

# COLOMBIA



Are you thinking in a place where you can catch the biggest and baddest fish in the ocean and at the same time, the most iconic fish from the amazonian rivers? We will make your dream expedition come true!

Colombia it's the ultimate destination for fishing in the Pacific Ocean for the most terrific predators, and end the trip casting lures on the rivers... Truly a "once in a lifetime" trip that you must do!

We are very proud of this place and its fishery, that's why we want you to get the absolute most out of your fishing trip. Our philosophy is simple, we take you out to fish in the best spots, at the best time of the year, with the best captains and guides., to put you into the fish of your dreams.

This trips it's a 100% saltwater expedition in the Pacific coast targeting the most iconic sea predators off central America, but you can add some days of freshwater or just go for the river fishing if you like too.

One option or another, are truly special and unmatched anywhere else in the world!



# TARGET SPECIES



Here we have some different possibilities that we can adapt to our desires or most wanted catch. In the Pacific Ocean we will fish in the Bahia Solano area, north of Colombia, near the border with Panama. For the freshwater species we can make expeditions to Cano Bocon, Awia Camp, Orinoco Lodge & Mapiri Lodge.

The saltwater species we can find are big Pargo Cubera Snapper, massive Amberjack, Roosterfish, Yellowfin Tuna in topwater feeding frenzies, monster Mahi Mahi, Sailfish, Marlin, Groupers, Jack Crevalle, Snappers, Wahoo, Tarpon, Snook... What a list! We concentrate our trips in this region from January through April, being the best months February & March. Most of the fishing will be topwater casting between the rocks and the open sea, but despite this, jigging it's also very good and we recommended bringing one or two sets to drop some leads deep down.

In the river, the mighty and colourful Peacock Bass, the evil Payara, Tiger Shovelnose Catfish, the Pacu, Aïmaras... all bucket list fish to catch in fly fishing or casting lures in the amazonian river system. These freshwater expeditions are available from January through April, in the dry season, when the rivers drop and the fish enter the main channels and lagoons, creating an underwater world teeming with an abundance of predatory fish seen nowhere else in the world.

The amount of different amazing sportive fish it's simply awesome in Colombia!



# ACCOMODATION



The adventure will truly start with our small plane getting inside the Colombian jungle in the wild Pacific coast or getting inside the Amazonian rainforest. In that exact moment you will understand how precious this place is, and how lucky you are to be in an adventure like that.

When on the saltwater trips, we will sleep and stay at the Beach Front Lodge near the border with Panama. Brand new Luxury Lodge with amazing rooms with all commodities, private bathroom, AC, swimming pool, laundry service, fresh and home-made meals & sashimi served everyday, unlimited soft drinks & beers... all in a peaceful coastal town perfect for your fishing holidays. You will have all the attention you need from our staff at every moment.

In the river camps, we are going to use bungalows or tends, depending on the option you chose, all also equipped with all you will need, like AC or fans, cleaning service, tasty and exotic freshly made cousine, and beautiful views of the jungle and the river... a truly priceless experience!



# BOAT



Depending on the kind of fishing we are doing we will use different boats.

While in the sea, large, fast and comfortable center consoles with twin motors and all accessories, large decks for casting poppers, all commodities, snack's, meals and cold beverages aboard, top quality electronics, expert captains and deckhands, plenty of rod holders, etc...

In the river it's completely different, we need small boats that allow us to get to the best hiding fishing spots. Normally in those boats we fit one to two anglers only, which is the only option to ensure the perfect experience.



# SURROUNDINGS



Soaring Andean summits, unspoiled Caribbean coast, enigmatic Amazon jungle, cryptic archaeological ruins and cobbled colonial communities. Colombia boasts all of South America's allure, and more.

Colombia's equatorial position affords it a diversity of landscapes matched by few countries. A slight tinkering in altitude takes you from sun-toasted Caribbean sands to coffee-strewn, emerald-green hilltops in the Zona Cafetera. Continue to climb and there's Bogotá, the bustling cradle of Colombia and third-highest capital city in the world. Throw in another few thousand meters and you'll find snow-capped peaks, high-altitude lakes and the eerie, unique vegetation of the páramo (high-mountain plains). The bottom drops out as the Andes give way to Los Llanos, a 550,000-sq-km swath of tropical grasslands shared with Venezuela, often called the Serengeti of South America.

Colombia's varied terrain is fertile ground for outdoor adventurers to dive, climb, raft, trek and soar. San Gil is the undisputed adventure capital, but Colombia boasts alfresco pleasures in all corners. Some of the continent's most iconic trekking is here, and is dramatically varied: Ciudad Perdida is a multi day jungle walk to the ancient ruins of the Tayrona civilization, while numerous ascents inside Parque Nacional Natural El Cocuy place intrepid hikers among the highest reaches of the Andes. Providencia's world-class reef spells aquatic heaven for scuba divers, and whale-watchers on the Pacific coast can see majestic humpbacks in the wild.

A wealth of ancient civilizations left behind a fascinating spread of archaeological and cultural sites throughout Colombia. The one-time Tayrona capital, Ciudad Perdida, built between the 11th and 14th centuries, is one of the continent's most mysterious ancient cities, arguably second only to Machu Picchu. Even more shrouded in mystery is San Agustín, where more than 500 life-sized ancient sculpted statues (some 5000 years old and of enigmatic origin) dot the surrounding countryside. And then there's Tierradentro, where elaborate underground tombs scooped out by unknown people add even more mystique to Colombia's past.

