

# MARIE

RIO DE GIGANTES



**RIO MARIE' 2017 SEASON – TRAVEL PLANNER**

AMAZONIA BRAZIL, SOUTH AMERICA

### LOCATION AND FISHING

The Rio Marié is the first river in the Amazon Basin in which the Brazilian Government has collaborated with the local Native Communities to develop an ambitious project designed to protect the 800 km wildlife preserve while promoting catch-and-release fly fishing, and providing exclusive access rights.



Through the cooperation of the Native Communities, the Brazilian Government, and Untamed

Angling (the same South American outfitters who introduced the world to La Zona in Argentina and Tsimane in Bolivia), Rio Marié is now the very first - and only - truly and legally exclusive fly fishing area of the entire Amazon Negro Basin. This protected area encompasses more than 400 miles of virgin waters, boasting a healthy population of giant peacock bass. The Brazilian Institute of Environment and Renewable Natural Resources (IBAMA) has conducted numerous biological studies in the region. This research has demonstrated impressive results: Rio Marié holds at least twice the quantity of trophy-sized peacock bass compared with any other sport fishing destination in the Rio Negro basin. For anglers, this translates into very real opportunities to consistently hook and release the largest peacock bass on Earth, in fly fishing only water, with no pressure from conventional anglers as is found elsewhere.



The Rio Marié is entirely located inside a far-reaching Indian Territory, an area of more than 2 million hectares. This untouched environment has more than 800 kilometers of rivers, 180 known creeks, 60 lakes, and three major tributaries inside the new operation area. It is the first exclusive fly-fishing only project allowed and supported by Brazilian Government. Official Environmental and Indian Institutes worked together with the Indian Association to create the very first official sport fishing operation in Brazil inside an indigenous Indian Territory. This brings a new level of commitment inside the current peacock bass fishing world within the Amazon region.

The Rio Marié begins its journey to the South Atlantic on the northwest side of the Brazilian Amazon, near the Colombian border. It's a tributary of the upper Negro River. The Negro River Basin is the largest basin of "black" water in the world, with approximately 710,000 km<sup>2</sup>, one of the most pristine regions in the Amazon, with less than 0.5 % of deforestation. The Rio Negro is the second largest tributary of the Amazon River, whose headwaters originate in the Serra do Junai Hills of Colombia and flows approximately 1,700 kilometers to its confluence with the Solimoes River near Manaus.

The waters of the Rio Marié and its tributaries are scientifically proven - after several biological studies by the Brazilian Institute of Environment and Renewable Natural Resources (IBAMA) and Untamed

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Angling - to be the home of the largest peacock bass in the entire Amazon basin. This is a fishery where fly anglers really can pursue and conquer the dream of reaching a world record on the fly.

The results of these studies and our experience in the first two seasons were remarkable: the average size of speckled peacock bass here is over 10 pounds and the amount of fish recorded at over 15 pounds is shocking. If that's not good enough, there are more fish measuring over 20 pounds than anywhere else in the entire Amazon Basin, or the world. Studies have shown that the Rio Marié literally has double the population of big fish when compared to other, previously studied rivers such as Itapara, Agua Boa, Marmelos, and others.

Keep in mind that targeting these true trophy peacock bass is not a numbers game, and not everyone will land a fish-of-a-lifetime. That said, in our 2015 season, on average over half of the anglers at Marié did manage to land fish over 20 pounds, and more 20+ pound fish were landed on that river in an average week than most other destinations in the Amazon did in their entire season. The fish are there, and every single cast made on this river brings about the potential for a world record fish.



In addition to the giant speckled peacock bass, the river also has healthy populations of smaller butterfly peacocks, which average 2-6 pounds. These beautiful, brightly-colored, aggressive strain of peacock bass hit hard and often take to the air when hooked, and help keep anglers enthralled and engaged while searching for their even larger cousins.

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The bird and wildlife can be spectacular in the deep jungle environment. From both your accommodations and your fishing boat, particularly in the mornings and evenings, you may see parrots, macaws, parakeets, toucans, cotingas, flickers, manakins, woodpeckers, and hummingbirds, as well as beautiful butterflies. Tapir, nutria, peccary, even squirrel and howler monkeys can at times be seen at the water's edge. Keep your eyes peeled for dolphins and giant river otters that swim and hunt the waters of the Rio Marié. The jungle here is incredibly dense and the wildlife still very wary of humans as they've had little to no interaction with mankind, so you can expect to hear



more wildlife than you'll see; but it is there and always watching.

### **FISHING SEASON**

In this area of the Amazon, the fishing season normally runs from August to late December. This is the dry season for the upper Negro basin, the time when waters are typically at their lowest and most stable levels which allows for fishing throughout the entire river system, including its numerous tributaries and lagoons. The Negro Basin fisheries have variant conditions according to each year's hydrological cycles, but since Rio Marié is a headwaters system, combined with its geographical location and the immensity of its drainage, it is much more stable than other regional destinations.

