



# Acute Angling - Exotic Fishing

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## .... Fall Notes....

● **Trip Openings** - We still have openings left for some of this winter's best trips. Call us to find out about openings on our December Fly-in Safari trips. Places are available this March for payara at world famous Uraima Falls and for golden freshwater dorado in the Ibera marsh.

● **Exploratories** - We're planning another new exploratory trip this year to investigate the exciting potential of a new giant peacock bass fishery. Look for a report in our spring issue. If we meet with success, we'll have another interesting new trip option for next year. We'll keep you posted, as always.

● **www.Tackle-box.net** - We've expanded our on-line tackle service to include a wide range of gear, tools and accessories to make your trip more comfortable and practical. Log on and take a look at our new line of accessory products and great fishing values.

### Fishing Shows

**West Palm Beach, Florida** - This year, we'll be exhibiting at the annual Florida Sportsmen's fishing show for the first time. The show runs from November 15th through November 16th. Stop by and visit us. Book a trip at the show and receive a special show discount.

**Garden State Outdoor Sportsmen's Show, Edison, New Jersey** - Once again, we'll be at our accustomed spot at New Jersey's biggest show this January 9-12th. We look forward to seeing our friends and clients again. .... PR

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## Amazon Angel Fishing Report

Our prime peacock bass season has arrived and we're off and running again. Acute Angling's exclusive fall Amazon Angel Yacht trips are already done and we're gearing up for our next round of Safari Camp and lodge trips. What's it like to join us on our fall trips? Here's an overview of what we've experienced in just our first three weeks of this season.

We started off in late September in the Southern part of the basin with our Amazon Angel yacht trips. Living aboard the comfortable, air-conditioned yacht, anglers spent their days exploring the myriad lagoons, tributaries and channels of the Igapo Acu and Matupiri system in their 16 foot fishing boats. Each day brought new successes and bigger fish.

On our first week out, a group of 10 anglers visited the system for the season's inaugural trip. Fairly high water levels tended to stack fish up on optimal structure. This allowed anglers to take advantage of the opportunity to catch great numbers of fish in con-

centrated locations. They boated 1586 peacocks in less than a week! The Rio Preto was the week's best big fish producer, yielding the week's largest fish. 23 of the group's fish were in the 12 - 18 lbs. class, and 1 fish in the 19 lb.

class. Honors for the week's biggest fish were garnered by Mark Pecora of New Jersey. Mark waited until almost the last minute of the trip's last day to nail his 19 pound monster. But he let the suspense build gradually. His fishing partner, Brian Bi-

enkowski, started off the big fish pursuit with a 17-pounder on his first day. Patrick Brennan, of Australia, promptly bettered it with an 18-pounder the very next day. In the meantime, Mark was building up to his big one gradually, starting with a 16, then landing a 17-pounder before finally pulling out all the stops with his 19-pounder on a woodchopper.

Our second group on the yacht made short work of bettering the previous week's efforts. They caught 2199 peacocks - of which 36 fish



### More Great Fishing in Paradise!

were in the 12 - 18 lbs. Class, and 2 were 19 pounds. Pete Gouveia and Robert Hobe, both of Florida, shared big fish honors with a pair of 19-pounders. The week's large total numbers came partially as a result of the relentless fishing efforts of Steve Townson and Sean Goodchild, British residents of Algarve, Portugal. The pair caught a remarkable total of over 720 fish during their 6 and 1/2 days of probing the waters. I was almost expecting their guide to ask for extra duty pay.

Water levels in this complex system were steadily dropping during our stay. The varying conditions made each of our weeks unique. We started out with water flooding the forests and creating

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# Amazon Angel Fishing Report .....Continued

optimal cover for peacock bass. Optimal for them, maybe, but not necessarily for us. The biggest of the powerful, wily giants, once hooked, quickly took advantage of the surrounding structure and headed directly into it. Sometimes guides were able to dive in to help anglers haul their quarry out of tangled submerged brush. Sometimes, hooks straightened, lines snapped or gear broke, leaving anglers shaking their heads at the strength and violence of these extraordinary fish. You end up winning some and losing some, but it's the peacock's unique, unexplainable and indescribable explosive power that keeps us all coming back for more.

