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## AMAZON KING

### Manaus, Amazonas Brazil

*You'll be Treated Like Royalty During Your Amazon Angling Adventure*

#### Overview of the Amazon King:



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The keen eyes of your Amazon fishing guide somehow spot a small school of iridescent baitfish swimming over a partially submerged sandbar some 25 yards away. Their constant darting action is a telltale sign to the savvy guide, who grew up in the Amazon watershed, that a peacock

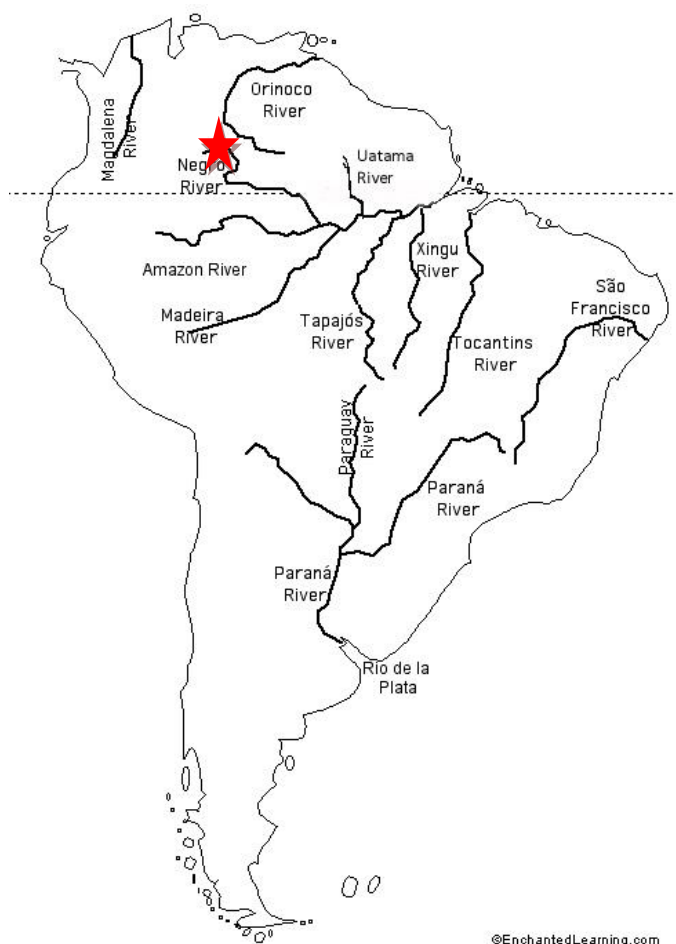


Trophy peacock bass are caught with great regularity by the Amazon King and the experienced guides.

bass on the prowl might have panicked the fleeing baitfish. You quickly launch a long cast with your seven-inch surface propeller plug, thumbing the spool to create a soft landing in the tannin-stained water between two finger points of the bar. Your aggressive retrieve causes so much audible and visible commotion that a flock of parrots takes flight from their roost on a nearby tree. Suddenly, a peacock bass assaults your lure with such ferocity that it literally rips the stout casting rod from your grasp. Despite 80 lb braided line and a drag that's been ratcheted near its limits, the fish has enough power to strip 30 yards of line from your reel. Momentarily, your line goes slack and you hope that the unthinkable didn't occur - the sharpened hooks somehow failed to hold the enraged fish. Despair quickly turns to jubilation, as, with lure firmly affixed to his cavernous mouth, some 20-pounds of emerald green and Sunkist orange fury leaps three-feet out of the water and performs aerial gyrations that would rival the most acrobatic tarpon. "I hope there are no snags for this fish to run to," you quietly mutter to yourself. After a three minute battle, the line eventually proves strong enough and your luck even stronger, as the fish is soon lead to the guide's outstretched Boga Grip.

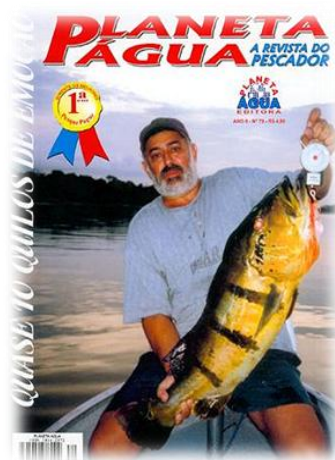
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You've landed your first "grande" size peacock bass on Brazil's Amazon watershed and you, your fishing buddy and your guide revel in the catch with broad smiles, high fives and hugs. You were briefed about the vicious surface strikes and drag screeching runs of the world's toughest freshwater gamefish, but until you personally experience the awesome power of a trophy-class peacock bass on the end of your line, words simply cannot prepare you for what you will encounter.



