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YACHT KALUA Manaus, Amazonas Brazil

Brazil's Trophy Peacock Bass Amazon Angling Adventure

Overview of the Yacht Kalua:



Trophy peacock bass are a definite possibility on just about any day of fishing with the Yacht Kalua operation. With a world-class angler as your trip host, some of the most experienced guides in the Amazon watershed and comfortable accommodations, the Yacht Kalua provides the perfect base of operations for your peacock bass excursion to Brazil.

The Yacht Kalua is capably managed by world-renowned bi-lingual angler Ian-Arthur Sulocki (see image at right). Born in Rio de Janeiro, Ian is not simply a trip host, but a serious angler with a life-long passion for fishing. He is a seven time surfcasting state champion, three-time Brazilian surfcasting champion and has won a host of Brazilian fishing tournaments. He knows



Your trip host, Ian-Arthur Sulocki (shown above), is a world-class angler who has spent his life exploring the Amazon and understanding the patterns and techniques required to catch peacock bass. He is a noted lecturer, author and teacher of fishing techniques and is eager to show you his country.

where the fish are and the best techniques to advise Yacht Kalua clients to catch them. Ian-Arthur has participated in a host of TV fishing shows in Brazil and 4 of them with Jose Wejbe of ESPN's popular Spanish Fly series. He works as a fishing consultant for the Brazilian Program of Fishing Development, a UNDP Program in cooperation with IBAMA, Brazilian Federal Environment Agency. Ian-Arthur is an IGFA representative in Brazil (since 2004) and he also possesses some all-tackle records. 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 tucunare and other Amazon giants," says Ian-Arthur. "We are first and foremost fishermen ourselves, so we understand the dynamics of catching trophy peacocks."

The Yacht Kalua is a 95-foot long 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 Yacht Kalua will offer you comfortable accommodations, delectable meals, quality fishing boats and some of the finest guides the Amazon has to offer. 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!

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Yacht Kalua Trip Duration:

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

Yacht Kalua Package Pricing 2009-10 Season:

\$3,950 per angler, based on double occupancy

Yacht Kalua Deposit Requirement:

The Yacht Kalua 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.

Included in the Yacht Kalua Package:

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

Not Included in the Yacht Kalua 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 Yacht Kalua or in Manaus; the final evening meal in Manaus; tours in Manaus; fees associated with obtaining medical advice and medications for your trip; hotel stays (if necessary) in Miami or Atlanta; international departure tax (if applicable).

Yacht Kalua Fishing Season:

July through March (depending on prevailing conditions)

Yacht Kalua Capacity:

14 anglers per week

Travel Logistics to and from the Yacht Kalua:

Anglers take an early morning flight from Miami to Manaus, Brazil (your visa must be obtained in advance) via TAM Airlines Airbus 767 jumbo-jet service. After clearing customs and immigration, you'll be met by our representatives at midnight, where you will be taken to the Hotel Tropical business hotel for the rest of the day. The following morning you will be transferred to your charter flight to the Yacht Kalua. Fishing will begin after settling in your stateroom and after an orientation from the manager. Our desire is for you to be fishing this first day in Brazil, however weather and flight delays may not allow for it. Alternatively, Delta Airlines flies directly into Manaus from Atlanta. This is an overnight flight, arriving early morning in Manaus, at which time you will be transferred to your charter flight to Yacht Kalua. We would prefer that the group decides on either the TAM or Delta flight for logistical reasons.



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The Fishing at Yacht Kalua:



You will be treated to quality 17 foot, shallow draft fishing boats, smooth running outboard, trolling motor, stocked cooler and experienced local guides on the Yacht Kalua.

You will be fishing main river structure, as well as a multitude of lakes, backer bays and hidden lagoons off the Rio Negro, Rio Madeira and their tributaries. Ian-Arthur has negotiated with officials of the Brazilian government to fish a river and its tributaries that has been off-limits to sport or commercial fishing for several years and is anticipating fantastic action for numbers and trophies. He has informed us that this system is loaded with



structure, such as sandbars, points and boulders, all havens for peacock bass. The typical fishing day is long (we figure you can rest back in the states) and runs from 6:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Anglers are paired, two to a boat, with an experienced Brazilian guide. The boats are 20 feet long, have stabile raised casting decks, swivel seats, 30-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, points, 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. Keep in mind that the productiveness of your peacock bass adventure is largely dictated by the water levels, and occasionally the rainy season fails to abide by schedules and may add mid-season downpours. Rods and reels on board

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, Ian assures us that he advise us when fishing is not optimal for your success and will offer "rain check" options when conditions are obviously below par.

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Availability at the Yacht Kalua:

As the booking calendar changes on almost a daily basis, please contact our office for current availability on your specific travel dates.

Predominant Language Spoken at the Yacht Kalua:

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 at the Yacht Kalua. The guides are all willing to please and the language barrier is quickly overcome.

Yacht Kalua Accommodations:



The Yacht Kalua can accommodate 10-14 anglers, offering seven 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 Yacht Kalua is the top deck observatory, 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



A welcoming lounge with satellite television and bar await you after a productive day on the water and a tasty meal each evening.

on board for emergency calls, or for your convenience, at a charge of \$5.00 per minute. Ian-Arthur and his capable staff will do everything in their power to offer you a first-class trip aboard the Yacht Kalua at a price more comparable to what other operators are calling bare bones "exploratory boats."

Meals aboard the Yacht Kalua:



You will be treated to a buffet breakfast each morning, featuring a variety and alternating menu, consisting of fresh fruit, juice, eggs, bacon, fresh baked breads and pastries. 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 Yacht Kalua for a hot meal and siesta before heading back out in the afternoon for more skirmishes with the peacock bass. Dinner is a more elaborate affair, featuring a variety of meat, fish, pasta and chicken dishes.

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.

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Weather aboard the Yacht Kalua:

The Yacht Kalua 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.

Activities for the Non-Angler aboard the Yacht Kalua:



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. On special occasion, you will have the opportunity to get up close and personal, perhaps getting the actual chance to swim with freshwater pink and gray dolphins. When fishing certain systems of the Rio Negro drainage, a trip to Novo Airao will guarantee a swim with the pink dolphins in the wild. If this is important

This fortunate angler had the rare opportunity to swim with the pink dolphin of the Amazon watershed.

to you or a traveling companion, let us know so we can schedule you on a trip to this area and allow you to experience something that very few in the world have done.

Packing for Yacht Kalua:

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.

Yacht Kalua Travel Itinerary:

Day 1: TAM Airlines flight from Miami to Manaus, Brazil.

Greeting at international airport in Manaus. Transfer to Hotel Tropical Business Hotel.

Day 2: Flight or overland charter bus trip to Yacht Kalua. Possible fishing this day.

Days 3-8: Six days of fishing.

Day 9: Flight or overland charter bus trip back to Manaus.

Afternoon TAM flight to Miami. Late evening flight on Delta to Atlanta.

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