By the beginning of our third week, water levels had subsided to their seasonal lows. Our group of 11 anglers found the fish to be more spread out on structure than in earlier weeks. It took more work, but provided even greater rewards. Our final group boated over 1800 fish, with more than 50 in the teens. These dedicated fishermen landed four fish over 20 pounds. Big fish honors went to Fred Young of Harlingen, Texas. His 22 pounder put a big fat exclamation point on a fantastic month.

Our fall Amazon Angel yacht trip continues to improve

every year. The accompanying chart gives you an idea of the remarkable success rates that our anglers experienced. With the

Statistics	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Total
Fish Caught	1586	2199	1847	5632
Trophy Fish (fish in the teens)	23	36	56	115
Biggest Fish	19 lbs.	19 lbs.	22 lbs.	22 lbs.
# of Anglers	10	12	11	33
Average #	158	183	168	171

closing of the southern Amazon "Igapo Acu/Matupiri" system to commercial fishing and the establishment of a catch and release only fishery, total numbers and average fish size have increased for the past three years running - and with our ongoing environmental husbandry, it's only going to continue to get better.

For 2003, Acute Angling will be scheduling 4 groups in this superb fishery. Our fall yacht trip is without a doubt, the best fishing value in the Ama-

zon. Available openings are filling fast so be sure to contact us early to reserve your preferred date... [PR](#)

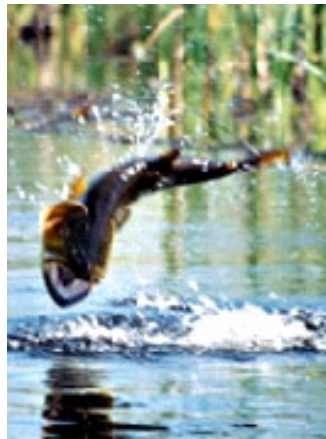
## '2003 Amazon Angel Yacht Trip Schedule

Please Note - Dates may not be exact.

	Departs	Returns	Openings
Group 1	Sept. 24th, 2003	Oct. 3rd, 2003	- 6 remaining -
Group 2	Oct. 1st, 2003	Oct. 10th, 2003	- 3 remaining -
Group 3	Oct. 8th, 2003	Oct. 16th, 2003	- 4 remaining -
Group 4	Oct. 15, 2003	Oct. 23rd, 2003	- 7 remaining -

# March 2003 - Dorado & Payara

**March is payara and dorado time.** September through February provide incredible peacock bass fishing as the dry season grinds it's way through the Brazilian Amazon basin's prime peacock waters. But, with the rainy season's torrential downpours looming on the horizon in March, the exotic fishing focus moves outside of Amazonia and homes in on Venezuela's hard-fighting payara and Argentina's acrobatic freshwater dorado.



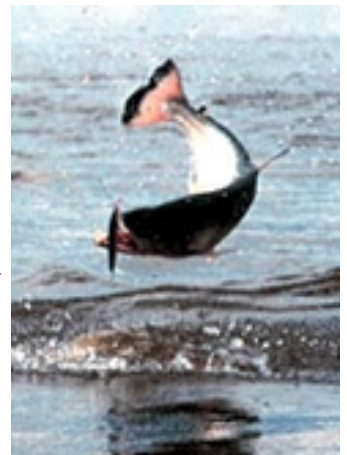
**Incredible aerial acrobats, golden dorado are one of the world's premiere gamefish**

**With wicked teeth** like a prehistoric velociraptor and a graceful, shimmering, gold and black-striped body, the freshwater dorado is a living contradiction. One might call it "fierce elegance". This big predator is equally happy with a carefully tied, well-

delivered fly or a big, flashy jerk-bait ripping through its clear, black water lair. Argentina's beautiful, pristine Ibera Marsh provides the perfect backdrop to complement the dorado's prodigious angling attributes.