The weather can be hot. Mid-day temperatures in the Amazon range from 85° - 95°F, or higher, with 80-90% humidity. Due to the intense sun (you are literally on the equator) and sweat-inspiring humidity during the day, you'll want to be mindful of dehydration and overexposure to the sun. At night the temperature drops to a comfortable 65° - 75°F. Although you will be fishing in the dry season, there are occasional rain showers (you are deep inside a rain forest), so you want to have light rain jackets and rain pants with you at all times. The jungle is surprisingly friendly due the high tannin concentration of its waters, and there are no mosquitoes here. There are, however, some no-see-ums and gnats, along with horseflies and bees. In low water conditions these pesky insects are usually pre-occupied and leave anglers alone entirely; but when the waters come up they search for salt, and find it on sweaty fishermen! We strongly recommend wearing long sleeve shirts and pants during your fishing week. Buff face masks are almost mandatory for sun and bugs. Covering up from head to toe in light-colored, lightweight clothing will protect you from the sun and the bees. We also strongly recommend bringing a head net. Most of the time you won't need it, but it is good to have in your boat bag if the bugs do come out to play. They are not biting insects so bug bites are very uncommon, but they can be annoying while flying about searching for salt.



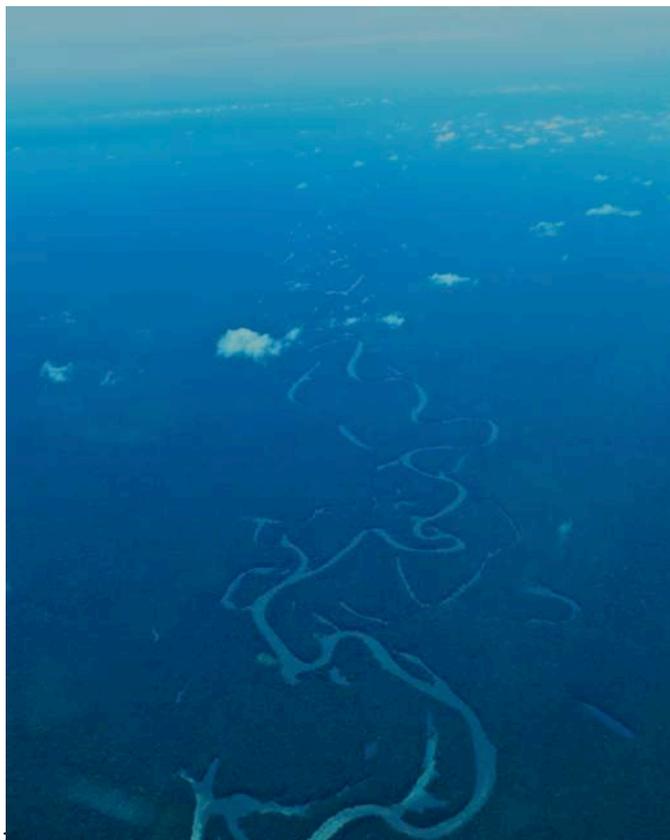


### **CHARTER FLIGHT to the RIO MARIE'**

Untamed Angling will be chartering Cessna Caravans fitted with amphibious floats to directly transport guests from Manaus to the Untamed Amazon mothership, more than 500 miles from Manaus. The total flight time is a little over 3 hours each way, and the plane will usually stop in Sao Gabriel to refuel on the return trip. Each aircraft will accommodate six anglers with plenty of room for their fishing gear. The turboprop aircraft are comfortable and deliver anglers directly to the heart of the fishery and the waiting mothership, avoiding the wheel-plane and boat transfer combination.

The first two seasons (2014 and 2015) were conducted under strict guidelines imposed by IBAMA (Brazilian Institute of Environment and Renewable Natural Resources) and they have now endorsed (allowed) an expanded fishing zone for the 2016 season which includes the entire river and all of the Marié tributaries. This actively-mobile fishing model, with the mothership positioned in the most productive areas of the reserve, will allow us to fish and explore the entire Rio Marié Reserve - more than 680 kilometers (425 miles) of the main river, its two major tributaries, and the dozens of lagoons and back bays. It also allows us to manage the fishery by rotating between 5 river sectors - Upper Turi, Lower Turi, Upper Marié, headwaters of Marié, and Lower Marié, all within the protected 650 kilometers of the Rio Marié Preserve.

The use of the float planes with direct access to the most productive fishing areas and the mobility of the shallow-draft *Untamed Amazon* will put anglers on some fantastic water that has only been explored in the past and never included in the itinerary. Quick and easy access to the fishing grounds and



utilization of the entire fishery is the name of the game for 2017.

### Typical Rio Marié Itinerary

The week at Rio Marié is from Thursday to Thursday. Most US guests will reserve flights to Manaus out of either Miami (American Airlines) or Panama City (Copa Airlines). Upon arrival in Manaus, you will pass through immigrations and customs. **Do not lose your entrance card to Brazil!!!** This is a small white piece of paper. You will need it for your return.

