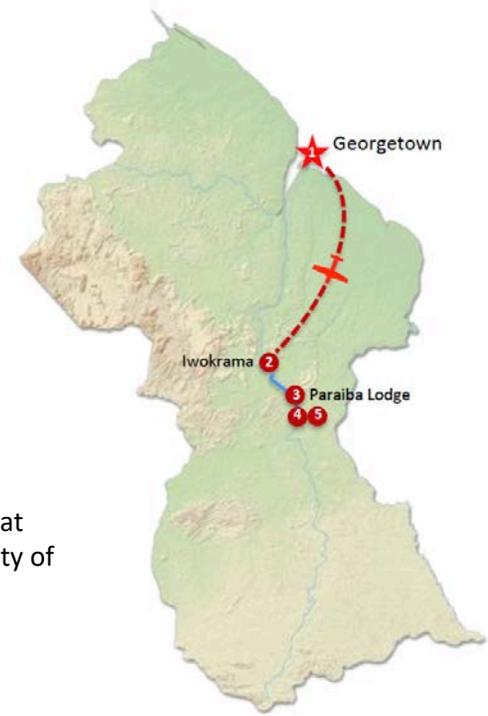


## FEATURED ITINERARY

# Freshwater Monster Fishing on the Essequibo River

Travel deep into the Guyanese interior for an unforgettable freshwater fishing experience. You'll stay at the Piraiba 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.



### Day 1 Arrive in Guyana

Pick up and transfer to Georgetown. Brief Introduction to historic Georgetown. Overnight at Sleep Inn Hotel or another hotel in the capital city of Georgetown.



### Day 2 Fly to Iwokrama Airstip

Guides will take you by motorized boat up the Essequibo River to our fishing lodge. The boat ride takes about an hour and offers great opportunities to experience the wildlife and scenic beauty of our rainforest. Watch for otters, peccaries, tapirs, monkeys and birds of every shape, color and size. Overnight Piraiba (Lau Lau) Lodge.



### Day 3 Piraiba Lodge

Situated on the eastern bank of the Essequibo River, surrounded by pristine jungle, the lodge has six (6) self-contained twin rooms, and four (4) additional rooms with shared toilet and bath facility. This lodge is actually owned by the founder of our tour company, Adventure Guianas. Today, guests will fish in and around the lodge, targeting multiple species. For hard-core anglers who may want to fish off the river-bank during the night, Coleman All Weather-Proof tents with sleeping cots, are available.



### Day 4 Peacock Bass & Arrowana Fishing

Today your fishing adventure begins. While there are more than twenty species of fish to interest anglers, many are delighted to pursue the colorful peacock bass, considered, pound-for-pound, one of the fiercest fighters and the **arrowana**, which can be seen leaping to grab fruits and small insects from overhanging branches.



### Day 5 Payara or Vampire Fish

A most intriguing/frightening-looking fish, the payara, or **vampire fish**, lurks in the fast-flowing rapids of the Amazon river systems. This fish boasts fangs that are unusually large for its size, with the bottom fangs actually protruding through the upper jaw. Today you will spend the day fishing for these creatures.

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### Day 6 Amazon Red Tail & Jau Catfish

The **red tail catfish**, referred to as the express train, because of the speed in which it takes off after having taken the bait, and the grunts it makes when caught, is another prime target for anglers. The jau is considered one of the toughest catfish to land and lives in huge caves beneath the river-beds. These are two of the four freshwater species that can grow to over 100 pounds in the Essequibo River.



### Day 7 Camping & Fishing for Lau Lau and Arapaima

Today we go after two of the largest freshwater species in the world, the arapaima and goliath catfish (**lau lau**). We set up camp beside the river with all-weather tents and sleeping cots. After a full day of battling behemoths, we dine around the campfire and enjoy the beauty of the outdoors. This is often considered the highlight of the trip.



### Day 8 So Many Fish, So Little Time!

Trairo or wolf fish, **tiger shovel nose catfish**, jandia or leopard catfish, coby or pescada drum, red pacu On our way back to the lodge, we'll troll for some of these other freshwater species. Along the way, keep an eye out for herons, egrets, kingfishers, terns and ospreys that frequent the river-banks in search of fish.



### Day 9 Back to Iwokrama Airstrip & Georgetown

After breakfast, return to Iwokrama Airstrip for return flight to Eugene F. Correia International Airport at Ogle where you will be met and taken to your hotel in Georgetown. You'll have a chance to explore Guyana's capital city, with highlights that include St. George's Cathedral, the Stabroek Market and the Guyana's Botanical Gardens. Overnight at hotel.



### Day 10 Goodbye Guyana

Today we say goodbye. You will be transferred to the international airport for your outgoing flight and international travels.