**Our comfortable safari-style camp** in the heart of the marsh provides easy access to the most remote, prime dorado habitat, far removed from the heavily fished rivers to the South. Our anglers can often tackle dozens of these prized fighters each day. Twenty-pound trophies are routine in these waters.

**If dorado are the acrobats**, then payara would qualify as the decathletes in the fishing Olympics. These fanged monsters are good at everything. They strike violently, they make long-distance runs, they leap with abandon and they don't quit. Giant plugs and deep running flies can engage anglers in pitched battles with dozens of payara in a day.



**No slouch at flying either, the payara is a fierce and determined fighter.**

**Almost all of IGFA's payara records** have come from Venezuela's Uraima Falls, on the Paragua River. While enjoying the comforts of the well-furnished lodge, anglers here are situated within the world's finest payara waters. Casting from the rocky shores, probing shallow coves and eddies from the lodge's long boats and trolling the river's channels all produce well. With average fish sizes in the teens and lurking monsters in the 30 pound class, this is the place to bring your heavy duty scale. Ever been spooled by a fish? I've seen payara here do it to anglers on spinners, bait-casters and fly reels alike.

**Acute Angling has several openings still available** on our featured, hosted weeks for both of these unique fishing experiences. Call us to reserve your place this March.



# Fall 2002 Images - Client Trip Photos



Day or night, seeing the waiting Amazon Angel come into view was a pleasant sight.



Julie Hobe's Matupiri trophy.



The children of the Indian village, Sapukaia, found our fishermen extremely interesting.



Oran Adams displays a trophy Matupiri River peacock bass.



Peter and Tod Feldman discovered that piranha make a great meal.



Robert Hobe and his 19-pound giant.



Clear black water made fly-fishing very productive.



Bill Benson landed this hefty peacock on light tackle.



My dad, Leo Reiss, points out his peacocks finer features. He should know, he was my first fishing instructor, after all!



Tod Feldman captured "Branco's" cayman catching technique in 3 easy steps. #1. Leap blindly in the dark #2. Dive #3. Come up with a wriggling cayman.



Anglers enjoyed a concert by our cook "Hutchie"

Many thanks to Tod Feldman, the Hobes, Dick Dankart, Oran Adams and Bruce Mitchell (front page) for sharing their photos.

# Tarpon Fishing in Costa Rica

## Rio Parismina Lodge - A Caribbean Jewel

**Rio Parismina has been providing world-class fishing vacations for many years. Now, we're pleased to be able to offer this wonderful gem of a fishing lodge to our clientele.**

It's pretty hard to ignore six silvery feet of flashing, rattling, muscle and scales leaping almost in your face. You could definitely lose your cool. What prompted that maniacal display anyway? All you did was jig the waters beneath what appeared to be a small school of rolling tarpon using your coastal hawk lure. Invisibly, down below, lurked what might be better described as a vast ocean-going herd of silver predators. One of the gang just happened to lightly stop your jig, just a taste... so you did what comes naturally to a fisherman, you set the hook...again...and again to the insistent shouts of your furiously gesturing guide.

It didn't take long from there. As soon as you drove the hook home, you could feel the powerful fish change the plane of the attack. The line began to rise, racing through the water. Suddenly, the surface exploded as a brilliant silver missile launched itself into the air, shaking its head and rattling its gills. As your guide began shouting "Bow, bow to the tarpon!" you stood there, immobile, slack-jawed with astonishment.

A second later, your solid lead lure went whizzing past your head and the huge fish slid beneath the once again quiet water. Stupefied, you let your breath out, realizing that you hadn't breathed through the whole thing. It happens like this often, especially the first time one hooks up.