**NOTE:** We strongly recommend that you consider flying to Manaus a day earlier than your scheduled arrival date, to mitigate any airline delays, missed flights or lost luggage issues. If you miss the scheduled charter flight from Manaus to the Mother Ship, there are no alternative transportation options other than chartering your own private air taxi and a long 8 hour boat ride – costs in excess of \$6,000! This is also another strong argument towards protecting your investment in the trip with

**Wednesday, The day before scheduled arrival at the *Untamed Amazon* mothership:** Arrive at Manaus International Airport. Guests will be greeted by our English speaking representative/transfer driver. They will arrange for transfers to the Blue Tree or Cesar Business Hotel. You and another angler will be put up in a Double Occupancy room at the Tropical for the night (included in the trip package). The transfer staff will let you know when they will pick you up at the hotel the next morning, to take you to the charter airport. They will also collect the **Native Community Fee** (\$670) from you at this time.

It is best to arrive in Manaus a day earlier (on Tuesday) rather than late on Wednesday night – this helps buffer you against possible airline delays or lost luggage into Manaus, and will give you a day to enjoy what Manaus has to offer. This is important as there is only one charter flight a week to the Rio Marié, departing very early Thursday morning. Booking your arrival to Manaus too close to this charter flight time could prove highly problematic – if you arrive too late for it, getting your own private charter flight would be enormously expensive, if not impossible. Quite a few people opt to come in a day early – on Tuesday – as this virtually eliminates this potential problem. It costs an additional hotel night, but for many it is worth it, for the peace of mind.

**Thursday - Arrival at the *Untamed Amazon*:** After breakfast at the hotel, the transfer driver will pick the group up around 7:00 am, and head to a local airport to board one of two amphibious float-equipped Cessna Grand Caravan charter flights to the river. The charter flight duration is approximately 4 hours (and be forewarned, it is a small plane with no on-board bathroom). The *Untamed Amazon* will be anchored and waiting for you. Upon arrival, you will be shown to your stateroom, and then greeted upstairs in the comfortable lounge where you will meet the guides and fishing team. After a cold drink and lunch, anglers will have a brief explanation of the daily fishing plans and schedule about the yacht. The *Untamed Amazon* can navigate that day to place the group in the fishing spots determined by our head guide. You'll have a chance to get situated in your suite, and prepare tackle for the next day of fishing.

**Friday to Wednesday:** Each day teams of two anglers fish one of the beats in the Marié River (including tributaries and lagoons), with one professional English-speaking fly fishing guide and a local Indian guide, in brand new, specially designed fishing boats. These wide-bodied, 20-foot boats have two casting platforms (one at either end of the boat so both anglers can fish at the same time), a center console, and are powered by 90hp, 4-stroke motors, as well as remote-control electric motors.

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### Typical Day:

6:00 am - Coffee is hot

7:00 am – Breakfast

8:00 am - Head to fishing grounds

12:00 pm to 1:00 pm - Anglers will have a picnic style lunch on the river.

1:00 pm - After lunch, fishing will resume until late afternoon when the guides will deliver anglers back to the yacht around 6pm. Every day the yacht will be moved, and anchored in a different place

6:30 pm - Cocktails and appetizers on the covered patio top deck.

8:00 pm - Dinners will be served inside the *Untamed Amazon's* air-conditioned dining room area

**Departure from Rio Marié - Thursday:** In the morning, the group will have a leisurely breakfast and a couple of hours to relax and finish packing while waiting for the arrival of the float planes which will drop off the incoming group and transfer you back to Manaus. The plane will usually stop in Tefe (about an hour's flight) to refuel before continuing on to Manaus, arriving back in Manaus in the late afternoon.

Most anglers will be departing on the late night flight, **technically the next morning, departing Manaus for Miami at 12:40 am on Friday morning, or to Panama City at 3:40 am also on Friday morning.** *\*Please remember, when purchasing your flights, that the flight date will be at 12:40 am the day after your departure date\**. Your staff driver will deliver you to the International Airport after a nice Brazilian BBQ dinner (we highly recommend the Bufalo Restaurant) or to the Hotel for a quick shower if you choose to rent a day room. If you do not feel like taking the red eye out of Manaus that night, another night's stay at the Hotel Ceasar (or another hotel) can be arranged; this would not be included in the package, and we will need to know as far in advance as possible if you will need this extra hotel night. Should this be the case, the transfer driver will pick you up the following day, according to your flight departure time, and deliver you to the International Airport.

### EXTRA NIGHT OR DAY USE ROOMS

If you would like an extra night accommodations in Manaus at the Hotel Ceasar Business on arrival or departure or would like a day room on your departure day, please let us know. All extra nights and day use bookings will be paid direct to the hotel.

