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MANAKA JUNGLE LODGE

Amazonas, Venezuela

Grand Slam Peacock Bass Action!

About Manaka Lodge....



ESPN fishing show host Flip Pallot (above) calls Manaka Lodge one of the best fishing experiences of his life.

Manaka lodge was the first upscale peacock bass fishery to be carved into the Amazon jungle and continues to remain the gold standard by which other Amazon river based peacock bass lodges are judged. It is one of the few peacock bass lodges (if not the only one) in South America offering the opportunity to catch all four varieties of peacock bass (barred, speckled, black-striped and butterfly) in a single day, in addition to payara, sardinata, Amazon catfish and piranha. Manaka is located in the Amazonas region of the Venezuelan rainforest, approximately 420 miles from Caracas, at the confluence of the Ventuari River into the mighty Orinoco. It is situated 150 miles north of the equator. In the middle of this dense



jungle and nestled along the shores of the Ventuari River sits Manaka Lodge, a five-star fishing camp whose personnel, general manager, guides, maintenance crew, house-keeping staff and on-premises chef all look forward to offering you tremendous hospitality, in addition to a fantastic week of fishing.

Manaka Lodge Trip Duration* (including travel days):

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

Manaka Lodge Package Price 2010 Season:

\$3,950.00 (US) (per person, double occupancy)

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Manaka Lodge Deposit Amount:

To secure a reservation at Manaka Lodge, a \$1,000 (US) per angler deposit is required within 10 days of your booking. Final payments are due 60 days prior to your departure. Reservations are not confirmed until deposits are received.

Included in the Manaka Lodge Package:

- Airport reception and transfers
- First and last night accommodations at the Intercontinental Hotel Tamanaco in Caracas
- Twin-engine private charter flight to the lodge*
- 6 nights accommodations at Manaka Lodge
- 6 days of fishing (2 anglers per boat)
- Fishing license
- All meals
- Soft drinks, beer, bottled water and ice
- Daily laundry service

Not included in the Manaka Lodge Package:

Airfare to Caracas; meals at the Tamanaco hotel or elsewhere in Caracas; gratuities; airport departure taxes.

Manaka Lodge Fishing Season:

December through April

Manaka Lodge Capacity:

10 Anglers

Availability at Manaka Lodge:

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

Travel Logistics for Manaka Lodge*:



Anglers fly to Caracas, Venezuela from several gateway cities. They will spend the first night at a deluxe hotel in Caracas. The next morning they will be transferred to a local airport for a twin engine private charter flight to the lodge. Manaka features several large twin engine turbo-prop aircrafts, which will whisk you directly to the Manaka Lodge landing strip in 2 hours from your takeoff in Caracas. *In instances where a small group has booked the lodge, Manaka Lodge management reserves the right to substitute commercial aircraft or smaller charter crafts.

Predominant Language Spoken on the Manaka Lodge:

Spanish is the language of Venezuela. Although the guides do understand and speak some English, it is primarily fishing English. Most anglers do not have difficulty communicating with their guides. It is always wise to learn a few words of basic Spanish before undertaking this trip. Your Complete Peacock Bass Angler text will contain a basic English-Spanish translator. An English-speaking host will always be on the premises at Manaka Lodge.

Special Entrance Requirements for Venezuela:

U.S. residents must have a valid passport to enter Venezuela. A tourist visa will be given on board the flight to Caracas.

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Manaka Lodge Accommodations:



Manaka Lodge was built in 1987 by a highly respected Venezuelan businessmen and outdoorsman. Their devotion to details and never ending commitment to the satisfaction of their guests, has created an unbelievable oasis of comfort that must be seen to be appreciated. You will be pleasantly surprised. Anglers reside



in churuatas (bungalows) that are luxuriously designed to conform to the native architecture of the Baniba and Piara Indians. Each roomy churuata contains two twin beds with overhead fans, private bath and is nicely decorated and furnished. There is also daily maid and laundry service. A separate dining area and casa grande (big house) are areas for anglers to unwind, relax and tell stories at the end of the day. Pure, cold drinking water, reliable 24-hour electricity, and plenty of ice further enhance your enjoyment. This remote jungle lodge also offers satellite television and satellite phone and FAX.

Fishing at Manaka:



Each of Manaka's guides have a minimum of 10 years of experience with American anglers.

Besides the enviable comforts of the lodge, Manaka is the only fishing lodge on the Orinoco/Ventuari river system. This means that you will be the only anglers using this vast and untapped fishery. You must see the area from the air to fully comprehend the enormity of the river drainage. The unique combination of remoteness, unlimited fishing areas, and a strict catch-and-release policy (except for a few smaller fish to sample their tasty flavor) provides the optimum



Manaka offers both trophy potential and numbers potential, be it on a plug or fly.

situation for catching the greatest possible numbers of peacock bass. There are several options available to the angler that you may want to consider. Trips offer the angler wonderful scenery and the water is never rough. Those who decide to fish the lagoons can stay out all day, enabling you to fish longer and boat ride less. You will expect to catch more than 25 peacock bass per day; they will be anywhere from 5 to 20 pounds! The pavón, peacock bass in Spanish, is a Cichlid, and there are four different species at Manaka - the speckled pavon, peacock pavon, royal pavon and butterfly pavon. There are other species of fish that you will be able to catch during your stay, such as the saber-toothed payara, sardinata, piranha and giant Amazon catfish. You will be fishing out of American made Tracker fishing boats with trolling motors, swivel seats and an experienced local guide.

