

FISH QUEST!
Sportfishing Adventures Around the World



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Every week, groups of only 6 anglers – staying in two full-comfort luxurious jungle lodges, within different rivers, which offer the best international cuisine – set off every morning by boats specially developed for this environment, led by an expert Dorado fly-fishing guide and a native assistant.

In Tsimane, fresh water fly-fishing reaches its pinnacle. It is a new challenge introducing the wildest version of Dorado, undoubtedly one of the most powerful and beautiful freshwater fish which can be faced with a fly rod.

LOCATION

Situated in the heart of Bolivia, the National Park and Indian Reservation Isiboro Sécure (TIPNIS) holds as untouched some of the most amazing rivers of the world. Tsimane's operational base is located at about 270 miles (470 km) from Santa Cruz de la Sierra, the country's major city.

The protected area is also an Indigenous Territory, populated by the Chimán, Yuracaré, and Moxeño ethnic groups.

The Tsimane operation is located on the northwestern side of this magnificent park – an area that's reachable only by air.

Every year there is a massive run of several species of fish that come from the large contributing Mamoré River. The most important rivers are the Isiboro and the Sécure one, tributaries to Mamoré River, which is part of the overall headwaters of Amazon basin. An aquatic migration that can only be compared to the never-ending yearly runs of Alaskan salmon species. To

some people, this may even more closely resemble the migrations of the great African plains. Golden Dorado and other predator species follow these impressive schools and literally change the color of the water. Several months later, all these species spawn in unison and from the moment of birth, their struggle begins. Just a few hours after spawning, Dorados start attacking, catching and hungrily devouring their prey.

ACCOMMODATION

Even in one of the most remote places in the world our guests will enjoy all the comforts and style to be expected of a world-class destination.

The overall Tsimane experience is based out of two lodges. Each camp has double luxury log cabins with comfortable beds, private bathroom with hot water and electric lights. Each evening, our guests will be treated to delicious International Cuisine accompanied by a variety of fine Argentinean wines. Satellite Internet access and telephone service are available for our guests. Should you need to use it, laundry service is available.

To get to the most remote areas of the park and our fishing areas, each group will spend one night in an out camp, where anglers can expect to enjoy the same comforts as those offered in the base camps. Most people will never get a chance to experience the native natural world at this deep level.

FISHING

This does not just represent a new river in Alaska or in the Amazon, a new destination in Patagonia or another flat yet undiscovered in the Ocean; this opens a door (perhaps one of the last yet to be opened) to fly-fishing adventures. Fly-fishing for huge Golden Dorado in small clear-water free-stone rivers has to be experienced to truly put it into context. One might compare it to fishing for baby tarpon at the Three Dollar Bridge on the Madison River, but instead of mayflies, there are huge butterflies fluttering around filling the air with spectacular colors of interest. Even though fish are plentiful, fishing in these rivers represents various challenges for the angler.

The Dorado is a voracious hunter but those fish are not easy to catch. Like most fishing, the element of surprise is to the angler's advantage. The fish can easily be put down if they get spooked, so every pool and run must be carefully planned. Working closely with your guides will maximize your opportunities. Most of the time, you catch them when they are leisurely feeding, but their attacks can be very swift and sudden, so accurate casts and timing become important variables. Being able to shoot 60 feet of line and minimizing false casts is a huge advantage.

The Pirapitinga is one of the biggest challenges in these waters. They are very spooky, and stalk carefully to spot fish on pools and then sight casting is a must, and then a very good presentation is totally



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SR: Secure River and Lodge

PR: Pluma River and Lodge

CATCH AND RELEASE

Tsimane requires all fish to be released without exceptions. Every fish caught should be tagged and marked in order to obtain data for the Biological Research Program that will be carried out to research about fish behavior, biological conditions, spawning season, migration cycle and their geographical distribution.

TRIP INFORMATION

Insects. This jungle is surprisingly friendly. There are some "no-see-ums" and very few mosquitoes but they are usually not an issue. All of our buildings are fumigated weekly to reduce any unpleasant surprises.

Flights. There are many options to get the traveling angler to Santa Cruz's main International Airport. It receives daily flights from Miami (American Airlines and Aerosur), Sao Paulo (GOL, TAM and Aerosur) and Buenos Aires (Aerolineas Argentinas and Aerosur); therefore, offering many direct connections to and from well-known destinations worldwide.

LOCAL CULTURE

Guests at Tsimane will not only enjoy a phenomenal fishing and wilderness experience but also one immersed in native culture. Here, you will meet people that live under conditions similar to the ones existing thousands of years ago. They are very simple people, friendly and curious, with a good sense of humor. Respect them as an equal and always keep in mind that we are their guests and that this is their land and they are sharing it with us.

necessary. When done properly, the follow is made with no doubts and the sequence is a very exciting fight. These powerful round bodied fish with bulldog jaws deserve a very strong fight where, for sure, you can wait the backing out of the reel on their runs.

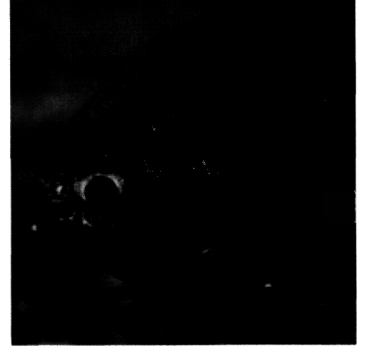
In order to move and fish upstream, we designed boats based on the natives' canoes. These boats are comfortable and practical for fishing in local waters. Each of them, a custom-made aluminum canoe, has two platforms for two guides to pole the craft upriver; a small motor for deeper sections, and two seats with their corresponding casting platforms for guests.

TYPICAL ITINERARY

Offering a first-class fishing program in this remote region, in rivers complicated by geological structures unaccustomed by most anglers, required designing a fishing program to meet all our goals. All Guests will enjoy 6 ½ full fishing days, 9 nights, with all inclusive packages (except for Int'l flights).

Guests will spend the first night at Santa Cruz 5-star hotel and, on the next morning, they will take our charter flight to the lodge. Only groups of 6 anglers will share the lodge, and they will never fish in the same water on the same day. In the middle of the week, the all guests will be transferred by charter flight from Secure Lodge to Pluma Lodge, (a 20 minute-flight). In the National Park we have exclusive access to over 80kms of pristine rivers.





Tsimane is located within a National Park and Indigenous Territory in Bolivia, where the Amazon jungle meets the Andes Mountains. The landscape is incredible and its rivers are streams of clear water running through the jungle and the mountains, with wading-and-sight casting-friendly banks. The jungle remains in an absolute virgin state and it is probably one of the most voluptuous natural expressions in the world. Millions of butterflies of impossible colors flitter in the warm breeze, the rumor of hundreds of hidden birds and animals resound from the depths of the jungle.

The rivers are inhabited by two different Dorado species and other very sportive fishes from the Amazon basin, such as the Pirapitinga or Amazon Pacú and the Yatorana (pound by pound, one of the strongest fresh-water species).

Tsimane blends, like no other destination on Earth, the best aspects of fly fishing: sight casting, freestone wading, light tackle, floating lines; majestic sceneries, mountain-rivers with clear, virgin waters; and four extremely sportive species reaching very significant sizes.

The combination of such characteristics results in an overwhelming experience.

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