Hotel Ceasar Business – Manaus, Brazil (subject to change without notice)

#### Extra Night

Accommodations	Single	Dbl (twin/king)	
Luxury Apt	\$149	\$149	Check in: 14:00hs
Junior Suite	\$159	\$159	Check Out: 12:00hs (noon)
Noble Suite	\$191	\$191	

#### Day Room Use

	Single	Dbl (twin/king)	Check in Day Use: 12:00hs (noon)
Luxury Apt.	\$118	\$118	Check Out Day Use: 20:00hs
Junior Suite	\$126	\$126	
Noble Suite	\$151	\$151	

### 2016 Manaus Extra Costs: *all optional*

Restaurant Shuttle: Round Trip from Tropical Hotel to Dinner - \$20 p.p. minimum of 6 persons – 5 persons or less \$120 to share between anglers (does not include dinner)

Full Day City Tour: 8 hour tour - \$120 per person

Half Day City Tour: 4 hour tour - \$60 per person

## TRAVEL DOCUMENTS AND BRAZILIAN VISA INFORMATION

Brazil requires U.S. citizens to carry a valid U.S. passport and visa when traveling to Brazil for any purpose. You must obtain your Brazilian visa in advance from the Brazilian Embassy or Consulate nearest to your place of residence in the United States. There are no "airport visas" and immigration authorities will refuse entry into Brazil to anyone not possessing a valid visa. The U.S. government cannot assist you if you arrive in Brazil without proper documentation. It takes up to a month to process a new passport, so please plan accordingly. To obtain a visa, your valid passport must be sent to the nearest Brazilian Consulate General (your passport cannot expire within six months of entrance into Brazil and must have at least 2 blank pages, both sides). Do not forget to get this Visa or check to make sure that your current visa is valid. There are countless nightmares about Americans arriving in Brazil without one. Since 2010 all visas to Brazil are valid for 10 years multiple entry. The applicant can use the visa for 180 days in total per year. Also make certain your passport does not expire within 6 months of your trip.

**NOTE:** If you have a valid Brazilian Visa (check the dates on the visa) in an expired passport, you can use both passports (renewed and the expired one with valid visa to enter Brazil).

### **Step by Step Instructions for securing your Brazilian Visa:**

The Brazilian Consulate uses an appointment-based system to process ALL visa applications. Travel Document Systems on your behalf must reserve an appointment using an online system to be able to submit your visa application for processing. Available appointment "slots" can range from 1-6 weeks to secure...once they have an appointment slot secured on your behalf they will submit your application on that date. Once submitted the average processing time for the consulate to issue and return your completed visa is 1-2 weeks.

Overall the entire processing time frame can fluctuate due to the volume of applications and available appointment slots; the average processing time for a Brazilian visa is 3-4 weeks, though this can be extended by the consulate without notice. Please contact George or Stephen to find out up to date appointment date and the overall processing time frame at 888-874-5100.

**Passport:** Please send TDS your current valid and signed passport. It must not expire within 6 months of your departure date of your trip and must have at least one blank visa page. Foreign Embassies cannot issue a visa on a page not labeled as a Visa page. Amendment and Endorsement pages in the back of the passport cannot be used for issuance of a visa. A visa cannot be stamped on a page even if only one Small Stamp is on the visa page. If you do not have any blank visa pages in your passport, TDS can assist you in applying for additional pages. If your passport expires within 6 months, you must renew your passport and then secure your visa with the new passport.

**Photo:** Please send 1 recent professional passport-type photograph. Must be color photo with plain white background. Digital and non-passport photographs are not acceptable.

**Proof of Departure:** Please send a photocopy of a round-trip ticket/Itinerary in one's name; or a signed letter on travel agency stationary, with confirmed round trip bookings.

**Proof of Residence:** Proof of residential address in the United States; clear copy of applicant driver's license or state issued photo ID. Address on the Drivers License must match address on the visa application form. A clear enlarged photocopy or scanned copy of your Drivers License or ID is recommended.

**Appointment Required:** Applicants must call a Travel Document Systems representative to schedule an appointment, at 888.874.5100, to secure a Brazilian visa. Appointments can typically take up to one month in advance to secure. Once an appointment is scheduled with the Brazilian Consulate and your application has been submitted on that appointment date, normal processing of 5 -7 business days will begin. Total processing time for a Brazilian visa can be up to 4 - 6 weeks.

### **Complete the Brazilian Online Visa Application Form:**

<https://scedv.serpro.gov.br/frscedv/index.jsp>

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Every question must be answered. Your name on the application MUST match your name on your passport exactly. Print a copy of the completed confirmation page and include it with the materials sent to Travel Document Systems for processing. **Your signature must be within the Rectangle on the application, not below the Rectangle.**

1. In the lower grey box, click the British flag to change the language from Portuguese to English.
2. Then select "Visa Request" to begin the application process.
3. Complete Sections 1-2-3 and 4 of the application form.
4. When asked Do you wish to upload Photo, Signature, Documents which is optional at this time, Select Cancel.
5. When asked The Generated Protocol Number is 000000-000000. When asked if you wish to print out the delivery receipt, select Yes... **THIS IS YOUR CONFIRMATION PAGE.**
6. Print the confirmation page which is one page with very little information on it and several barcodes. Applicant MUST sign inside the rectangular box toward the bottom of the page.

The Brazilian Consulates will only accept this web-based application form. No other forms will be accepted.

The Brazilian visa application MUST be submitted within one month of completion or it will expire. Please send to Travel Document Systems within 30 days of completing the application online.

