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YACHT TAYACU II – UNINI RIVER

Barcelos, Amazonas Brazil

Brazil's Mobile Trophy Peacock Bass Amazon Angling Adventure

Overview of the Yacht Tayacu II:



Trophy peacock bass are the norm when fishing aboard Yacht Tayacu II.

Following a two year ban on sportfishing, the famed Unini River of the northern Brazilian Amazon will once again be open to peacock bass anglers. However, permits have been issued on a very limited basis and Marlon Otero, owner



Yacht Tayacu II on the Unini River of Brazil

of both the Yacht Tayacu and Tayacu II has been fortunate to have been granted a permit and we are, in turn, fortunate to have been selected as one of Marlon's very limited number of booking agencies. Over the last five year stretch, when the Unini Preserve was fished via the Amazon Cutter operation, it probably yielded more 15-24 pound fish than any other tributary in the Brazilian Amazon. The Yacht Tayacu II is a small sportfishing yacht, built specifically for cruising over shallow water that would be inaccessible to other larger yachts. Eight anglers per week will allow for extreme personal attention and keep the angling pressure low.

Three varieties of peacock bass (barred, speckled and colorful butterfly) reside in the clear, blackwater Unini river and the tributaries you will fishing, among a host of other feisty gamefish, and all will test your tackle and angling skills to the limit. Every cast in these tannin stained waters might yield a potential line class or all-tackle world record. In recent years, no international freshwater gamefish species has garnered the attention of the peacock bass. Many of our guest anglers had planned a once-in-a-lifetime trip to Brazil for peacock bass, but once they experienced this fantastic gamefish, as well as the sights and sounds of the rain forest, the majority of them return each year for another chance to experience the pristine beauty of the Amazon and to do battle with another giant peacock bass.

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Yacht Tayacu II will yield some of the highest catch rates and offer excellent opportunities to land numerous fish of trophy sized proportions on a regular basis as they will be fishing the famed Unini River. Yacht Tayacu II guides are expert anglers and guides, their expertise gleaned from their personal experiences and that of Marlon do Carmo Otero. Marlon is not only the owner/operator of the Yacht Tayacu II, but also a world class peacock bass angler. The personable Brazilian native and his crew offer more than 10 years of experience with clients from throughout the globe. Marlon was actually born on the banks of Arirarrá river (a Rio Negro tributary). As a young man, Marlon (seen in the photo at left) and his brothers were forced to learn the behavior of the mighty peacock bass and the best places to fish for them to help feed his family. Fortunately, today Marlon hunts for trophy peacock bass not for the table,

Yacht Tayacu II owner/operator Marlon Otero (seen in photo at left) will make sure that this trip meets your expectations.

but for his clients to catch and release. At 65 feet long and 14 feet wide, this comfortable yacht can access waters as shallow as 30 inches to hunt for trophy locations. The Unini Preserve is one of the most promising fishery in the world for trophy peacock bass for a host of reasons. There are numerous tributaries, oxbow lakes and secret lagoons; non-existent commercial fishing and impossible navigation from the Rio Negro to the Unini during the fishing season. Yacht Tayacu II 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!

Yacht Tayacu II Trip Duration:

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

Yacht Tayacu II Package Pricing 2009-10 Season:

\$3,950.00 per angler, based on double occupancy.

Yacht Tayacu II Deposit Requirement:

The Yacht Tayacu II operation requires a \$1000.00 (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 Tayacu II Package:

- Airport greeting and transfers
- Day room the final day in Manaus
- Round-trip charter flight to Yacht Tayacu II
- 6+ days of guided fishing
- The use of rods, reels and lure pack
- Fishing license
- Accommodations aboard Yacht Tayacu II
- All meals, soft drinks, bottled water and beer
- Laundry service

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Not Included in the Yacht Tayacu II Package:

Airfare to Manaus, Brazil; gratuities to lodge staff and hotel porters; fees associated with passports and visas; items purchased during your trip on the Yacht 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 Atlanta; international departure tax (if applicable).

Yacht Tayacu II Fishing Season:

September through March

Yacht Tayacu II Capacity:

8 anglers per week

The Fishing aboard Yacht Tayacu II:



Trophy peacock bass, like the one landed by Larry "X Man" Humphrey of Columbus, Ohio are very typical during your week-long peacock bass fishing adventure aboard Yacht Tayacu II.

