

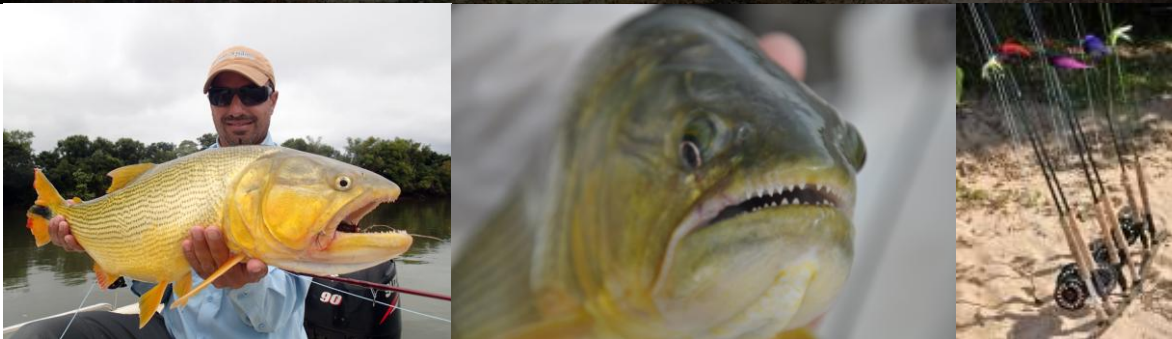


Upper Parana, River of Gold & Mystery

Seasons: September and October then January until June

Upper Parana River

This section of the Parana River is located in the extreme northern part of Corrientes Province in NE Argentina and flows for 180 miles as a tail water of the Yacyreta Hydroelectric Dam until its junction with the Paraguay River. This section of the Parana is known for its clear waters making this stretch of the river an ideal environment for fly fishing.



The Fishing

The mythic Dorado (*Salminus Maxillosus*) is clearly the main target on this river. Dorado range between 4 and 20 pounds with the possibility of fish up to 35 pounds.

Our fishing will be done using North Carolina type boats (16 foot length) equipped with 90hp four stroke motors plus electric motors at the front of the boat which are remote controlled by the guide for a silent approach to the fishing areas. We will be mainly fishing on river brunches, at the head of islands and along deep banks of the main river where different

structures (fallen trees, rocks structures and cut banks) generate ideal feeding spots for a natural hunter like the Dorado.

For sight fishing lovers we fish the shallow water on sand bars. This technique is more challenging and demands precise casts since we are casting only to what we see and especially for dorados 12 to 20 pounds in 2 or 3 feet of water. We can transform our boats to a “flats boat” with platforms for the guide to pole the flats and for anglers to rotate casting to visible Dorado. This technique is available to add a unique variety to the fishing program and we will be doing it only for shorter periods of time when the visibility conditions are optimum.



Dorado Flies

The Dorado flies we use are a variety of large deceivers made with feather tails and craft fur heads around small metallic eyes. We tie them in a variety of color combinations on 3/0 and 4/0 hooks 4 to 6 inches long. The guides will provide all the needed flies for the trip.



Another Species of sport value

Another two high valued species can be capture on the fly during this trip; which are Pacu and Pirapita. Both these species feed on fruits and flowers that fall from the trees of the jungle so we target them on slow water channels inside the river islands.

The Pacu is a permit profile fish that is highly combative and between 3 to 20 pounds; we will be targeting this fish casting behind branches as we drift with the current with a foam bead that imitates these fruits. We dead drift the line as fishing dry flies for trout and we will be able to see great surface takes that will assure a lot of fun

The Pirapita is locally known as the “salmon of the river” as it feeds on insects and can be caught on large foam attractors (such as Chernobyl Ant). These species range in size between 2 to 12 pounds with amazing fights with multiples jumps. These two described species are an ideal target for the middle part of the day where the Dorado can slow down their activity. We target them on lighter equipment. This adds a nice variety to the fishing day and provides a perfect break from casting the larger Dorado flies.



NOTE: We welcome spin gear anglers to join this trip since the technique and species targeted could be easily caught with high success using this type of equipment.

The Gear

For Dorado we recommend #8 weight 9 ft rods with a reel loaded with a Tropical WF Floating Line or Intermediate Clear Tip line. Both these lines should be tropical due to the warm water conditions and the high temperatures predominant in this area.

The leaders should be 9 feet long ending with 20 to 40 pound test saltwater fluorocarbon plus a 45 pounds wire bite tippet at the end of the leader to protect against the sharp teeth of Dorado.

For targeting Pacu and Pirapita we recommend #6 or #7 weight 9' rod equipped with a reel with Tropical WF Floating line. Leaders for these species are built ending with 16/18 pounds fluorocarbon material and the addition of a 30 pound wire bite.



The Lodge

The Lodge is located few miles upstream from the town of Itati and is a secluded private house where your group will be the only people there. You will be accommodated on double occupancy rooms along with the other anglers on your group.

Our Local Chef will delight you will traditional meal form the area and the best Argentina wines. A selection of drinks will be available on the Lodge Bar.



How to get there

You will be flying either to the Local Corrientes (CNQ) or Resistencia (RES) Airports which both have daily flight from Buenos Aires operated by Aerolineas Argentinas. The trip begins when your guide picks you up at either local Airport. Corrientes in only 50 minutes away from the Lodge and Resistencia about 1 ½ hours driving distance to the Lodge.



Fishing Season

Our season at the upper Parana River is September and October and then from January until the month of June

Trip Itinerary

DAY 1 - Fly to Buenos Aires (EZE) and then transfer to (AEP) – Fly to Corrientes CNQ or Resistencia RES Airports (depending on Trip schedule) – Transfer to Parana on the Fly Lodge – Welcome Dinner

DAY 2 to DAY 7 – 6 full fishing days

DAY 8 Private Transfer to Corrientes or Resistencia Airport – Fly to Buenos Aires – Transfer to EZE Airport – Fly back home

A typical fishing day schedule:

7:00 AM Breakfast

7:30 AM start our fishing day

1:30 PM Stop for lunch on a tree shaded island.

7:45 PM Finish our fishing day and return to the Lodge

9:00 PM Dinner

Note: on the summer months (January and February) we suggest a break fishing journey starting earlier in the morning and returning to lunch and rest by midday and stay out of the sun and heat in the peak time of the day and return to fish evening hours – With this schedule we will fish mornings from 6:00 AM to 1:00 PM and afternoons from 4:00 PM to 7:30 PM

This trip has a cost of \$4,450 per person based on double occupancy. We operate a maximum group of 8 anglers per week

INCLUDED ON THE TRIP PRICE

- All lodging as describe on the itinerary
- All meals, beer and wine.
- Full time guide and coordinator during the trip
- Transportation between local Airport and the Lodge
- All the special services described on the itinerary
- Fishing License

NOT INCLUDED ON THE TRIP PRICE

- International and Local Flights
- Airport transfers in Buenos Aires from and to International Airport and Local Airport.
- Laundry
- Gratuities