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Dear Friends,

In one of the country's indigenous languages, "Guyana" translates to "land of many waters." And where there is water, there are fish. Serious freshwater anglers have long been aware of the tremendous opportunities for fishing adventures in Guyana. Arrowana, piranha and peacock bass populate the rivers, as does the world's largest scaled freshwater fish, the arapaima, primarily done through catch and release fly fishing. Of course, the fish themselves are just part of the attraction. Rivers run through pristine rainforests, brimming with wildlife and exotic birds. Indigenous communities welcome anglers and provide warm hospitality and experienced, English-speaking guides. I invite you to read on and discover the tremendous opportunities Guyana can provide your fishing-focused clients.

Fish on!

Jane Behrend
Lead Representative, North America

UPCOMING WEBINARS

November 19. Landing a Big one in Guyana | [Register Here](#)

RE•THINK TRAVEL VIRTUAL TRADE SHOW

The GTA is excited to announce their participation in the inaugural Re•think Travel Virtual Trade Show November 9 - 12. It is **FREE** for attendees to [register](#) before October 30th. Come check out our booth and the various Guyana companies that will be exhibiting. We hope to see you there!

PERSON OF THE MONTH: **RAYMOND JAMES**



Raymond has worked as a boat captain and fishing guide for [Adventure Guianas](#) and Piraiba Lodge for eight years, but he's been on the Essequibo River much longer than that. The 42-year-old father of four is a Makushi, one of the nine groups of Indigenous Peoples that inhabit Guyana. He grew up swimming, exploring and fishing the Essequibo, and has an exhaustive knowledge of the river. He enjoys his work and delights in helping visiting anglers turn their dreams into reality.

LANDING A BIG ONE IN GUYANA

With such a robust landscape of rivers and forests, it's not surprising that Guyana is one of the world's best places for freshwater fishing. There are close to 900 species of fish here, many of them on the bucket list of avid anglers, including the world's largest scaled freshwater fish, the arapaima.

These freshwater beasts can reach weights up to 700 pounds, and grow to over ten feet in length. In Guyana, most arapaima that are caught on the fly weigh between 100 and 200 pounds and average six to seven feet in length. Arapaima fishing here is strictly catch-and-release, but you'll never forget the thrill of reeling in one of these river monsters.



Other species you can fish for include payara, pacu, arowana, himara, golden dorado, piraiba/lau lau, a variety of catfish and several species of bass, including the peacock bass, a notoriously challenging game fish.

Primetime for a Guyana fishing adventure is November through January. And while February to May isn't ideal, an experienced guide will still be able to find some good places along the rivers.

With regards to accommodations, nature resorts, eco-lodges and community-run accommodation in villages close to rivers are the best choices for anglers. Un-fussy but comfortable, they're perfect for recuperating after a long day on the river. Here they can relax, enjoy local food and get an insight into traditional indigenous cultures and their ways of life. Some of the options to consider are [Karanambu Lodge](#); [Surama Eco-Lodge](#) along the Burro Burro River; [Rewa Eco-Lodge](#), the community-run accommodation at the confluence of the Rupununi and Rewa Rivers; and the [Arrowpoint Nature Resort](#) closer to the coast.

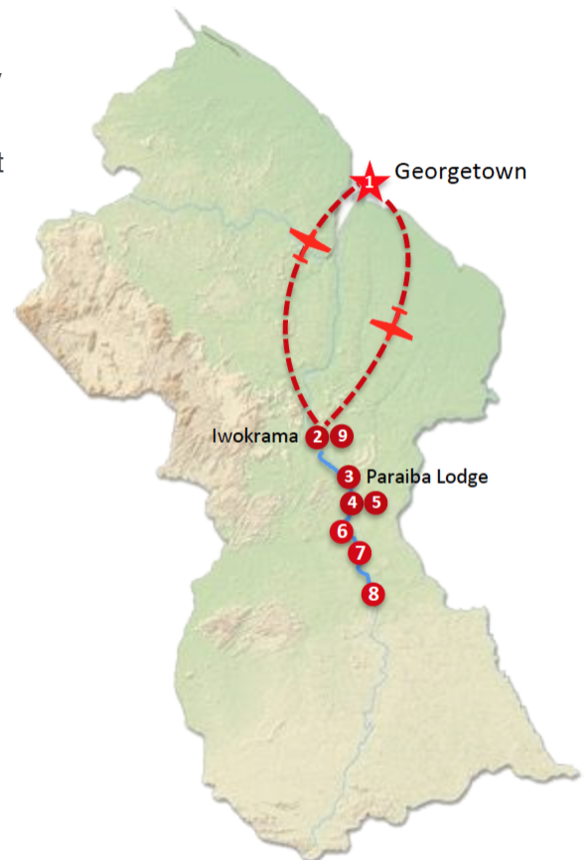
All of these (and other) lodges are accustomed to accommodating anglers and provide local indigenous guides with an in-depth knowledge of the rivers, the fish and the best spots for catching them. They can also provide the necessary fishing equipment.

The opportunities for freshwater fishing in Guyana are vast and varied, so whether you or your clients are expert anglers seeking a new challenge, or a beginner looking to give it a try, they'll find the fishing experience that's right for them.



FEATURED ITINERARY: Freshwater Monster Fishing on the Essequibo River, Guyana

Travel deep into the Guyanese interior for an unforgettable freshwater fishing experience. You'll stay at the Paraiba Lodge on the banks of the Essequibo River, where experienced local guides will take you out each day in search of some of the world's most challenging freshwater species, including the massive river monster, the arapaima.



[SEE FULL ITINERARY](#)

VIDEO OF THE MONTH

The title of this video from Angler West TV pretty much says it all, "Extreme Freshwater Fishing:

Guyana Jungle Giants." The video is a bit long and gets technical at a few points (serious anglers will appreciate that), but if you want to see what it's like to reel in a massive arapaima, it is worth the watch. You'll also get to see plenty of other freshwater fish getting caught on the upper Essequibo River, including peacock bass, catfish and piranha. The crew even gets a wakeup call from some nearby howler monkeys, which is...well...a unique experience. Watch the video below.



GUYANA IN THE NEWS

The spotlight has been on this English-speaking gem, one of six countries that make up the Guiana Shield, a biodiverse geological formation believed to be crucial for the planet's survival. Guyana The Land That Time Forgot is one of the [27 Epic Trips To Start Planning now](#).

We launched our North American OTT Course for Guyana. The course has been divided into four modules: Guyana Essentials, Nature, Birding & Wildlife, Culture & Heritage and Community-tourism and Lodges.

We encourage you to [Dive Into The Course](#) and learn more about this singular destination. Did we mention **there are prizes** for the first 40 agents to complete it?



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