

# ROD & GUN



## PEACOCK BASS FISHING BRAZILIAN AMAZON



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## BRAZIL PEACOCK BASS FLY FISHING OVERVIEW

*"What a great trip. Our group of eight caught lots of fish, including 175 peacock bass of 12 pounds or more and 22 lunkers of 20 pounds or more. I personally caught 17, 20 and 15 pounders on three consecutive casts!"*

Charles Hrdlicka,  
San Antonio, TX

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You've heard the stories about the beautiful and powerful peacock bass and their heartstopping, luresmashing topwater strikes. One of our real specialties at Rod & Gun Resources is carefully organizing and escorting peacock bass fishing trips to the rainforest in Brazil. We have sent thousands of serious fishermen to Brazil over the last decade and we know the virgin rivers and lagoons where large populations of giant peacock bass live unmolested.

On our trips, many of the peacock bass you cast to have never seen a lure or fly. Rod & Gun Resources' fishermen commonly catch 15 to 30 peacock bass each day, from 3 to 6-pound "butterflies" to the 12 to 25-pound "barred" or "paca" super-lunkers and there is always the chance for a real monster. The current IGFA all-tackle world peacock bass record came from this region in 1994.

### The two keys to this extraordinary peacock bass fishing are:

1. Our outfitter whisks fishermen via state-of-the-art aircraft and comfortable "fast boat" directly from the Manaus, Brazil airport to pristine fishing locations far (often hundreds of miles) from the overfished melee of competing lodges and houseboats—and lands near the camp or yacht accommodations, and
2. The "Cabin Barge" concept is a breakthrough in placing comfortable, air-conditioned accommodations in previously inaccessible locations. Each set of barges draws only about four inches of water, enabling us to travel virtually anywhere and avoid natural barriers. The combination of the fly-in and the mobility eliminates competition from other sportsmen or native fishermen. It is your best chance for the best in peacock bass fishing success.



**COST:** \$4995 per week—Exclusive Rivers. Custom itineraries are available upon request. Air travel from Miami to Manaus is usually around \$1000. Ground transfers are included. The program offers 6 to 6 1/2 days fishing, depending on weather.

**PRIME TIME:** July through December

**HOW TO GET THERE:** The specific schedule changes from season to season, but is generally something like this: Anglers will travel from Miami to Manaus, Brazil on Friday. After clearing customs, you will be met by our representative and transferred to your hotel for an overnight. The next morning, you will be transferred to the nearby domestic airport for your charter flight to the camp. You return to Manaus the following Saturday via the private charter, then you are transferred to the international airport for flight service home that afternoon or evening.





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## THE FISHING

*"Imagine a bomb going off on your topwater plug! That's just what happened on my fifth cast to a submerged tree in the quiet lagoon — the giant tucunare showering spray in all directions. My tight drag moaned as the 50-pound line was ripped off the spool. The monster took to the sky three different times before it reached the snag and then miraculously changed directions and I was able to land him. I wasn't surprised to see that my seven-inch Magnum Woodchopper was mangled and two of the treble hooks almost straightened. 'Seventeen and three quarters,' my guide called out, as I stood trembling and weak-kneed from the adrenaline rush."*

Larry Larsen, Peacock Bass and Other Exotics

Our fishermen consistently catch more fish than clients with other outfitters because:



- We fish exclusive private waters – 12 private river fishing sanctuaries.
- Travel times to fish each day average 20–30 minutes for our clients. Other operators routinely travel one to two hours or more from fixed lodges or big houseboats.
- Our small groups of eight enjoy personal service and access to waters that are not overfished. Other operators take as many as 36 guests per week.
- We do not overfish — our mobility allows us to move to fresh water every few days or even every day if necessary.
- Our fishing boats are custom-constructed for this specific environment. Twenty-one feet long and very stable, these boats are shallow-draft tunnel designs, which can traverse almost any level of water, including virtually landlocked lagoons.
- Our guides are extremely knowledgeable and are literally partners in the business with us. Anglers fish two per boat, with guides well-versed in the nuances of baitcasting, spincasting and fly fishing. They speak enough "fishing English" to communicate effectively and know how to find concentrations of peacocks.

Moving to fresh fishing waters — the secret to good peacock bass fishing.



Our peacock bass outfitter is Luis Brown of River Plate Anglers, the true pioneer of Amazon fishing. Brown was born and raised in the jungles of South America and was educated in the United States — receiving a MBA from the Wharton School of Finance. He knows the standards American anglers have come to expect and he has the experience, local connections and back-country savvy to provide an unparalleled fishing adventure.

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What you won't find here are many pesky bugs. The pristine rivers we fish have naturally high tannin levels due to extensive rainforest leaf decay which discourages the growth of biting insects and their larvae.

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# BRAZIL PEACOCK BASS FLY FISHING LODGING

Guests with River Plate Anglers are accommodated in highly mobile air-conditioned camps with comfortable cabins built on individual barges.

Typically set upon clean white beaches or clean grassy shores, each 12-foot by 15-foot Cabin Barge accommodate two fishermen in surprising comfort. The interiors are tastefully decorated and every detail from individual air-conditioners, linen sheets, writing tables, built-in shelving for clothes and gear and reading lights has been carefully considered. Each unit has its own bathroom facility with full water

pressure for shower, sink and toilet. Dining, cocktails and lounging take place in a large central structure with patio area.

Guests enjoy personal attention (we limit group size to eight), along with a variety of delicious meals, safe drinking water, a well-stocked bar, daily laundry service and a cheerful and helpful staff.



Floating cabin — comfort on the Brazilian Amazon.

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## BRAZIL PEACOCK BASS FLY FISHING OTHER ACTIVITIES

Each Barge Camp has a bilingual host/manager who oversees all activities, and is a qualified ecotourism guide.



Amazon beauties in traditional native costumes.

A non-fisherman might not find quite enough to occupy his or her days for an entire week on this trip, but for an angler who would enjoy a break from the peacock bass fishing, there are some interesting sights. This is, after all, nature's premier botanical garden, where you can find 200-foot tall hardwood trees and tiny orchids, flocks of fluorescent butterflies and 15-foot caiman alligators, slow moving sloths and swift pink and gray porpoises, monkeys, manatees, ibis, macaws, parrots, parakeets, ducks and countless other marvelous creatures. Guided jungle hikes with an emphasis towards rare and unusual plants — particularly medicinal plants are quite enjoyable, as are guided visits to Indian villages.



Amazon wildlife abounds.

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