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Pre-Trip Information - Anglers Traveling to Brazil

"Your Gateway to Amazon's Greatest Adventures"

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We extend our sincere gratitude for selecting Amazon Xtreme Fishing Adventures, LLC / Go-Fish Adventures for your upcoming exotic fishing expedition to the Brazilian Amazon Basin.

The information provided herein is designed to facilitate your preparations for the Peacock Bass Fishing trips, whether on our yachts, at the lodge, or aboard one of our floating houseboats in Brazil. It encompasses <u>crucial details</u> related to your travel documents, Brazilian Visa, Flight Reservations, <u>Inoculations</u>, <u>Personal clothing and Travel items</u>, <u>TSA Rules</u>, Check-Bags, and <u>Peacock Bass Fishing tackle</u>.

To access further details, kindly click on the "**blue links**" embedded in this document for comprehensive information and thorough research.

Brazil is a stable and friendly country and travel to Brazil is safe and enjoyable. The State of Amazonas has an estimate 3.8 million people; the State Capital is Manaus located 215 miles south of the Equator with a population of nearly 2.4 Million residents. The Brazilian currency is the Real "R\$" (pronounces "Hay-eyes", plural), you may use the ATM at the airport, Bank or Hotel to make a withdrawal to get the best exchange rates or you can pay with U.S Currency in most places in Manaus. You may want to have some Brazilian currency to use at local craft stands, or bring small U.S currency during your visit at villages that may offer handmade crafts. See more "Manaus here", also see a "Time-Lapse view of Manaus" YouTube.

<u>Climate:</u> The daylight remains at a constant 12-hours per day with sunrise and sunset at 6:15AM and 6:15PM, respectively. The temperature in a rain forest rarely gets higher than 93 °F (34 °C) or drops below 68 °F (20 °C); average humidity is between 77% and 88%; rainfall is often more than 100 inches a year. Although you will be fishing during the "dry season", rain showers are very common and some can even last for a full day or more. Be prepared for weather conditions from hot and dry to wet and windy. More information see "<u>Tropical Rainforest</u>"

STAFF IN MANAUS: "Arrival in Manaus"

Upon your arrival at Manaus Airport in Brazil, our English-speaking staff will be present to welcome the group. Please note that separate arrivals may incur additional service fees. Look for our host holding signs that read "*Amazon Xtreme Fishing*" for assistance.

• <u>TRAVELERS TO BRAZIL WILL NEED</u>: (IF YOU HAVE NOT SENT Item #1, #2, #5, #6, AND #7. PLEASE DO AT THIS TIME.

• <u>1- Complete and Signed Client Reservations Form "CRF" & Trip Deposit:</u>

To ensure a seamless experience for your Brazil trip, we meticulously handle reservations for hotels, charter flights, licenses, and medical needs. It is imperative for anglers to complete our <u>*Client Reservations Form click here:*</u> before the trip. Failure to do so may pose a risk of being unable to continue after arrival due to missing travel information. Your timely cooperation is greatly appreciated.

<u>2- A Valid U.S. Passport</u>:

Critical: A valid passport with 6-month validity from departure to Brazil is essential, with (2) blank pages. If absent, apply promptly, or expedite in 3-4 weeks with additional fees using an international flight itinerary or trip letter.

<u>3- Your Brazilian Fishing License:</u>

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<u>4- Valid Brazilian Tourist Visa</u>: Updated: As of April 10, 2025 (Brazil TOURIST VISA requirements)

United States, Canadian, Australia passport holders need a **Tourist Visa to travel into Brazil**. Other countries may require to obtain a Brazilian Visa for travel to Brazil. If your country of origin requires a Tourist Visa, contact AXF for more information and processing. AXF E-Visa expeditor service can assist with applications, \$150 Expeditor Fee.

The <u>World Health Organization</u> recommends yellow fever vaccination and malaria prescription (Malaren) for the Amazon region; however, it is important to check with your physician for their recommendations based on your personal medical history. Up to Date Tetanus shots required.

Requirements for entry into National Park and Reservations: Upload copies on Reservation Form or email us.

- <u>5- Medical Certificat / Doctor's note</u> required to enter Park and Reservations as of 01-2021.
 - Stating You are in Excellent Health and Fitness for Engaging in the Required Activities.
 - **Entry to Indian Reservations requires copy of Covid Vaccine Card- upload copy on CRF Form.
- <u>6- COVID-19 UPDATES and TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS –</u> required to enter Park and Reservations
 **Entry to Indian Reservations requires copy of letter showing good health status upload copy on CRF Form.
- 7- YELLOW FEVER VACCINE: Cost: \$45 in Brazil required to enter Park and Reservations
- **Entry to Indian Reservations requires copy of Yellow Fever or doctor note upload copy on CRF Form.
 8- Tetanus shots:
- You should be up to date, as someone may get hooked. "Sometimes we get hooked too, Not just the fish"

9- Other shots: Malaria, Typhoid, other vaccines not required t

Malaria, Typhoid, other vaccines not required to enter our areas, contact us with any questions.