Rio Parismina Lodge, nestled like a jewel on the Caribbean coast of Costa Rica routinely provides high intensity fishing experiences like this for its guests. Located right at the mouth of the Parismina River, anglers can find themselves hooked into a tarpon within minutes of finishing their breakfast. A short boat ride from the lodge's dock can put you on top of big, rolling schools, navigating the waters just outside of the pass that marks the river's mouth. Parismina's skilled guides typically enable anglers to hook up with big, aerobic tarpon several times a day, day in and day out. Parismina uses 21 foot center console boats to fish the saltwater. These big, solid boats are perfect for handling everything we encounter ... from the usually calm waters of the inshore tarpon areas to the turbulence in the pass at the mouth of the Parismina River. Even the offshore swells are manageable in these boats, for those who'd like to take a shot at blackfin tuna, giant jack crevalle,

wahoo, king mackerel and other offshore challenges.

At Rio Parismina Lodge, anglers can expect eight hours of exciting fishing each day. Taking advantage of the weather and conditions, anglers can put in a full day catching (or jumping off) big, powerful tarpon. Or try for world-record class snook in the river mouth. Whether you prefer to fish the backwater rivers and lagoons, fish the ocean or participate in non-angling activities, the choice is always yours.



When the fishing day draws to a close, Rio Parismina Lodge's comfort and ambience come to the fore. Parismina lodge offers a pool and Jacuzzi for when the muscles need a bit of pampering and siestas after lunch to avoid the mid-day sun. Another welcome feature is the always open, self-service bar - stocked with water, sodas, lemonade, beer and cocktails (at no extra cost to guests).

Rio Parismina has a great variety of exciting fishing options. Want something completely different? You can grab your light tackle and head inland to the sheltered backcountry rivers, targeting guapote. This spunky cichlid, a cousin of the peacock bass, uses stealth and ambush to launch vicious, high speed attacks on unsuspecting baits in the region's structure laden rivers.

The backcountry waters around Rio Parismina also hold snook, mangrove snapper, young tarpon, jacks and several other species of gamefish, offering an excellent change of pace for the angler. A light conventional rig or a flyrod can provide endless hours of fishing variety here, while the saltwater fishery provides muscle flexing, heartstopping, big game action.

Costa Rica's Caribbean coast enjoys two excellent fishing seasons each year. Late January is the start of the spring / summer season when the fishing and weather is at it's best. This season spans from January to the end of June. The lodge's fall season is late August, September, October and November.

This is a trip loaded with angling experiences that every fisherman should enjoy. Rio Parismina Lodge offers great fishing, great food, great accommodations and a beautiful, pristine location all rolled into one. It exceeds the highest expectations. Several packages are available, constructed to take advantage of regularly chartered flights between San Jose and Parismina - every Tuesday and Saturday

morning. This breaks the week into three, four and seven day intervals, giving anglers the opportunity to select the itinerary and pricing that best allows them to fit a world-class tarpon fishing trip into their own schedule and budget.

**BOOKING A TRIP TO RIO  
PARISMINA LODGE.**

*Guided Tarpon trips in  
Costa Rica are now  
available.*

*Prices range from \$1850  
to \$2950 for double  
occupancy*



# TACKLE-BOX - ACCESSORY PACKAGES

## OUTDOOR GEAR - A NEW ADDITION TO OUR GROWING ON-LINE TACKLE SHOP

Since the introduction of Tackle-Box.net, our on-line tackle shop, we've been listening carefully to the comments we receive from our clients. Through their feedback, we've been able to implement changes that have made Tackle-Box more user friendly, flexible, and hassle-free. Through our years of research and hands-on experience with the products that we offer, we have been able to present our clients with optimal tackle and lure packages for their specific angling destinations. And, as we discover new gear, ideas and gizmos that are helpful to our anglers, we incorporate them into our packages. The end result is that our tackle outfits have become more sophisticated each year.