### **Important Information for your Visa Application:**

**For the address that is required as your destination in Brazil on the visa form, please fill in the following:**

**Name of Hotel:** Untamed Angling do Brasil - Junglers Marie

**Address:** Lyra, 62

**City:** Santana de Parnaiba

**State:** SP

**Province:** Brasil

**Zip Code:** 06543-660

**Phone number:** + 55 11 98181.8703

**Email:** rodrigo@untamedangling.com (Rodrigo Salles)

**The hotel location is in Rio Marie - City:** Sao Gabriel da Cachoeira – **State:** Amazonas.

### **MANAUS**

Manaus is a modern, rapidly growing city (1.4 million habitants). It is one of the busiest ports in the Amazon where cargo ships distribute their goods throughout the Amazon basin. There are many interesting places to visit: The Amazonas Theater, The Palace "Rio Negro", the Floating Port, the Municipal Market Adolpho Lisboa, the Forest of Science, the Museum of Natural Science, as well as the Aboriginal Fair, where you can buy items made by the Indians. We strongly recommend you consider visiting the Fish Market, no one that visits regrets it and most say it is the highlight of cultural experiences in Manaus.

### **CATCH AND RELEASE**

All fish caught should be released without exception and please avoid unnecessary handling of the fish. Barbless hooks are mandatory. Handling these fish requires precaution, not only to avoid hurting them but also to prevent injuries to you.

### **INSECTS**

This jungle is surprisingly friendly due the high tannic acid concentration in its waters. Some no-see-ums and some mosquitoes may be present, but very few in our experience. As for the rest, we remind you that this is a virgin rainforest where all kinds of spiders and strange insects live. We recommend guests not go

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deep into the jungle, pass through dense vegetation or turn logs over, etc. We strongly recommend wearing long sleeve shirts and pants and Buff face masks during your fishing week.

**Bee Allergies:** Please be aware that the Brazilian jungle has many species of bees that at certain times may be in high concentrations. For the most part they are not aggressive and only interested in the salt on humans, but anglers with severe allergies to bees will want to be prepared for this situation.

**Some Recommendations:** Commercial insect repellants, such as DEET, are NOT typically useful with bees. Strong smelling herbs, such as peppermint and garlic are claimed to keep bees away. We probably suggest the peppermint. We will test it more next season. Also, consider wearing light-colored clothing. Dark colored clothing always seems to attract more bees. Also avoid wearing fruity-smelling shampoos, perfumes or even coconut smelling sun screen. Scent-free sun block is the way to go.

### **CREDIT CARDS / MONEY EXCHANGE**

We strongly suggest you contact your Credit Card company and request a new CHIPPED card for your travel in Brazil and elsewhere around the world. More and more foreign countries are switching to chipped cards, which are far more secure and more difficult to steal info from. The old magnetic stripped cards are frequently declined or do not work, leaving travelers in a very tight spot. **Regardless of the type of credit card you have, be certain to call your credit card company (800 number on the back of the card) to notify them that you will be traveling outside the country.**

Once in Brazil, there are a couple of options to get Brazilian “Reals”: 1) there is an ATM machine in the Hotel Ceasar Business (behind the bar in the main lobby), or 2) you can exchange \$USD for Reals at the Hotel Concierge.

### **GRATUITIES**

We suggest a tip of approximately 10% of the package cost, or \$700 USD, for the staff. Tips are split evenly among the guides and support staff. You do not need to leave any additional tips. Tips are left to the discretion of the angler. The lodge manager will collect the tips on your last night in camp. Please bring cash \$USD for the gratuities.

It is also a good idea to have some smaller bills (\$1, \$5, \$10) for tips in Manaus for hotel porters, and the transfer driver and host.

### **BAGGAGE**

Please do not bring unnecessary weight to the camp. We use small planes for air transfers to and from the yacht and we strictly enforce weight limitations. You will be able to leave items not needed at camp with the hotel concierge in Manaus if you are returning to the hotel at the end of the week. We recommend this for travelling clothes, etc.

**The yacht has daily laundry service**, so bringing a lot of clothing is not necessary. There is a strictly-enforced 40-pound weight restriction per person for the 8 passenger Turbo-prop Cessna Caravan flights divided as follows: one 10 lb. carry-on piece of luggage and one 30 lb. checked bag - soft duffle bags with no rigid bottom (except for rod cases). (If you have only one soft duffle bag it must be no bigger than: length: 30in; Width: 22in; Height: 11in in Soft duffels. **NO HARD BODY LUGGAGE PLEASE.**

### **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

Wine, beer and regular spirits are included in the package. If you would like to have a special drink, let us know and we will do our best to have it available.

## **WATER**

We strongly suggest not drinking water from the tap in any Brazilian Amazon City. Mineral or bottled water will be always available.

## **ELECTRICITY ON BOAT**

The *Untamed Amazon* features 24 hour electricity. The electricity is the same 110 volt as in the U.S., but with standard European two prongs.



## **HEALTH AND MEDICATION**

Please notify us if you have any medical conditions. Please be sure to bring your personal medications.

## **MANDATORY YELLOW FEVER VACCINATION CERTIFICATE:**

A Yellow Fever Vaccination Certificate is required to enter in any Indian Territory in Brazil. It's a Government Regulation to protect Indians. All anglers must bring within their travel documents their vaccine certificates, and we ask that you send us a copy of your Yellow Fever Vaccination certificate in advance of your trip. Our host will take copies to send to the National Indian Institution (FUNAI).