EMERGENCY E-VAC / TRAVEL INSURANCE / TRIP CANCELLATIONS / MEDICAL EXPENSES.

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Amazon Xtreme Fishing is a safe travel partner with Global Rescue and recommend that all our guests purchase travel insurance to cover trip cancelation, medical emergencies, field evacuation, emergency assistance and travel delays. I would like to introduce the Global Rescue Team. They can advise regarding travel insurance and emergency services.

Medical and security emergencies happen, When they do, we rely Global Rescue, The world's leading membership organization providing integrated medical, security, travel risk and crisis response services to our travelers worldwide. Memberships start at \$184* (* Basic Membership does not cover Medical, only E-Vac expenses)

Global Rescue has created the industry's most complete travel insurance that was built with the outdoorsman in mind. With minimal exclusions the IMG Signature Travel Insurance is the perfect add-on to your Global Rescue membership.

To find out more information please visit our landing page at: https://partner.globalrescue.com/amazonxtremefishing

MEDICAL PRECAUTIONS: MOSQUITOS:

WE do strongly recommend precaution if you have any ALLERGIES to Bee and Wasp stings, YOU MUST have an <u>Epi-Pen in your possession and inform Guide / Staff of its whereabout while on your trip!</u> Our trips take place in the Rio Negro water shed, *NO MOSQUITOS,* they are very limited to the areas where you will be fishing. This is due to the *high tannic acid* content in the water system, which prevents mosquitos and bacteria from breeding. Ask our office for more details.

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AIR TRAVEL TIME:

When flying internationally, we recommend that you arrive at the departure airport at least **3- 4 hours prior** to your scheduled international departure to Brazil, in order to have ample time to process your tickets, transfer and check your bags. *NOTE: It's important that you make sure you are arriving (1) <u>one day prior to trip date</u> ***Always check for updates on airline flights, as changes in scheduled itinerary may occur with airlines.*

• AIRLINE TICKETS:

Kindly withhold the purchase of airline tickets until AXF confirms the group and attains the minimum required anglers. For airline reservations in our Travel Department, please submit a copy of your Passport or State ID. Ensure passport validity on the travel date to prevent additional charges.

Consider purchasing domestic and international tickets together to potentially circumvent checked bag fees for flights to Brazil, contingent on airline rules. Our travel department will orchestrate flight schedules for all participants.

One-Stop-Shop – Flights & more! Exclusively through Martin Travel bookings. Great Deals with American Airlines Call Kevin Martin: <u>1 (800) 627-8468</u> <u>kmartin@martintravelservices.com</u>

EARLY ARRIVAL / LATE DEPARTURE:

For clients seeking early arrival or late departure beyond the standard itinerary, Amazon Xtreme Fishing offers assistance. Guests are responsible for additional transportation to/from the airport and hotel, as well as any extra hotel reservations needed. Our office will coordinate special arrangements, and guests will directly cover costs in Manaus for additional services.

• DUTY FREE:

Beer, Wine and Soft Drinks are part of your package, Imported Liquor can be found in Int. Airports Duty Free Shops, guest can purchase their favorite spirits, cigars and cigarettes, they will deliver items to you at the boarding gate to Manaus during boarding time, 3 bottles p/guest. Contact AXF for best stop to visit Duty Free in routes.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS AND OTHER ACTIVITES:

Kindly refrain from independently booking hotel reservations in Manaus. Additional hotel stays, city tours, river tours, and other activities not included in the package must be reserved through AXF to maintain group cohesion. Should a guest wish to stay at a different location, please inform AXF beforehand. Each guest is accountable for additional hotels, transfers, and shuttle services to join the group. Staying at a different hotel may result in missing the departure for the trip.

BAGGAGE:

Please use soft sided luggage such as a **Waterproof Duffel Bag** (the average empty suitcase weight is up to 13lbs, and a Good Duffle-Bag is less than 4lbs) for trip, keep in mind the following tips: See <u>TSA's What Can I Bring?</u>

- WEIGHT RESTRICTION FOR BAGS: Follow the informative links for details and the 3-1-1 rule. Charter Flights in Brazil: (CHECKED BAGS/CARRY-ONS): <u>A 15kl/30lbs Combined Weight Restriction</u> applies to all Charter Flights and Brazilian FAA Regulations (Donations will be send up separately). Excess weight will be stored in our storage safe-locker in AXF's Office in Manaus or Hotel.
- > Check with airlines for weight restrictions, fees and regulations for carry-on luggage.
- TSA Travel Security, passengers MUST check bag in if they bring, liquids, (see TSA rules) Lures, Leatherman and tools, or any sharp objects, Reels / small lures can go in your carry-on bag.
- > <u>TSA 3-1-1 Rule</u>: Leave sunscreen and sunglasses in luggage for easy retrieval during transfer to final destination.
- We strongly recommend that you <u>personally verify with the online baggage tracker app available for most airlines 45 min. before boarding your connecting flight to Brazil</u>, (Or devices like *Air-Tag* or any other tracking devices) and checked baggage is transferred to your flight down to Manaus (you can track your checked bags from time you leave home). If not, contact airline host/stewardess for help before take-off. This will save considerable time at Customs! If bags miss this one flight, it is not possible to get bags to you unless guest charter a small \$6500 private plane to deliver bags. This is why you should pack one set of clothes in carry-on just in case.