You will be fishing main river structure, as well as a multitude of lakes, backwater bays and hidden lagoons on numerous tributaries of the Unini River. 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 18- feet long,



Stabile 18-foot boats with casting decks fore and aft, electric trolling motors and new 50-HP Mercury outboards will allow you to fish in comfort aboard Yacht Tayacu II.

have stabile raised casting decks, swivel seats, 50-HP Mercury outboards and 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, creek mouths and sandbars. This region 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. Quality loaner tackle is provided by this operation.

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Travel Logistics to the Yacht Tayacu II:



Anglers fly during an evening flight via Delta Airlines directly to Manaus, Brazil. After clearing customs and immigration, you'll be met by our representatives and you will be taken to



the national airport for your charter plane flight to boat. Fishing will begin after meeting your trip host and settling in to your room and receiving an orientation for the week.

Availability on the Yacht Tayacu II:

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 aboard the Yacht Tayacu II:

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 Complete Peacock Bass Angler text on CD, which will contain a basic English-Spanish-Portuguese translator. An English-speaking host will always be on the premises on the Yacht Tayacu II. The guides are all willing to please and the language barrier is quickly overcome.

Yacht Tayacu II Accommodations and Meals:



The accommodations aboard Yacht Tayacu II are smaller than larger, luxury yachts, but are quite comfortable. Anglers reside in four staterooms, individually controlled air conditioning and private bathroom and shower in each stateroom. The Yacht Tayacu II offers bunkbeds in each room, closet space to hang items and



lockable storage in each room. There is restaurant service, beverage service, including beer, soft drinks, juice and bottled water. Daily laundry service is provided. There is a 24 hour radio-phone connection with Manaus and a Globalstar satellite telephone system aboard the yacht.

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You will be treated to a buffet breakfast each morning at 6 AM, featuring fresh fruit, juice, pancakes, eggs, bacon, fresh baked breads and pastries. After breakfast, an array of cold cuts, fruit, pastries and soft drinks will be available to make a lunch which will be packed in the coolers. Lunch is on the water, or elect to return to the Tayacu for a siesta and the mid-day meal. Dinner is more of an elaborate affair with a variety of meats, fish and chicken dishes. Many anglers enjoy the top observatory deck to unwind and tell fishing tales after a wonderful day on the water. Enjoy the crystal clear Amazon black sky with literally thousands of stars overhead as the Tayacu

searches out new, productive fishing grounds each evening. You will also enjoy a weekly beach barbecue in which the Tayacu staff will pull out all stops on a pristine sandy beach and set up tables, chairs, an outdoor bar and present a delicious dinner one balmy evening during your stay.

Activities for the Non-Angler aboard Yacht Tayacu II:

This operation is considered primarily a fishing facility, catering to anglers from throughout the world, however with Captain Marlon's experience in the Amazon rain forest, he can arrange trips to Indian village and to view wildlife, plant life and fantastic birding for the non-angling guest.

Weather aboard the Yacht Tayacu II:

The Yacht Tayacu II is located in the Amazonas region of Brazil and the weather at each is typically hot and humid, with temperatures ranging from 70 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.

Packing for Yacht Tayacu II:

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 a 95-page Complete Peacock Bass Angler text that will brief you on packing and peacock bass techniques and patterns.

Yacht Tayacu II Travel Itinerary:

Saturday:

International overnight flight to Manaus, Brazil on Delta Airlines

Sunday:

Arrival in Manaus.

Clear customs.

You will be met by our representatives and transferred to the regional airport for flight to Barcelos or Santa Isabela.

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Board charter flight to Barcelos or Santa Isabela.

Transfer to Yacht Tayacu II.

Afternoon fishing (if weather permits early flight to Barcelos or Santa Isabela) or catch up on some rest for the rest of the week.

Monday - Saturday:

Six days of fishing

Sunday:

Charter back to Manaus.

Transfer to Hotel Tropical Business Hotel for the day.

Local tours and dinner.

Flight to Atlanta at 11 PM.

Monday:

Approximately a 5:30 AM arrival in Atlanta.

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