Colombia also offers an off-the-radar treasure trove of wonderfully photogenic cobblestoned towns and villages that often feel like they hail from a different century.



# OTHER ACTIVITIES



Also known as El Peñon de Guatapé, thanks to the fierce rivalry between the towns it straddles, this 200m-high granite monolith rises from near the edge of the Embalse Guatapé. A brick staircase of 659 steps rises up through a broad fissure in the side of the rock. From the top there are magnificent views of the region, the fingers of the lake sprawling amid a vast expanse of green mountains. Medellín-Guatapé buses can drop you off at 'La Piedra.'

Bogotá's most famous museum and one of the most fascinating in South America, the Gold Museum contains more than 55,000 pieces of gold and other materials from all of Colombia's major pre-Hispanic cultures. The collection is laid out in logical, thematic rooms over three floors; descriptions are in Spanish and English.

Cartagena's old city is its principal attraction, particularly the inner walled town, consisting of the historical districts of El Centro and San Diego. It's one of the finest examples of preserved colonial architecture in the Americas, packed with churches, monasteries, plazas, palaces and mansions with their famous overhanging balconies and shady patios.

One of Colombia's most spectacular national parks, PNN El Cocuy is mostly made up of a diverse ecosystem known as the páramo. This glacially formed, neotropical system of valleys, plains and mountain lakes includes the largest glacier zone in South America north of the equator. The park has 15 peaks that are at least 5000m, the highest being Ritacuba Blanco at 5330m, and is an outdoor playground popular for trekking, mountaineering, camping and climbing, although many activities are currently restricted.



# USEFUL INFORMATION



Forget all you have ever heard about Colombia. In February 2010 Colombia was declared “100% safe”. With destinations such as Medellin, Cartagena, San Andres, the Quindio valley, Santa Marta, Bogotá, among others, as safe travel destinations. Colombia may still be far from its final destination, but the progress of the past 20 years has been extraordinary. The surrender and conversion to democracy of the FARC (Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia) may have left a bad taste in people's mouths, but it's hard to envisage any other route for Colombia in beginning the healing process after so many years of war.

Colombia is a natural wonderland that satiates everyone (casual weekend hikers, hardcore climbers, hell-bent birders, outdoor thrill seekers, deep-sea divers) and packs an alluring and powerful punch of adventure between its highest mountain (Pico Cristóbal Colón) and its two shining seas.

For freshwater Trips, you will not have cell connection on the river but guests will have access to a satellite phone if an emergency arises. The currency is the Colombian Peso (COP\$). Please make sure you bring enough to settle extra expenses in town and tips. Tips can be done in USD\$ but pesos are more convenient for the staff. Languages spoken are spanish and english. The Population it's 49 million & the time GMT/UTC - 5 hours.

Basic travel insurance is included, but it's highly recommended that clients have their own global travel and medical insurance, including medical evacuation. While we try to make the camp as comfortable as possible, guests are advised that this trip is aimed at the adventurous with a bare minimum level of fitness required.

Colombia is well-connected by air to major cities in South and Central America, as well as a number of major destinations in the US, Canada and Europe.

You'll need a valid passport (with at least six more months of validity) and some nationalities will need a visa. Nationals of many countries, including those from Western Europe and the Americas, Japan, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa, don't need any visa.



# WHAT TO BRING



- All your fishing gear. In saltwater for big predators, heavy to medium/light set ups for topwater fishing and jigging, big to medium size poppers & stickbaits, jiggs, mini skipping lures and jig casting!
- All your fishing apparel, tropical clothes, hat, sunscreen, gloves, sunglasses, etc
- Insect repellent and your medicines
- Raincoat, flip-flops & shoes
- Passport with more than 6 months of validity
- Cameras & plug adapter (Type A)
- Cash in USD or €
- Credit card
- Your spirit of adventure!



# MEDIA & GUIDING



As a Professional Freelance Audiovisual Producer & Fishing / Spearfishing Guide, my job is to promote the best trips around the world, operated by the best companies I work with, always offering the best quality and compromise. I will, simply, bring you the best destinations, personally known, that offer you all the guarantees and adapts to your necessities. If you are a group, great! If you are alone, don't worry, I will find more people to join you! Whatever you want, from hardcore fishing to family vacation, I will provide Expert Coaching, advices & knowledge in the field, to make you catch that "one in a life-time" fish, that sometimes can be so elusive and challenging.

I know where & when to find them, and how to get you on them!

I'm also a professional cinematographer & photographer, and I will be capturing footage of your experience so you can have high quality content of memories that will last a lifetime.



# WHAT'S INCLUDED & WHAT'S NOT



- Included
- Domestic flights
  - 9 days (8 nights accommodation) with 6 days of sportfishing
  - 2 nights Hotel (on arrival and before departing) with breakfast included
  - 6 nights accommodation with all comfort and all meals, snacks & unlimited beer and soft drinks included during the fishing camps
  - Professional fishing captain, guides, crew
  - Media coverage off your experience
  - Basic travel insurance
  - Local community fees (land royalties)
  - Trolling and Stand Up gear (casting and jigging gear available upon request)

- Not included
- International flights
  - General topwater and jigging fishing tackle and lures (renting available)
  - Other meals & drinks not included
  - Extra weight in national flights (\$1 USD approx per kg extra)
  - Day trips
  - Tips (minimum \$100USD per person)