All of Brazilian Amazon is considered a Dengue Fever influenced area.

## **RECOMMENDED VACCINATIONS**

Yellow Fever vaccinations are mandatory and Malaria vaccines are suggested. A Yellow Fever Vaccination Certificate is required by the natives to enter their exclusive territories. Brazil does require other vaccinations if your passport has been stamped in the past 90 days, or if you will visit one of the following countries before entering Brazil: Angola, Benin, Bolivia, Cameroon, Colombia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ecuador, French Guyana, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Liberia, Nigeria, Peru, Sierra Leone, Sudan and Venezuela. Please check with the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta for up-to-date recommendations on vaccinations and medicines needed for the Brazilian Amazon.

Center for Disease Control  
1600 Clifton Rd. Atlanta, GA 30333  
Phone: 404.639.3311  
Website: [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

## **SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS**

Please let us know if you have any kind of dietary restriction or food allergies (nuts, almonds, flours, etc.) so we can prepare.

## **THE NEW "UNTAMED AMAZON"**

The Untamed Amazon is the very first vessel of its kind in Amazonia that uses 100% solar power generation for all electricity use. The system has 96 state-of-the-art German solar panel generators and 3 tons of Hitachi Solar Batteries – the most advanced Japanese battery system for solar power generation. The Untamed Amazon is an aggressive project that brings a unique concept to boat design that changes the game in live-aboard fishing vessel standards. The Untamed Amazon was designed to offer a unique and remarkable experience.

The Untamed Amazon has 3 levels. The lower floor is a restricted area for staff only, and includes the inner workings and heart of the vessel with its twin 200-horsepower propulsion engines. It also houses the laundry, staff rooms, and water filtration systems. The vessel has its own sewage treatment plant.

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The main floor of the Untamed Amazon has 8 guest suites - each 18 square meters in size - 6 of which are double suites, and two of which are set up as single suites. Six suites can accommodate two guests, in super single beds and includes a private bathroom, air conditioning and plenty of open space for clothes, equipment and storage. Two suites accommodate single guests, also with private bathrooms, air-conditioning and plenty of open space for clothes, equipment and storage. The suites all feature outside-facing, ceiling-to-floor panoramic windows.



The upper level is for guests to relax, enjoy an adult beverage and re-live their days fishing adventure. It features a spacious living and dining room, and an open lounge where drinks and appetizers are served. There are also two big Jacuzzi tubs for up to 10 guests on this floor.

This 3rd level is also home to the full commercial kitchen where a trained chef and his team create sumptuous meals, as well as serving as the command and navigation center for the vessel.

### SHIP FACTS – “Untamed Amazon”

- Year Built: 2015
- Length: 92 feet / 28 meters
- Gross Tonnage: 130 tons
- Engines: 2 MWM 200 HP Marine Engines
- Generators: 96 German solar panel generators with 4 solar regulators and inverters and 3 tons of Hitachi state-of-the-art batteries.
- Auxiliary generators: 2 x 40 KVA MWM (encapsulated for noise reduction)
- Water: 4,000-liter water treatment plant
- Vessel's Registry: Brazil
- Beam: 25.6 feet / 7.8 meters
- Cruising Speed: 6 knots
- Port of Embarkation: Manaus, Brazil
- Draft: 4 feet / 1.2 meters
- Electricity: 110 volts

**Safety on board:** Radio communication with separate battery pack; AIS Transponder System, Garmin Radar, Sonar and GPS, satellite phone, Wifi internet; life jackets, fire extinguishers, flares and signals

**Untamed Amazon Crew:** 14, including a captain and crew, 6 pro fly fishing guides, international cuisine chef, and hostess.

**Capacity:** Up to 16 passengers with private facilities

**Unique Features and Amenities:** River and jungle-facing panoramic windows; air conditioning; twin beds capable of converting to a California king-sized bed; bathroom with shower, toilet, sink, cabinet, hot water around the clock, and a basket of toiletries. Living and Social Areas: lounge; dining room; outside lounge; outdoor Jacuzzi; fly shop.



### FLY FISHING GEAR

**Rods:** 7 to 10 weight single-handed rods are the norm. It is best to have two rods rigged with different lines and/or flies in the boat. Please plan on bringing an extra backup rod. Powerful rods with a strong butt section are recommended. All of the saltwater series of the top rod brands are considered good choices. Your favorite bonefish and baby tarpon rod will do just fine. We recommend rigging one 7 or 8 weight saltwater rod for smaller peacock's with a floating line, and one 8, 9 or 10 weight with an intermediate (clear) sinking line. The most popular rods at Marié are 8 and 9 weight.

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**Reels:** As with rods, reels that have been designed for saltwater fly-fishing are the best choice. Peacocks will test your stripping fingers more than your reel, but in the event you can get them on the reel before they get into the wood, reels with strong smooth drags are recommended. Bring a trusted reel that you feel comfortable with. Weight of the reel is important also since you will be casting a lot. 30-pound backing is required.