After booking a trip with Acute Angling, our customers receive a package of preparatory materials, including a Pre-Trip Checklist. This information sheet helps you prepare for your trip with a list of items that we recommend you bring. Included are the various lures, rods and reels that Tackle-Box has been supplying to fishermen for years. The checklist also advises anglers about clothing, personal items and specialty products that anglers need in order to make their trip as successful and enjoyable as possible. In the past, you've had to search for most of these items from a variety of sources, often with unsatisfactory results. In many cases anglers have encountered high prices, poor availability or simply not found the most portable or appropriate



Accessory packages offer just about anything you'll need on your trip

products for their fishing destinations. "Cherry picking" items from many different vendors is a time consuming and expensive effort. Thus, as a service to our growing clientele, we've spent a good part of our last off-season researching the accessory products that we felt would provide the perfect mix for your travel.

Our new packages follow the same philosophy that we've used for our tackle outfits - good prices, convenient service and quality products equal great value. We offer accessory products in silver, gold and platinum packages, reflecting the varying needs of our clientele. Each package of dependable, field tested products contains a well-thought out mix of fishing attire, tools, and personal gear from the most highly regarded manufacturers. Eastaboga, Helly Hansen, Stearns, Leatherman, Plano, and Berkley (to name a few) provide great products, and we've priced them to provide great value.

As we approach the height of our South American fishing season, we've stocked our shelves with lures, tackle and a wide-range of fishing products. Our accessory items, from bug spray to precision tools, will be perfect for your international fishing trip or your weekend visit to the local fishing hole. Come and visit our tackle shop at [www.Tackle-Box.net](http://www.Tackle-Box.net) and browse through our accessory product line. We're sure that you'll find a great deal on that crucial item that you've been searching for...you'll be glad you did. ....Garry Reiss

## Acute Angling Shirts - New Colors, New Sizes

When we first introduced our embroidered peacock bass shirts, we figured, what the heck, these guys are fishermen, not fashion plates. Three colors, three sizes - ought to be plenty. Well, it turns out that some of you are bigger, some of you are ladies and all of you are more style conscious than we ever thought.

The original shirt was hand-embroidered by 'Mom' Reiss so that her fishing guide son would have something professional-looking to wear at a Sportsmen's Show. The next thing we knew, everyone wanted



one! Mom's fingers just weren't up to the job, so we computerized the design and had them made professionally. Now we've added more colors and more sizes to fill your requests.

There are still only 2 ways to get one. You either catch the biggest fish on one of our featured trips .... or .... simply order one. The attractive, collared, "golf" style shirt is still only \$35.00 in White, Green, Black, and now, Burgundy and Beige.... Available Sizes ; Small, Medium, Large, Extra-Large and Extra-Extra-Large. Call Garry Reiss at 908 431-1668 to order yours.

# '2003 / '2004 Featured Trip Schedule

## Fall 2003 - PEACOCK BASS TRIPS - BRAZIL

Depart	Return	Days of Fishing	Location	Price	Availability	Description
<b>Fall 2003 - Amazon Angel Yacht Trip - Comfort and Mobility - Matupiri River</b>						
Sept. 24th, 2003	Oct. 2	6 days of fishing	Brazil	\$2150	- 7 openings -	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 up to 22 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.
Oct. 1st, 2003	Oct. 9	6 days of fishing	Brazil	\$2150	- 3 openings -	
Oct. 8th, 2003	Oct. 16	6 days of fishing	Brazil	\$2150	- 4 openings -	
Oct. 15th, 2003	Oct. 23	6 days of fishing	Brazil	\$2150	- 8 openings -	

## Fall 2003 - PEACOCK BASS TRIPS - BRAZIL

Depart	Return	Days of Fishing	Location	Price	Availability	Description
<b>Fall 2003 - Fly-in Safari Camp - Live amid the Amazon's mystery</b>						
Dec. 3rd, 2003	Dec. 11	6 days of fishing	Brazil	\$2195	- 7 openings -	Live in comfortable floating bungalows. Dark water in this consistently productive fishery favors surface action and explosive topwater strikes. Excellent daily catch averages (12 - 20/day) and a high proportion of trophies up to 25 lbs.
Dec. 10th, 2003	Dec. 18	6 days of fishing	Brazil	\$2195	- open -	

