\$4250	- open -
E	Nov. 21, 2008	Nov. 30	\$4250	- open -	M	Jan. 28, 2009	Feb. 6	\$4250	- open -
F	Nov. 28, 2008	Dec. 7	\$4250	- 2 openings -	N	Feb. 4, 2009	Feb. 13	\$4250	- open -
G	Dec. 5, 2008	Dec. 14	\$4250	- Full -	O	Feb. 11, 2009	Feb. 20	\$4250	- open -
H	Dec. 12, 2008	Dec. 21	\$4250	- Full -	P	Feb. 18, 2009	Feb. 27	\$4250	- open -
'THANKSGIVING SPECIAL' LODGE TRIP - 2008					Q	Feb. 25, 2009	Mar. 6	\$4250	- open -
#	Departs	Returns	Price	Availability	WINTER 'RIO TAPERA' FLY-IN SAFARI - 2009				
A	Nov. 19, 2008	Nov. 28	\$3550	- 4 openings -	#	Departs	Returns	Price	Availability
B	Nov. 26, 2008	Dec. 5	\$3550	- open -	A	Jan. 29, 2009	Feb. 7	\$4250	- open -
EXPLORATORY - RESEARCH EXPEDITION - 2008					B	Feb. 5, 2009	Feb. 14	\$4250	- open -
#	Departs	Returns	Price	Availability	C	Feb. 12, 2009	Feb. 21	\$4250	- open -
A	Nov. 28, 2008	Dec. 7	\$4550	- Full -	Please Note - Peacock bass fishing is strongly affected by ambient conditions. In order to ensure a quality experience for all of our clients, river and date combinations may be subject to availability and access to the fishery named, along with weather conditions and water levels. If any factors prevent the use of a specified fishery or dates, an alternative river will be used, if suitable, or alternative dates and/or rainchecks will be offered.				
B	Dec. 5, 2008	Dec. 14	\$4550	- 2 openings -					
C	Nov. 12, 2008	Dec. 21	\$4550	- 6 openings -					

## Variety Trips - Winter 2009

FRESHWATER GOLDEN DORADO - ARGENTINA - 2008					AFRICAN TIGERFISH - 2008/9				
#	Departs	Returns	Price	Availability	#	Departs	Returns	Price	Availability
I	April 6, 2009	April 15	\$4250	- open -	I	Late June	Early July	\$3950	- open -
MULTI-SPECIES VARIETY - RIO TRAVESSÃO - 2009					J	Late December	Early January	\$3950	- open -
#	Departs	Returns	Price	Availability	RIO PARISMINA LODGE - TARPON AND MORE - 2008/9				
I	Jan. 21, 2009	Jan. 30	\$4250	- open -	#	Stay	Format	Price	Availability
J	Jan. 28, 2009	Feb. 6	\$4250	- open -	I	3 days	2 per room	\$1950	- year round -
K	Feb. 4, 2009	Feb. 13	\$4250	- open -	J	4 days	2 per room	\$2300	- year round -
L	Feb. 11, 2009	Feb. 20	\$4250	- open -	K	7 days	2 per room	\$3450	- year round -
M	Feb. 18, 2009	Feb. 27	\$4250	- open -	Join us on the fishing trip of a lifetime! Toll-free, Paul Reiss - (866) 832-2987 Garry Reiss - (866) 431-1668 Website: www.AcuteAngling.com - E-mail: Webmaster@AcuteAngling.com For international calls, or from within New Jersey, USA - call 908.832.2987 or 908.431.1668				
N	Feb. 25, 2009	Mar. 6	\$4250	- open -					



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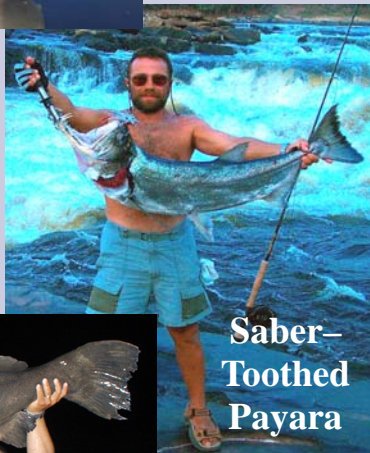
Trophy  
Peacock  
Bass

# Acute Angling's Fishing News



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