**Lines:** Most of the fishing is done close to the surface of the water. Weight forward lines designed specifically for the tropics and saltwater are what you want. Rio Outbound Tropical Short or comparable, ultra-aggressive, warm water fly lines, hands down, work the best. Our go-to fly line for peacocks is far and away the Rio Tropical Outbound Short clear intermediate tip line, the 30ft INT/15ft Clear model. Full floating Tropical Outbound Shorts are excellent for effortlessly throwing giant wind resistant poppers. Do not bring cold water floating lines, as the hot weather makes these lines soft and gummy. You can also consider bringing a fast sinking sink tip for some specific spots and/or higher water situations. For this we recommend a 24-foot 200 to 300 grain sink-tip fly line. We strongly suggest you bring at least one back up fly line (the intermediate sink tip, in particular). In our first season we saw many fly lines either explode, or be destroyed by monster fish wrapping up anglers in the wood. Be prepared...

**Leaders:** Peacock Bass are not particularly leader shy, and the huge ones normally can explode a 40-pound shock tippet as if it were 5x tippet. Leaders should be heavy enough to turn over a big wind resistant fly. Spools of fluorocarbon should include 50 and 60-pound breaking strength. Our go-to leader was a 6-foot piece of 50 or 60-pound fluorocarbon. Record-seekers should bring a wider variety of tippet strengths.

**Flies:** Fishing is mostly done using baitfish imitations. The travel staff at The Fly Shop along with the Rio Marié Pro-guides have designed some very effective fly patterns, specifically for the Rio Marié. As well, other patterns in white, yellow, chartreuse, and red (or combinations of these colors) are very effective. Good action and heavily-dressed flies in lengths from 3 to 7 inches, in barbless 2/0 to 6/0 (high quality hooks) are required. As for patterns, the most typical flies used are synthetic material streamers such as the Peacock Cruiser. However, many baitfish imitations have proven to be very successful, among them Puglisi Streamers in medium to very big sizes, Whistlers, Umpqua's Tarpon's Snake and Deceivers, and Half and Half's. Large flies with rattles inside seem to be particularly effective. Big foam poppers, Pole Dancers, and divers are fun to fish and should be included. Flies are available for sale at the yacht for \$10 each, but be sure to show up with a good selection, as well. Fully packaged selections are available from The Fly Shop.



More of any of the patterns listed above is always good!

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You needn't overload yourself with gear, but these items are regarded as essential:

(√ off items on this list as you pack – don't forget an important piece of equipment)

- Two Pair of Polarized Sunglasses (in case you lose or break a pair).
- Waterproof Sunscreen SPF 30+ (UVA) (UVB) (waterproof and unscented)
- Buff Face Mask, (light in color)
- Fishing Hat w/Brim for Sun
- Fly Rods 8/9/10 Weights (no less than 3)
- Reels With Minimum 30 pound Dacron Backing
- Saltwater Outbound Fly Lines (extra lines for backup)
- Leaders, Fluorocarbon Tippet (50lbs)
- Flies and Fly Box
- Long Sturdy Pliers (debarbing and hook removal)
- Hook Sharpener
- Stripping Fingers or Finger Tape
- Fishing Sun Protection Gloves
- Line clippers
- Light Weight Gore-Tex® Rain Jacket and Pants
- Light Weight Synthetic Fleece Top
- 3 Long Sleeve Fishing Shirts
- 2 Pair of Fast Drying Pants
- 1 Pair of Fast Drying Shorts or swimsuit
- 3 Pair of White Cotton Socks (for wearing on the boat deck while casting)
- Waterproof Camera, Memory Cards, Batteries and Charger
- Smart Phone or Tablet with Charger
- Insect repellent with 30% + DEET and "anti-itch" cream
- Flashlight/Headlamp
- Water Bottle & Dry Gatorade Mix or EmergenC Packets
- Lip Balm with sunscreen (highest SPF you can get)
- Dry Bag, Day Pack, boat bag or Fanny Pack (100% Waterproof)
- Waterproof Bags or Zip-Loc Bags (to carry camera, other gear while in the boat)
- Passport with at least 6 months of validity
- Brazilian Tourist Visa
- 2 Copies of passport (\*\*packed separately in zip-lock bag\*\*)

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- \_\_\_ Airline tickets and itinerary
- \_\_\_ Cash (small bills for tips, gift shopping, etc.), C
- \_\_\_ Credit card (call company, inform of travel plans)
- \_\_\_ Notebook and pen
- \_\_\_ Emergency Telephone Numbers
- \_\_\_ Toiletries (Toothbrush, toothpaste, hand lotion)
- \_\_\_ Aspirin, other over-the-counter medications like antacids
- \_\_\_ GoldBond Medicated Powder
- \_\_\_ Prescription Medications (packed in your carry-on bag)
- \_\_\_ Prescription Glasses
- \_\_\_ Universal Electrical Adaptor

The yacht has a small fly shop with the essential gear for fishing The Rio Marie'. Also available for sale are Rio Marie' hats and shirts.