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• GRATUITIES:

Frequently, guests inquire about tipping guides on fishing days. Tipping is entirely at your discretion. Our guides and staff exert considerable effort to ensure your satisfaction and greatly appreciate your tips. The amount you choose to tip is entirely up to you. A suggested gratuity is 10% per angler of the trip cost, with **5% for guides and 5% for the staff pot**. Gratuities will be collected at the end of your week, and kindly note that we can only accept cash. Smaller bills are greatly appreciated for change.

• FINAL PAYMENT:

If you have not yet submitted your trip deposit, which amounts to 50% of the total trip cost, we kindly request you to do so promptly to secure your fishing trip reservation. The final payment is due 90 days prior to the departure date. For trips within 90 days of the starting date, full payment is required at the time of booking. Your timely cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

<u>RETURN TRAVEL:</u>

We recommend that customers schedule a connecting flight home no sooner than 3-hours after landing in the US. *Please re-confirm your international flight schedule & times, airline companies schedules are subject to change without notice!*

<u>ELECTRONICS: (Not Voltage converter)</u> Adapter recommended for Brazil Click here: <u>Adapter</u> <u>US/BRAZIL(Not inverter)</u>

- HOTELS in town use a 220v system, check with the front desk first if you didnt bring one. Most electronics have a converter (cell phones, laptops, some cameras) normal plugs do not convert, like hair dryers, shavers, etc. CHECK FIRST.
- ALL AXF FISHING DESTINATION in Brazil are equipped with generators that produce electricity using American standards (60 cycles,110/220 Volt). No inverter is needed there and adapters are available.

<u>COMMUNICATIONS:</u> Most locations now we will have full Wi-Fi services, check with AXF.

In case of emergencies, please send a text to the U.S. contact first at **+1-469-995-5431 via WhatsApp**. This will attempt to relay a message to Brazil during the daily check-in time. U.S. office hours are Monday-Friday, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm (Central Time). Most destination offer Wi-Fi service free of charge for customer use, we offer satellite phone with a per-minute rates (\$7.00) if necessary to use during trip.

GIFTS/CANDY/DONATIONS:

Avoid candy when bringing gifts for local children to protect their teeth! opt for small toys, clothing, shoes, or sandals instead. We're also collecting donations for school supplies and necessities for local villages. Inform our office before bringing donations to Brazil to accommodate the extra weight (30lbs per guest adds up!). Request our donations and gifts idea sheet via email for inspiration. Let's bring smiles without the cavities!

• CREDIT CARDS / DEBIT CARDS / ATM'S / CASH:

Don't forget to inform your credit card company of choice of dates you will be traveling. If you wish to get local currency, **REAIS R\$**, best is to use you **ATM card at the local ATM machine** to obtain the best exchange rates, some places will take small bills in U.S currency, and you can help with tipping staff if you take small notes. (it can be difficult to change \$100 bill). Hotel and all most restaurants take credit cards for payment. A CREDIT/DEBIT card purchases is ran as a CREDIT purchaes in most places when used in Brazil and may not ask for the PIN.

If there is anything we can do to assist you in the preparation of your trip to Brazil Please don't hesitate to call us at 1-469-995-5351. Enjoy this Unique Peacock Bass Fishing Adventure with the "Best Live-Aboard Floating Lodge, RNL Lodge and Floating Safari Camps found in the Brazilian Rainforest Amazon"!

Direct Links to Online Information sites:

Global Rescue Travel - Emergency Evac Insurance and Trip Insurance providers for world travelers Tropical Rainforest - Visit the Amazon, read more about where you will be in. Amazon, the Beauty of Manaus – A time-lapse tour of the City and its wonders. Manaus Visit the city here in a virtual tour! - World Cup Hosting City and first city in the Jungle TSA Travel Security – Restrictions and Updates TSA's What Can I Bring? What can go in Carry-on and Checked Bags TSA Liquids rules – Carry-on and checked bags,, Duty Free Zone in Miami will deliver at boarding gates only. Leatherman and tools – fishing toys Sharp Objects Hooks, knives, etc. SHERPA.COM – International Travel information, Vaccines, Visa, and all other needed information up to date. Reels and small lures – Pack safely in your carry-on bags. World Health Organization – all you may need to know about traveling abroad and Brazil, you will be in the Rio Negro, no Mosquitos there, we have some Real Mean Bees and Wasp, so if you are allergic, take serious precautions and be safe.

Special Health Situations with Traveler and Concerns: Please call us so we can discuss this and also know more about your conditions.