Scenes like the one just described are not a rare occurrence in Brazil's vast northern Amazon watershed, especially an area of the Rio Negro (the largest tributary of the mighty Amazon) located between Barcelos and Santa Isabela (see map for location), but are actually experienced by our guest anglers on a daily basis aboard the Amazon King. Three varieties of peacock bass (barred, speckled and colorful butterfly) reside in this watershed, among a host of other feisty gamefish, and all will test your tackle and angling skills to the limit. Every cast on these systems might yield a potential line class or all-tackle world record. In recent years, no international gamefish species has garnered the attention of the peacock bass. Many guest anglers had planned a once-in-a-lifetime trip when they booked the Amazon King for their peacock bass adventure, but once they experienced this fantastic gamefish, as well as the sights and sounds of the rain forest, the majority of these anglers desire to return the following year for another chance to experience the pristine beauty of the Amazon and to do battle with another giant peacock bass.

The Amazon King is capably operated by Gadia Cleib (seen at right on the cover of a popular Brazilian sportfishing publication) and Mario Scotti (see page 3). Gadia was raised on the banks of the Araguaia River of the Araguaia-Tocantins Basin. A skilled angler since he was just 9 years of age, he has fished the Amazon since 1994 and is intimately familiar with the best locations for prime peacock bass fishing. Amazon King Fishing Tours is certainly one of the premier operators in Brazil - whether you're talking about the comfort, and quality of equipment and services, or the strategies employed to discover schools of fish based on seasonal patterns and weather conditions. He is prepared to host foreign anglers and is eager to show them how to catch trophy peacock bass. "Our mission is to be relentless in the pursuit of trophy tucunares," says Gadia. "We are first and foremost fishermen ourselves, so we understand the dynamics of catching trophy peacocks."



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Mario Scotti, (seen at left) from Sao Paulo, Brazil, is one of sport fishing's most recognized anglers in South America. Mario has been fishing since he was 6 years old and still maintains the same youthful passion for fishing that he had when he was a child. Mario fell seriously in love with the Amazon when his first peacock bass hooked him. That's right! The fish hooked the angler, and since that day and he just could not stop coming back to the Amazon season after season. Now he is engaged with the Amazon King Group managing the International Liaison Division, bringing more and more foreign sportsmen, of whom he takes great care of and

enjoys sharing with them the best freshwater fishing in the world! Mario speaks English fluently and is on board the yacht on every trip to act as a translator, tour guide and your new fishin' buddy. He makes the whole operation run smoothly.

The Amazon King is a 90-foot long, 20 foot wide yacht. Although it is Brazilian owned, it was built to suit the needs of the American angler, having ample sized staterooms and bunk-beds that will accommodate tall American clients. This operation maintains one of the highest catch rates and land numerous fish of trophy sized proportions on a regular basis because they seek out watersheds that are extremely remote, far from the nets of commercial fishermen and from the pressure of other operations that often compete with one another within the Brazilian Amazon watershed. The Amazon King will offer you first class service, comfortable accommodations, delectable meals, quality fishing boats and some of the finest guides the Amazon has to offer. Enjoy the outdoor deck bar (seen at right) where the bartender will create relaxing cocktails and caipirinhas (Brazilian margaritas) for your pleasure. Allow us the opportunity to host you on your next peacock bass adventure to Brazil and you will soon create your own memories that will last a lifetime!



### **Amazon King Trip Duration:**

9 days (including travel days) / 8 nights / 6 days of fishing

### **Amazon King Package Pricing 2010-11 Season:**

\$3,900 per angler, based on double occupancy

### **Amazon King Deposit Requirement:**

The Amazon King package requires a \$1,000.00 (US) per angler deposit. Bookings are not confirmed until deposits are received. Deposits are due within 10 days of making a tentative reservation. Final payments are due 60 days prior to your departure.

### **Amazon King Fishing Season:**

August through March (depending on prevailing conditions)

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### **Amazon King Capacity:**

16 anglers per week

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### **Included in the Amazon King Package:**

- Airport greeting and transfer to Hotel Tropical
- Round-trip charter flight to the Amazon King
- 6 days of guided fishing
- Fishing license
- Hotel accommodations in Manaus
- Accommodations on the Amazon King
- All meals, soft drinks, bottled water and beer
- Daily laundry service

### **Not Included in the Amazon King Package:**

Airfare to Manaus, Brazil; gratuities to boat staff and hotel porters; fees associated with passports and visas; items purchased during your trip on the Amazon King or in Manaus; meals in Manaus; tours in Manaus; fees associated with obtaining medical advice and medications for your trip; hotel stays (if necessary) in Miami; international departure tax (if applicable).