### RECOMMENDED READING LIST

**The Rivers Amazon**, Alex Shoumatoff, Sierra Club Books, Copyright 1986

Summary: Great starter Amazon ecology book written about the Amazon Basin and its settlement and changes.

**The Eco traveller's Wildlife Guide Brazil, Amazon and Pantanal**, David Pearson and Les Beletsky

Summary: The definitive guide for Amazon bird and wildlife. This is a must for anyone traveling to the camp.

**Tropical Nature**, Adrian Forsyth and Ken Miyata New York: Scribners, Copyright 1984.

Summary: Introduction to rain forest ecology. Excellent read!

**The River of Doubt**, Candice Millard, Doubleday, Copyright 2005

Summary: Follow America's greatest President as he explores the Amazon Basin and faces tests that challenge his formidable spirit.

### FINAL NOTE

All of us involved will be doing everything we can to ensure your enjoyment on this unique expedition. However, travel to Amazonia wilderness can present problems. Weather can cause flight delays in and out of the camps and possible missed connections, imposing additional costs or delay in your return home. This is beyond our control and realm of responsibility. Please accommodate the possibility of delays in your planning and your state of mind.

The key is to be open-minded and tolerant, knowing that some things are done in a different way deep inside jungle communities. Nothing works fine all the time anywhere. Take things in stride, relax, and make the most of every day.

We know you'll be well received at Rio Marie' and that everyone will be doing their best to provide a most memorable experience.

Need gear for your trip? Please call 800.669.3474 to speak with us or email us at [travel@theflyshop.com](mailto:travel@theflyshop.com). We have extensive experience at this destination and can answer any questions you might have relating to equipment needed.



**RATE INCLUDES**

All charter flights and boat transfers / All necessary ground transfers in Brazil/ 6 days fishing, fully guided / 7 night, all inclusive: lodging, meals, and beverage (including wine, beer and spirits) / One overnight at the Cesar Hotel in Manaus on arrival / Guide-operated, 21 foot, fully-equipped shallow draft skiff per each two anglers / Fishing licenses / Daily laundry and maid service at fishing destination.

**NOT INCLUDED**

\$670 Native Community Fee / International air fare / Brazilian visa / Tips and gratuities for camp staff and guides / Food and beverages in Manaus / Airport departure tax / Satellite phone calls (\$5/minute) / City tours in Manaus / Extra hotel overnights in Manaus / Flies & Tackle

**NATIVE COMMUNITY FEE**

This Project was based as a long term social project which supports the preservation of the Indian Culture by improving their quality of life. The Rio Marié River has formed an association (ACIBRN) and board to protect their interests moving forward. This Association includes representatives from all 14 Indian Communities. The project has a significant user fee on all visiting anglers. The funds from the fee will primarily be used for social projects, infrastructure development, transportation, and medical and education projects.

The fee will be \$670 per person for the trip. The tax will be payable in (Cash \$USD or Brazilian Reals) to our representative at your arrival in Manaus and goes directly to the Indian Association account and anglers will receive a receipt from the association. This fee represents an important step in the continuing effort to protect our ability to continue to share this amazing and unique part of the world.

**RIO MARIE' HIGH WATER POLICY**

Fishing for peacock bass in the Amazon jungle represents one of the last frontiers in the fly fishing world. As with any such hyper-remote destinations, there can be challenges associated with offering a first-class experience in the 'back of beyond'. In the Amazon, water level conditions will, on occasion, present such challenges. The Amazon River annual water level cycles are not a simple equation, even for the most experienced local experts. Normally, high and low water levels here follow a fairly predictable monthly cycle, but climate changes and the effects of stronger or weaker El Nino and La Nina cycles can directly and immediately affect those levels.

Specifically, these El Nino and La Nina events tend to impact the amount of rain in the headwaters of Amazon rivers, which in turn effects the entire Amazon basin. Water levels are important when fishing

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for peacock bass, and understanding how to work around them is a key component to success. Low water does not always result in the best fishing, just as high water is not always the worst thing. More important is to understand where and how to fish as the water fluctuates.

The Rio Marié system has more than 650 kilometers of rivers, tributaries and lagoons from its headwaters down to its merging with the Rio Negro. This unique and extensive water system allows for incomparable flexibility; the yacht and anglers can move up or downstream throughout the season - every week or even daily - to reach the best water levels in which to find trophy fish. This is useful when mitigating less than ideal water conditions. Though the Rio Marie season has been chosen to coincide with the best water conditions annually, it's difficult to predict water levels, and this is one of the risks associated with fishing the Amazon. If you are not comfortable with the risk of the river levels being too high or low during your trip, then it is probably not the trip for you. You will not be refunded for water conditions that may not meet your expectations. In the event the water is too high to fish on any given week, Rio Marie will re-schedule your week to a later time, but will not refund your trip payment.

### EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

U.S. Embassy in Brazil (In Case of Emergency)

Emergencies include: death, arrest, stolen or lost passports. Emergency services do not require an appointment.

Brasilia: 24 hour emergency assistance:

(61) 3312-7000 during Embassy's working hours (8:00 AM to 5:00 PM)

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