

TSIMANE, PLUMA LODGE BOLIVIA FLY FISHING September 8 – 18, 2016 Lodge dates: September 10-17

Especially prepared for the Tim Landwehr group

Thursday September 8

Depart your home city for Santa Cruz, Bolivia via American Airlines overnight flight service departing Miami, Florida.

About the program: The Tsimane Pluma Lodge experience is based on one comfortable jungle lodge built with indigenous wood and two headwater camps, one in upper Pluma River and one in upper Itirizama River.

Friday September 9

Arrive into Santa Cruz' Viru-Viru airport. Upon arrival an English-speaking lodge representative will meet you and provide your transfer to the **Los Tajibos** (5 star) Hotel–in Santa Cruz where you will spend your first night.

Dinner will be independent this evening. The hotel has the following dining options – Jardin de Asia: Asian fusion menu (#1 rated restaurant in Santa Cruz) El Papagayo, gourmet cuisine; La Terraza, fast food and drinks; La Baranda, poolside snack bar, regional and international food. Poolside buffet and barbecue. Buffet breakfast included.

Note: Los Tajibos hotel rooms are included in the package cost and may be reserved as either single or double occupancy.

Saturday September 10

After breakfast, Tsimane's local host will pick you up around 8:30 AM and transfer you to El Trompillo airport for your charter flight to the Oromomo Indian Community (1 hour 30 minute flight). Upon arrival you will be greeted by your hosts who will provide your transfer to Pluma Lodge. This transfer is a 45 minute boat ride upstream to Secure Coruya Dock. Upon docking you will then be transported via 4x4 vehicles via a jungle road until you reach the Pluma Lodge. After settling into the lodge and preparing your gear you will meet with your guides. They will explain the upcoming fishing week and discuss the fishing beats, fishing rotation, and headwater camps possibilities (Pluma/Itirizama). This afternoon, anglers will be able to do some fishing at the home pool and areas near the lodge.

Sunday – Friday September 11-16

Six full days of fishing: Each day two person teams will fish one of the beats in the Pluma area; at days end head back to the Lodge. There is the possibility of fishing the upper Pluma and Itirizama river headwater camps for one or two nights during your fishing week. Each headwater camp is



suited for two anglers; this means 2 anglers in upper Pluma camp and 2 anglers in upper Itirizama camp. All fishing is done via walking and wading upstream until you reach the upper camps where you will end your fishing day and overnight at the camp.

Note: There's an advanced second camp in both Pluma and Itirizama, which allow the more adventurous anglers to extend their stay on the headwaters of these unique, virgin mountain rivers for a lifetime sight casting, jungle experience.

We will have two aluminum skiffs at the lower secure area, each one with two spacious casting platforms and more powerful outboard motors. They will be located at Coruya port and allow anglers to reach new fishing areas downstream of the Oromomo Indian Community which is completely new for Tsimane guests. This lower part of Secure river is a magnificent big dorado fishery with numerous log structures, runs and tributaries.

Note: We recommend the upper Pluma / Itirizama camps for physically fit anglers only.

Saturday September 17

After breakfast and time for packing, you will be transferred back to the Oromomo Indian Community where you will board your charter flight back to Santa Cruz (1 hour 30 minute flight).

In Santa Cruz you will be met by a member of the Tsimane staff who will transfer you to the Los Tajibos Hotel for your overnight accommodations (included in the package). Buffet breakfast included - Beverages not included.

It may be possible to depart this evening flight schedule pending.

Sunday September 18

At a pre-arranged time after breakfast, you will be transferred to the Santa Cruz Airport in time to check-in for your flight home.

Package Rate: 10 nights and 6.5 days of Dorado fishing. \$7,600 (US Dollars) per person.

Inclusions:

6.5 days guided fishing in Pluma Lodge waters, 7 nights at Pluma Lodge (with possibility for headwater camps overnights), all inclusive meals and beverages, 2 nights at the Los Tajibos Hotel in Santa Cruz, all ground transfers in Santa Cruz, and round trip charters flights to/from lodge and Santa Cruz.



Exclusions:

International flights, meals and beverage at Los Tajibos hotel, gratuities, special tours, trip insurance, travel visa, Native Indian/National Park entrance fee (USD\$670 per angler) payable upon arrival in Bolivia.

A travel visa is required for all United States citizens to enter Bolivia. This may be secured upon arrival at the airport in Santa Cruz for a consular fee of \$160 per visa. Please consult Frontiers with any questions.

NOTE: U.K. passport holders do not require a travel visa.

Important information about this trip:

Fishing and topography - This region of Bolivia is generally a walking fishery where anglers walk the banks looking for Dorado and other species. There are a few areas where float fishing can be done successfully, but generally the boats are used as a means of access from point to point rather than a vehicle for fishing. The degree of mobility and agility required varies from river to river and day to day. Some stream beds and banks are rocky and can be physically demanding, requiring longer hikes, maneuvering over heavy boulders and deeper wading. There are other areas that are easier to walk and offer great fishing. Many of our clients find a wading staff helpful. Be sure to let Frontiers and your guide know how much walking you would like to do or can do. This information is important to successfully enjoying your trip to this destination.

Wading Boots - Yes, we begin the "important fishing equipment" with this item and we cover it often because it is imperative to a successful trip. Rubber soled wading boots while comfortable for hiking are called "widow makers" in this region and are not recommended. Anglers should plan on using either felt soled boots or felt/rubber soled with studs. After a few seasons of guest feedback we are finding that the felt soled boots seem to be the boot of choice. Wading boots are a matter of preference and we can only relay our personal experiences, ultimately the choice is yours.

Weather - Despite the tropical jungle location, it can get downright cold here. Weather fronts can drop the temperature by 50 degrees in a short period of time. Nighttime temperatures can dip into to 40's so we urge you to prepare for this condition. Bring plenty of base layers and of course rain gear. A pair of lightweight breathable waders will keep you comfortable in cooler water temperatures. The underlying principle is be prepared for a wide temperature fluctuation.

Frontiers destination webpage: <u>Tsimane</u> – at the bottom of the landing page are links to both lodges. You tube video – Devils Gold: Devils Gold filmed on location at Tsimane lodges.



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