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### **Availability at the Amazon King:**

Please contact our office for current availability on your specific travel dates.

### **Travel Logistics to and from the Amazon King:**



Anglers take an early morning flight from Miami to Manaus, Brazil (your visa must be obtained in advance) via TAM Airlines. After clearing customs and immigration, you'll be met by our representatives at 1 PM and after the entire party clears customs and gets their luggage we will board an air conditioned chartered bus and go immediately to the Hotel Tropical to spend the day. Early the next morning, anglers will take a charter flight to Barcelos and board the Amazon King. The

yacht will then make its way towards Santa Isabela.

### **Weather aboard the Amazon King:**

The Amazon King operation is located in the Amazonas region of Brazil and the weather at each is typically hot and humid, with temperatures ranging from 75 degrees overnight and in the early morning hours to the mid-nineties during the day. It is advised that visiting anglers consider long sleeve tropical weight shirts and long tropical weight pants to keep you protected from the equatorial sun's powerful rays. A wide brim hat is also recommended, as is a quality sunscreen and lip balm in the 30 to 45 SPF range. Even though we schedule your trip during the Brazilian dry season, showers and storms can occur, so please pack a rainsuit as the temperatures drop during these periods of rain.

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### The Fishing at Amazon King:



You will be fishing main river structure, as well as a multitude of lakes, flooded forests, sandbars, backwater bays and hidden lagoons off the Rio Negro and its tributaries. The typical fishing day is long (we figure you can rest back in the states) and runs from 6:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

You will be treated to quality 18 foot, shallow draft fishing boats, smooth running outboard, trolling motor, stocked cooler and experienced local guides on the Amazon King.

Anglers are paired, two to a boat, with an experienced Brazilian guide. The boats are 18 feet long, have stable raised casting decks, swivel seats,

50-HP outboards and 44-lb thrust electric trolling motors. These boats can cruise over shallow sandbars and flats and get you into places that other, heavier, fiberglass boats cannot reach. The fishing boats are fully equipped aluminum boats with outboard engines, life jackets, first-aid kits, and an icebox for cold drinks and snacks.



One of the most appealing and exciting aspects of fishing for peacock bass is their propensity for attacking surface lures and flies. The strike is so dramatic that you will be startled when the first few occur. Peacock bass fishing is very similar to largemouth bass fishing in the states. Both species ambush prey from cover and structure. Cast topwater plugs, jerkbaits, Banjo Minnows and jigs to stumps, shoreline blowdowns, rock piles, creek mouths and sandbars .If you desire to fly fish, the most successful flies are larger profiled patterns - all tied on 2-0 to 4-0 quality

saltwater hooks - such as Dahlberg-style divers, large profiles baitfish patterns, High-Tie or variations of Lefty's Deceivers & Clouser Minnows. These should be tied in a diversity of colors. The Amazon watershed is most productive following the rainy season, as the rivers, creeks and lagoons recede and the fish are drawn out of the maze of trees, root systems and lush vegetation.

Amazon King fishing guides will pull out all stops to help you find fish, including the use of their machetes (see photo at right) to hack their way into lagoons whose entrances have been blocked by fallen trees.

The guides are residents of the rivers that you will be fishing. They are very skillful and possess years of experience on the Amazon watershed. They know the locations of many "secret" lagoons to share with you. The guides will point out wildlife that



you would never have noticed without their keen vision. They will painstakingly use their machetes to hack their way into lagoons, dragging the fishing boats over logs and other, seemingly, impassible objects for you to have the best opportunity to land fish with them. While the guides have a very limited grasp of the English language, all communicate in "fishing English." They are eager to please and there will be no language barrier when it comes to showing you a great day on the water. The guides are not treated simply as employees, but more like family and, in turn, they treat their guest anglers like a member of their Amazon family.

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Keep in mind that the productiveness of your peacock bass adventure is largely dictated by the water levels, and occasionally the dry and rainy season fail to abide by predictable schedules and may add mid-season downpours. Anglers considering a trip to the Amazon for peacock bass, especially first-time visitors, should be aware that water levels in this watershed can change quickly and affect fishing conditions, regardless of the season or historical

patterns. Navigation of boats may also be affected. While we make every attempt to monitor such conditions, anglers assume the risk of these natural forces beyond our control. With the fickle and often unpredictable water levels and fishing conditions experienced over the past four years, Gadia is constantly monitoring water levels and assures us that he will advise us when fishing is not optimal for your success. In this instance he will offer "rain checks" giving you the option to reschedule your trip when water levels are more favorable for your fishing success.

