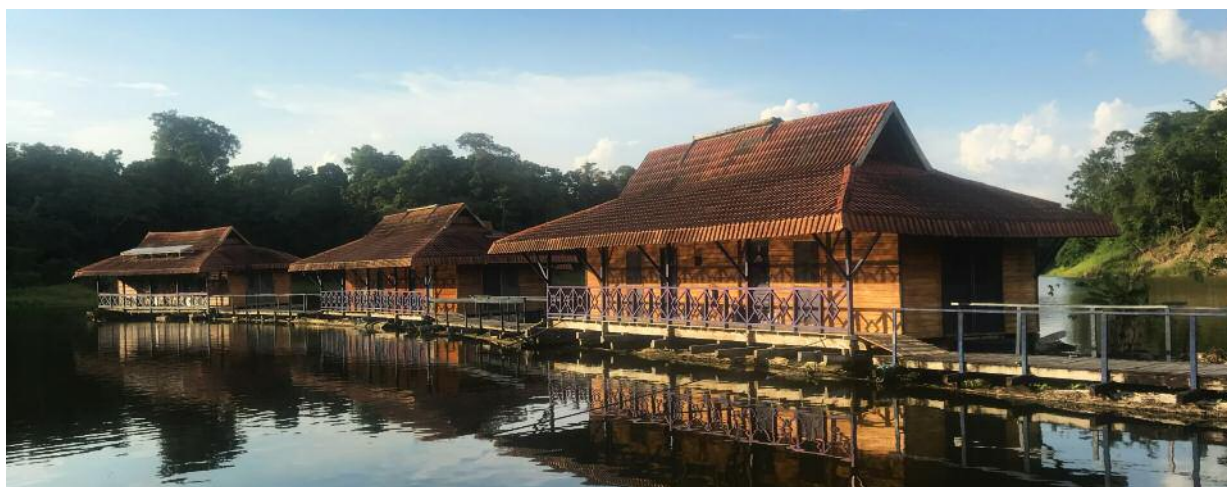


Arapaima

ON THE FLY, AND MORE!

The remote corners of the Amazon jungle are swiftly becoming the next great frontier in fly fishing. Deep in the heart of the rainforest, intrepid anglers are discovering a whole new universe of potential, filled with exotic wildlife and wildly exhilarating, fly-eating fish. The king of all the jungle fish is the arapaima, the largest scaled freshwater fish in the world, reaching lengths of over six feet and weights in excess of 400 pounds. And the best place to find these incredible specimens - in large numbers and incredible size - is in the Mamirauá Reserve, at a place called Pirarucú. Mamirauá is the largest Arapaima reserve in the world, covering more than 2.5 million acres and home to an indigenous Indian tribe that strictly regulates entry and has recently begun to allow fishing - catch and release, fly fishing only. All of this translates into a remote and exclusive angling experience with excellent opportunities for arapaima, and a variety of other hard-fighting and exotic fish.

**It's not too late to explore
the jungle in 2018!**



Arapaima are the jungle equivalent of tarpon and are an air-breathing fish, resembling tarpon in both size and shape, though with more coloration and distinctly prehistoric fins. They have a wide, scaly, gray-hued body, an armor-plated tapered head, and often display deep red coloration along their fins. When hooked, they are acrobatic fighters, leaping repeatedly out of the water in breathtaking explosions of water that leave anglers in awe at their power and beauty.

While fishing for a true river monster is appealing for a lot of adventure anglers, Pirarucú has much more to offer than just big, tackle-busting fish. Mamirauá is also home to vibrant populations of "juvenile" arapaima from 20-60 pounds, which readily take large streamers on floating fly lines in the shallow lagoons of the reserve. There are also many arowana, a fish popular in aquariums in the US but which average 2-8 pounds in the wild, and attack poppers and terrestrials with reckless abandon, leaping acrobatically once hooked. And one cannot pass by the schools, singles, and pairs of cruising tambaqui often sighted along the banks, fish that resemble freshwater permit in size, shape, and their hard-pulling nature on the end of a fly line. Throw in potential for yellow peacock bass, piripitinga, red-bellied piranhas, and oscars and you see Pirarucú is about much more than giant arapaima - this is an incredibly diverse Amazonian fishery that will not disappoint any jungle angler looking to check off half a dozen exotic species from his bucket list.

The unique fishery at Pirarucú is certainly the primary draw to the region; once settled into your floating cabin at the Pousada Uacari, however, you'll quickly be amazed at the incredible fauna of the place itself. The floating lodge is anchored in a bend of the channel that connects a series of lakes and lagoons to the junction of the Solimões (Upper Amazon) and Japura Rivers. You'll be immersed in jungle, surrounded by the sights and sounds of massive arapaima rolling and splashing in all directions - at times literally right beneath the floor of your cabin!

As a bonus, the Mamirauá Reserve is one of the top bird-watching destinations in the world with over 400 recorded species, including toucans and harpy eagles. Every day you'll see countless species of birds along the banks and within the dense jungle.

WE STILL HAVE SOME GREAT AVAILABILITY FOR THE UPCOMING 2018 SEASON AT PIRARUCÚ:

Sept 4 - 9 - 1 rod
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Sept 23 - 28 - 3 rods
Sept 30 - Oct 5 - 1 rod
Oct 9 - 14 - 1 rod
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