Project Paiche ventures deep into the Peruvian rainforest, 2 hours travel from the city of Iquitos, for 6 days of exploring the pristine rivers and lakes of a communal reserve. Accompanied by the seasoned Peru Anglers team and native partners of an amazing community, your flies will be tested by native species of peacock bass, arawana and arapaima (“paiche”). This program is for canoe-steady anglers in search of the ultimate “off the beaten track” experience!
ITINERARY:

DAY 1: Leave Iquitos for the communal reserve, 2 hour journey by boat. Briefing in lodge, lunch and afternoon fishing peacock bass. Return for dinner and evening spent in the lodge.

DAY 2: Early departure and travel by motorized canoe to fishing destination. Upon arrival, walk five minutes before splitting into 2 groups to fish in various lakes and small tributaries of the communal reserve. We will mostly fish peacock bass, 1 angler accompanied by 1 guide per canoe. Dinner and evening spent in the lodge.

DAY 3: Fishing in Ara Cocha, camp site near Paiche Cocha (fishing lakes). Walk 1.5 hours through the jungle to reach these lakes and “out camp”, a simple but comfortable site to spend a couple nights in the jungle. In these lakes, we will fish arawanas and arapaimas or “paiche” as they are known in Peru.

DAY 4: Fishing in Ara Cocha, camp site near Paiche Cocha.

DAY 5: Return to community lodge, lunch and afternoon fishing for peacock bass. Dinner and evening spent in the lodge.

DAY 6: Morning fishing for peacock bass and afternoon return to Iquitos. The trip back to Iquitos is 2 hours by boat. It is possible to fly to Lima the same day or spend another night in Iquitos. Please confirm in advance to make hotel reservations.

“Fishing can be a way to relax.”

Tom Felton
INCLUDED IN PROGRAM:

- Transfer from airport or hotel
- Transport to/from community
- Private lodging in the community lodge; nights 3-4 will be spent in the “out camp”*
- All food until lunch on last day returning to Iquitos
- Professional fly fishing guides and local community guides

*Our accommodations for nights 1, 2 and 5 are a simple wood lodge, owned and managed by the native Chino community; private rooms with shared bathroom.

NOT INCLUDED IN PROGRAM:

- Airline tickets
- Fishing equipment
- Extra night in Iquitos
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It is best to always have your body fully covered, for protection from mosquitoes, sun and heat. We recommend quick-dry, long-sleeved clothing, hat, Buff, sandals (or Crocs for use when fishing in the canoe), rain jacket, bug repellant, sun screen, and sun glasses.

EQUIPMENT:

For peacock bass fishing: 6-7 weight rods with floating lines; green, orange, red, yellow Puglisi, deceivers, clousers, popper or similar flies.

For arawana fishing: 6-7 weight rods with floating lines; poppers and dry flies like chernobyl ants, fat alberts, flies similar to terrestrial beetles, small white or silver (very shiny) streamers like Puglisi are also good.

For arapaima fishing: 10-12 weight rods with sink lines; large, simple streamers like Puglisi, deceivers that will sink rapidly and do not carry much water when casting.

Fishing conditions may change throughout the season. Peru Anglers will advise as to the best options available at the time of confirming your reservation.