

FISHING COLOMBIA

PAYARA AND PEACOCK BASS EXPEDITION (Oct-Jan)

7 nights/8 days

US\$1950.⁰⁰ pp

Introductory price (based on 8 participants)!

Min 4-Max 8 participants

INCLUDES:

- Bogota- Villavicencio Flights
- Hotel Stay (Bogota first and last day -5 star)
- Hotel stay single occupancy 2 nights (on site)
- Best Camping 3-nights (hammocks or cots)
- Expert Guides (Canadian and local)
- All Fishing Gear (bring your own #8-9 fly fishing gear)
- Boats (15 and 24 foot fiberglass) and Fuel
- 4x4 Transportation and Airport Transfers
- All local meals drinks and fine wine
- Snacks, and all hydration
- Fishing permits and access to private fishing areas
- Photos of the excursion
- Local Medical insurance

NOT INCLUDED

- International airfare to Bogota
- Gratuities
- International medical insurance



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After your arrival in Bogota we may have to overnight there depending upon arrival times. If that is the case, we will have a tour of the city. On the following day, we take a short flight to Villavicencio and head on a scenic 4x4 - 3.5 hour private safari drive to Puerto Gaitan, a small town in the heart of the Colombian plains to our hotel for the night. We will get a tour of town and learn about the customs of our local "Llaneros". For the next two days we will wake at 5:30 am and after breakfast fish one of our best options of the Yucao, Meta, and Manacacias Rivers. We will Fly fish, troll, or bottom fish for Payara, Peacock Bass, Silver Croakers and Yellow Sardinata for the whole day. On our way to the fishing sites we will be accompanied by pink dolphins who will surely steal the show for a bit. We return by 6:30 pm for a great local cuisine each night coupled with quality wines.



Great Locations
Canadian/Colombian Hosts
Awesome Fishing
Attention to detail separates us!

After 2 days in Puerto Gaitan, we grab our gear, hop on a 4.5 hr 4x4 drive to a remote ranch where we will get set up in comfortable yet rugged camp for our next fishing stretch. For the next 3 days we will cast for Speckled Peacock Bass (the largest subspecies), Tambaqui, Sardinata, and Piranha spp. as well as a host of big catfish. On our third day, we will hit specific points for some bottom fishing targeting Pacu, Striped Catfish, and Carib Rays. In each of the evenings, we will be able to enjoy, as a group, our experiences by campfire with some of our fresh-caught fish (only non-game like piranha and catfish), local foods (capibara, and llanero veal) with quality wine and suds. Jenny, our cook and host will surely amaze you with her cooking and overall service skills. After three glorious days, our trip comes to an end. We head back to Bogota for our international flights.



John, our guide landed this 30 lb red-tailed catfish+



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DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1 : Arrival in Bogota

When you arrive in Bogota, I will be waiting for you at the baggage pick-up exit holding a Colombia Wild sign. We will drive you to our accommodations and relax for the remainder of the day. As soon as we are settled and depending on arrival times, we will tour the city and perhaps visit Monserrate, a very popular place up in the hills that will give us beautiful views of the whole city, and eat at a great typical restaurant.

Meals: D ; Lodging: Marriott Bogota Airport

Day 2: Bogota-Villavicencio-Puerto Gaitan

We wake up early and head to the airport to catch our 5:30 am flight to Villavicencio, from here we will take a private transport to the town of Puerto Gaitan (3.5 hrs). Once there, we will be welcomed by Jhon our expert local guide and taken to our hotel. Once settled, he will give us a brief introduction to fishing in the region. We will learn about the various fish species and techniques to hook and land them. If time permits, we will go out for an afternoon of fishing.

Meals: B, L, D ; Lodging: Hotel Canaguaro

Day 3 and 4: Fishing Meta, Yucao and Manacacias Rivers

For the next two days we will wake at 5:30 am and after breakfast fish one of our best options of the Yucao, Meta, and Manacacias Rivers. We will Fly fish, troll, or bottom fish for Payara, Butterfly Peacock Bass, Silver Croakers, Bicuda and Yellow and White Sardinata for the whole day. On our way to the fishing sites we will be accompanied by pink dolphins who will surely steal the show for a bit. We return by 6:30 pm for a great local cuisine each night coupled with quality wines. One of the nights we may opt to do a bit of bait fishing at night for large catfish. It's up to you.