Manaka Lodge has hosted anglers ranging from former Presidents Bush and Carter to ESPN's Flip Pallot of the Walker's Cay Chronicles and John Barrett of ESPN's Fly Fishing the World and our most important clients - thousands of non-celebrity anglers just looking for the best Amazon and peacock bass fishing experience in South America!

Packing for Manaka Lodge:

Upon receipt of deposits, you will receive packing lists, trip cancellation insurance application and a 56-page Complete Peacock Bass Angler text that will help you with every aspect of this trip.

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Activities for the Non-Angler at Manaka:

There are three separate Indian tribes living close to the camp. The Piaroas, Guahivos, and Banibas tribes all represent a tangible testimonial of a "primitive" culture's struggle to be integrated into a "modernized" world. Like taking a step back into time, Manaka guests have a rare and special opportunity to witness a cultural phenomenon reminiscent to that of the American Indians at the turn of the century -- suddenly immersed into a culture much more "advanced" than their own. When you mention the word Amazon, most people tend to envision the stereotypical Tarzan movie -- a tropical fantasy land with an endless number of brightly-colored birds raucously frolicking through a lush carpet of thick vines and sky scraper-sized trees. In reality, the rain forest is one of the most environmentally demanding ecosystems on earth, where natural selection has allowed only the fittest to survive. During the wet season, high water dissipates food resources and creates lean times for animals and man alike. The wildlife of the Orinoco basin is composed of a wide range of jungle creatures as shy and elusive as anywhere on earth. Although quite common, tapir, capybara, lapa, picture, jaguar, peccary, and ocelot are all nocturnal. This is not to say that you won't sometimes catch glimpses of them, but generally, the jungle is so thick that it is hard to get a good look at them. Around the camp there is a wide variety of birds. The most common and colorful are aracarís, toucans, macaws, parrots, honeycreepers, fruiteaters and a lot of other ones like eagles, kingfishers, herons, parakeets, etc. There will be an opportunity to see migratory birds in certain seasons. Those wishing to enjoy birdwatching will be able to see higher concentrations of birds in some of the secluded marsh areas, such as antbird, manakin, etc.

Weather at Manaka Lodge:

Manaka Lodge is located within the Amazon region of southern Venezuela and it is typically hot and humid, with temperatures ranging from 75 degrees overnight and in the early morning to the mid-nineties during the day. It is recommended that anglers consider long sleeve tropical weight shirts and long tropical weight pants to keep you protected from the sun's powerful rays. A wide brim hat is also recommended as is a quality sunscreen in the 30 to 45 SPF range. Even though we schedule your trip during the Venezuelan dry season, showers and storms do occur, so please pack a rainsuit as the temperatures tend to drop drastically during these periods of rain.

Meals at Manaka:



Besides the catch of the day, our chef will best surprise you with wonderful national and international dishes: tender meat, fresh chicken, fruits and vegetables are brought-in weekly to assure you freshness and variety. You will also enjoy cold beer, mineral water, soft drinks, ice tea and plenty of ice every day. Anglers will enjoy a variety of eggs, pancakes, French toasts, meats, fruit and the arepa, a local delicacy that resembles a cornmeal based English muffin. Lunch is served back at the lodge, but you will be treated to a fish fry on the water during your trip as well, in which camp staff will bring tables and chairs for your dining pleasure and a hammock to take a nice siesta as you rest up for your afternoon fishing session. Dinners are a more elaborate affair, with a variety of dishes ranging from Lasagna to chicken to beef.

Trip Cancellation and Travel Insurance Recommendation:

A fishing expedition will certainly offer you an exciting and rewarding experience. Unfortunately, however, one undertaking such an angling adventure must face the possibility that you or your fishing companion might be forced to cancel your trip at the last moment due to illness, injury or other emergency or sustain an unfortunate injury and require medical services or worse, medical evacuation during your trip. Trip cancellation and travel insurance can help protect you and your travel companions from these unforeseen and unfortunate circumstances. We will send you the application forms from Travelex, a major, reliable insurer of traveling anglers. Typically, the cost of an extensive program is less than \$65 per \$1,000 of coverage. It is wise to always consult with your personal health insurance provider before undertaking any type of travel to determine what is covered in the event of injury or illness during your travels.

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Manaka Travel Itinerary:

Day 1: International flight to Caracas, Venezuela. Transfer to Tamanaco Hotel.

Day 2: Charter flight to lodge, orientation of lodge and about the fishery, day to relax.

Days 3-8: Full fishing days for peacock bass, payara, sardinata and other species.

Day 9: Charter flight to Caracas at 10:30. Transfer to Tamanaco Hotel. Overnight

Day 10: Transfer to International Airport for return flight home.

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