### **Predominant Language Spoken at the Amazon King:**

Portuguese is the official language of Brazil. Some of the guides can converse in Spanish, however, and know a few basic English words, especially as they pertain to fishing. It is wise to learn a few Portuguese or Spanish phrases before undertaking a trip of this nature. If you are fairly fluent in Spanish, you will have no difficulty communicating with your guide. Anglers booking this trip will be sent an 84-page Complete Peacock Bass Angler text, which will contain a basic English-Spanish-Portuguese translator. An English-speaking host will always be on the premises of the Amazon King. The guides are all willing to please and the language barrier is quickly overcome.

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### **Packing for Amazon King:**

Upon receipt of deposits, you will be sent a detailed packing list, as well as other literature pertaining to medical precautions and other information regarding your trip. You will also receive an 84-page Complete Peacock Bass Angler text that will brief you on packing and peacock bass techniques and patterns.

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### **Amazon King Accommodations:**



The Amazon King can accommodate 16 anglers, offering eight staterooms with bunk-style beds. The rooms are immaculately clean, offer private bathroom and shower facilities and shelves to store your gear. You will have individual control over your room's air conditioning. Daily laundry service is provided. The favorite location for many of the anglers visiting the Amazon King is outside deck lounge (see image at right), where one can wind down with a cocktail after a hard day on the water and gaze at the starlit Amazon sky. There is a satellite phone on board for emergency calls, or for



your convenience, at a charge of \$5.00 per minute. Gadia and Mario and their capable staff will do everything in their power to offer you a first-class trip aboard the Amazon King at a price more comparable to what other operators are calling bare bones "exploratory boats."

### **Meals aboard the Amazon King:**



You will be treated to a buffet breakfast each morning at 6 AM, featuring a variety and alternating menu, consisting of fresh fruit, juice, eggs, bacon, fresh baked breads and pastries. You may choose to enjoy the omelet menu. For those desiring to maximize time on the water, you may bring a boxed lunch and stay out through lunch. You are free to return to the Amazon King for a hot meal and siesta before heading back out in the afternoon for

*The spacious, air-conditioned dining room will offer a variety of American and Brazilian dishes that will satisfy the palate of the most discriminating angler.*

more skirmishes with the peacock bass. Dinner is a more elaborate affair with a variety of meats, fish, pasta and chicken dishes.

### **Activities for the Non-Angler aboard the Amazon King:**

This operation is considered primarily a fishing facility, catering to anglers from throughout the world. However, for those who want to take a break from the fishing, or desire to bring a non-angling partner or spouse, we offer visits to local Indian villages, where you can experience the life of the local Indian in their habitat, bird-watching, flora and fauna tours and a night time crocodile watch

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- Saturday: Arrival in Manaus at 1 PM via Tam Airlines flight from Miami  
Transfer Airport - Hotel  
Check-in at the Hotel Tropical  
Day and night free at Manaus
- Sunday: Check-out hotel (pay only for extras)  
Transfer to the airport  
Flight Manaus - Barcelos  
Transfer Barcelos Airport - Pier  
Departure to the fishing spots - Circuit Barcelos - Santa Isabel do Rio Negro
- Mon.-Sat.: Breakfast with fruits, juices, eggs, bacon, sausages, ham, cheese, breads, milk and coffee.  
Guided morning fishing in spots pre-selected  
Appetizers and lunch at the Yacht (waiter buffet with both regional and international cuisine, choices of meat, poultry or fish, salads and garnishes, desert) and some rest from the sun.  
Guided fishing in the afternoon in new spots  
Happy Hour with appetizers at the Yacht, break for a bath  
Dinner with a soup or cream, choices of meat, poultry or fish, salads and garnishes and dessert and after, late drink at the deck for exchange of experiences and fishing tips.  
Sleepover on board at Barcelos Pier
- Sunday: Breakfast with fruits, juices, eggs, bacon, sausages, ham, cheese, breads, milk and coffee.  
Breakfast at the Yacht.  
Transfer Pier - Barcelos Airport  
Flight back to Manaus  
Manaus airport - departure on the TAM flight back to Miami. (connections to US cities should be booked with at least 2:30h of time between connecting flights)

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