Meals: B, L, D ; Lodging: Hotel Canaguaro

Day 5: Afternoon Fishing Rio Muco

Today, we wake up early (4:00 am) and take a private 4x4 to the Muco River, about 3 hrs east of Puerto Gaitan near the Meta and Vichada Departments. The road is for the most part unpaved and we may get lucky and come across some caimans or capibaras. Our campsite is rustic but extremely clean and our hosts Humberto and Jenny are the best. They will do the utmost to make us feel welcome. Once settled we begin our fishing adventure targeting primarily Speckled Peacock Bass and Yamu.

Meals: B, L, D ; Lodging: Rio Muco Campsite

Day 6 and 7: Fishing Rio Muco

For the next 2 days we will cast for Speckled Peacock Bass (the largest subspecies), Yaru, and Piranha spp. as well as a host of big catfish. On our fourth day, we will hit specific points for some bottom fishing targeting Pacu, Striped Catfish, and Carib Rays. In each of the evenings, we will be able to enjoy, as a group, our experiences by campfire with some of our fresh-caught fish (only non-game like piranha and catfish), local foods (capibara, and Ilanero veal) with quality wine and suds. We will return to Puerto Gaitan on the evening of day 7.

Meals: B, L, D ; Lodging: Rio Muco Campsite

Day 8: Puerto Gaitan-Villavicencio-Bogota

Today, we take our transport to Villavicencio to catch our flight to Bogota and home or to other fishing destinations.

Meals: B, L

SOME USEFUL INFORMATION

WHAT TO BRING

Fishermen are well aware of how to protect themselves from the weather. However, we want to make sure you are comfortable throughout this expedition. As a first, we want to stress that the eastern plains are hot, very hot. We will provide unlimited hydration to alleviate this. That said, we strongly recommend that you bring the best sunscreen possible and all clothing necessary to protect your skin. In addition, we also recommend that you bring insect repellent that contains deet. This is in our opinion the best way to enjoy the fishing experience (mosquitoes are not necessarily an issue, but best to be safe).

In addition, we think that bringing basic camping items (e.g. flashlights, water bottle, pocket knife) will be helpful. If you plan on fly fishing, please bring your own equipment (see below for tips on what to bring).

BOATS

Our boats are 18 and 23 footers made of fibreglass and equipped with 15 and 20 and 60 hp engines respectively. Trust us, it is more than enough, we will have 2 (max 4 on the big one) fishermen per boat.

SLEEPING ARRANGEMENTS

In Bogota we will have single occupancy 4 or 5 star accommodations and close to all amenities. I

In Puerto Gaitan, the hotel will be single accommodation, with air conditioning. Nothing fancy, but ample, clean and with laundry services.

For the camping portion of our trip, we will have hammocks or single cots under a roofed structure. The place is basic but super clean and we have Jenny and Humberto, our hosts, that will make sure we have a wonderful experience. Jenny is an awesome hostess and cook that will cater to all our needs.

INSURANCE

Nothing to worry about, we take extreme measures to make sure our trip as safe as we can make it. We have local medical insurance for all our clients that includes emergency services. We do however require that all participants acquire their own medical insurance. We cannot accept medical emergency waivers for our trips.

NON FISHING TIMES

A one page brochure is not enough to pack in all the information. Colombia Wild Fishing Expeditions will have a wide spectrum of additional services that are sure to make for an unforgettable experience. Our meals will be a fusion of local and traditional meals accompanied with high quality wines and drinks. We are also great fans of traditional culture and will provide private cultural experiences you will really enjoy.

Please feel free to call us with any questions. Until then...

Keep it Reel!



Manacacias River



Pink River Dolphin



Late afternoon at Rio Yucao