## Winter 2004 - PEACOCK BASS TRIPS - BRAZIL

<b>Winter 2004 - Macaroca Lodge - A protected Fishery in Northern Brazil</b>						
Jan. 14th, 2004	Jan. 22	6 days of fishing	Lower	\$2995	- 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).
Jan. 21st, 2004	Jan. 29	6 days of fishing	Upper	\$2995	- open -	
<b>Winter 2004 - Giant Peacock Bass - Fly-in Luxury Yacht Safari</b>						
Jan. 28th, 2004	Feb. 5th	6+ days of fishing	Brazil	\$3650	- open -	The Rio Urubaxi / Paduari region is a giant fish system with enormous average sizes. 20 pounders are common here! This top-water oriented system has already yielded a 26 and 1/2 pound monster! Recommended for experienced anglers seeking a trip with a serious shot at a world's record.
Feb. 4th, 2004	Feb. 12th	6+ days of fishing	Brazil	\$3650	- open -	
<b>Winter 2004 - Fly-in, Tapera - Amazonia's most beautiful Peacock River</b>						
Feb. 11th, 2004	Feb. 19th	6+ days of fishing	Brazil	\$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 22 pounds.

## Winter 2003 - EXPLORATORY TRIPS - NEW!

Depart	Return	Days of Fishing	Location	Price	Availability	Description
<b>Explore new rivers - Fish for payara, peacocks, trairaõ, giant catfish &amp; more</b>						
Jan. 15th, 2003	Jan. 23rd	5 days of fishing	Urariquera	\$2500	- 1 opening -	We've discovered two exciting new rivers in the Amazon. The Jatapo holds a remarkable variety of gamefish, including peacocks, payara, trairaõ, giant catfish and more. The Urariquera holds big payara, big pacu, and giant catfish. Both trips will be limited to small groups of hardy travelers. We'll camp on the banks, explore, catch our meals and share a unique experience.
Jan 30th, 2003	Feb. 6th	5 days of fishing	Urariquera	\$2500	- FULL -	

## Winter 2003 - FRESHWATER DORADO TRIP

Depart	Return	Days of Fishing	Location	Price	Availability	Description
<b>Winter 2003 - Golden Freshwater Dorado in the Iberá Marsh — Argentina</b>						
Mar. 7th, 2003	Mar. 14th	5½ days of fishing	Argentina	\$3250	- 6 openings -	The crystal clear Iberá Marsh is a spectacular wildlife reserve brimming with capybara, caiman and untold numbers of birds. The Marsh yields plenty of hard-fighting dorado into the 20-pound and even 30 pound class. Good numbers are caught daily and every angler on the trip raves about the experience!

## Winter 2003 - PAYARA TRIPS

Depart	Return	Days of Fishing	Location	Price	Availability	Description
<b>Winter 2003 - World Record Class Payara at Uraima Falls, Venezuela</b>						
Mar. 15th, 2003	Mar. 22nd	5½ days of fishing	Venezuela	\$3250	- FULL -	During the dry season, saber-toothed payara pursue huge schools of bait fish up the Paragua river to the spectacular, rocky Uraima Falls. Excellent daily catch averages (typically 8 - 30/day - averaging over 12 lbs.) and more giant trophy payara (up to 40 pounds) than anywhere else in the world!
Mar. 21st, 2003	Mar. 28th	5½ days of fishing	Venezuela	\$3250	- 6 openings -	

**NOTE - We can offer the above trips at other, non-featured dates, however pricing may vary and we may not be hosting those dates. Acute Angling can also book you on other exotic fishing trips to other locations... Call us and let us know what you'd like to catch!**

**Join us on the fishing trip of a lifetime!**

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