

A legendary journey into the
Amazon heart

A man with a beard and a wide-brimmed hat is smiling while holding a large, silvery fish with yellowish fins in a river. The background shows lush green trees and a clear blue sky. The water is slightly rippled, and the fish's scales are glistening.

TRAVEL PLANNER

Pluma Lodge

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Discover one of the most **remote** and **exclusive fly-fishing** expeditions on Earth.

Tsimane Lodge offers privileged access to crystal-clear **Amazonian rivers**, with sight-fishing for **wild golden dorado** guided by professional **anglers** and **indigenous** experts.

A rare blend of world-class angling, and eco-luxury in the heart of the Bolivian Amazonian jungle- where rustic comfort, cultural connection and wild exploration redefine what a fishing trip can be.



Tsimane Pluma Lodge is one of the most incredible, unique, one-of-a-kind fishing trips in existence.



you will experience some of the wildest fishing on the planet.



Tsimane opens the possibility to fly-fish for huge Dorado in small mountain streams, with clear waters surrounded by unspoilt rainforest.

**Day 0 / Santa Cruz,
Bolivia**

Arrival in **Santa Cruz**. Airport pickup and transfer to a **5-star hotel (single room, breakfast included)**.

Day 1 / Amazon

Charter flight (90 min) to the **jungle** airstrip, followed by a **dugout canoe** ride to the **lodge**.
Tackle prep and orientation.

Day 2 -7 / FISHING

Six days of guided **fishing** across the **Pluma, Itirisama, and Sécure Rivers**.

Two anglers per pro guide + two local guides, fishing by wading and from dugout canoes with YETI coolers and comfortable seats.

**Day 8 (Saturday)
/ Return**

Return charter to Santa Cruz. Final night in 5-star hotel (single room). Transfer to international airport next day.

Pluma Lodge Waters

Pluma river



Crystal-clear freestone river.

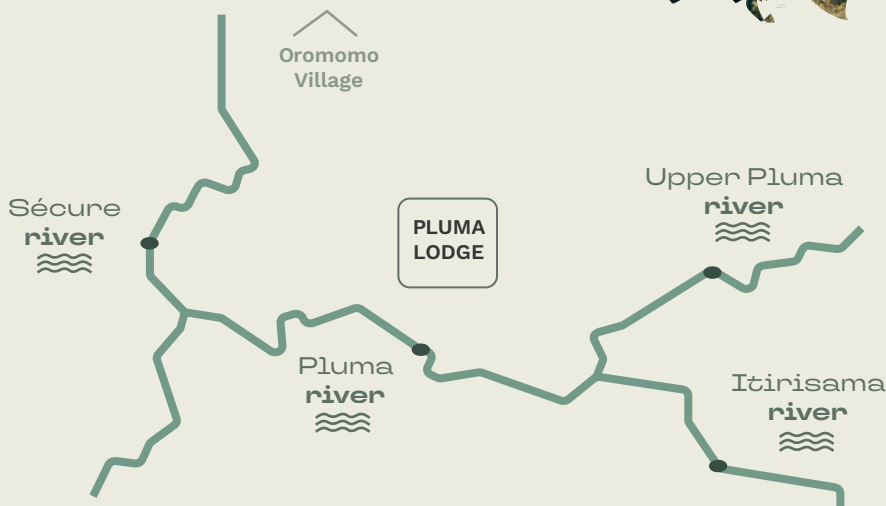
Its wide gravel banks make it easy to wade, while its structure—deep pools, riffles, and boulder gardens—offers some of the best dorado sight fishing at Tsimane.

Sécure river



This stretch runs from the confluence with the Pluma River all the way down to Oromomo Village. Here, the riverbed is soft and you'll find plenty of submerged logs scattered along its sandy banks.

RIVERS MAP



Species

Golden Dorado,
Pacú, Yatorana,
Moturo & Surubí

Itirisama river



Pluma's main tributary, is steep, remote, and considered by many the crown jewel. It holds some of the biggest, smartest dorado in ultra-clear mountain water.

Upper Pluma river



Feels like a classic mountain trout stream—technical and visual. Anglers wade and fish upstream through rugged terrain, with a support canoe carrying gear.



Pluma Lodge

Hosts **up to 6 anglers** per week in spacious **single rooms** with **private bathrooms**.



The lodge is built from **local sustainable wood**, blends beautifully with its **jungle surroundings**, and now operates **100% on solar power**.



Massage room



Full bar with local and international spirits +Argentine & Bolivian **wines**



Free **Wi-Fi** & laundry



Air-conditioned living & dining room



On-site heliport & **fly shop**



International cuisine



Conservation & ethics

→ Strict catch-and-release policy & Single hooks only

Each released fish supports a biological monitoring program in partnership with WCS (Wild-life Conservation Society) tracks fish migration, health, and behavior.

At Tsimane, you'll have the rare chance to target trophy dorado on the fly, in clear, fast-flowing mountain rivers deep in the Bolivian Amazon.

Gears recommendations

Rods & Reels

- We recommend bringing two single-handed 8- or 9-weight rods.
- One should be rigged with a floating line, the other with a clear-tip intermediate line.
- It's ideal to bring 1-2 backup rods in case of breakage.

Recommended rod: Thomas & Thomas
Exocett 88 300

Recommended reels: MAKO 9500 or
Tournament

Lines & leaders

- Fly line: Scientific Anglers Jungle Titan 9wt
- Leader setup: 8 ft of 40 lb fluorocarbon + 15-20" of 40 lb wire tippet

Recommended materials:

Absolute Fluorocarbon (40lb)

Absolute Predator 7x7 knottable wire by Scientific Anglers

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Coinciding with one of South America's most spectacular natural events: the **migratory run** of sábalo and dorado, when millions of fish push upstream toward their spawning grounds.



Wading Gear

- Long-sleeve shirts or hoodies, lightweight quick-dry pants
- Neoprene socks and felt-sole wading boots (**rubber soles not recommended**)
- Waterproof backpack: YETI Panga 28L is a solid choice

Fly shop

Each lodge is equipped with a fly shop offering:

- Fly lines, fluorocarbon, wire tippet, and a wide variety of flies

Fly patterns overview

FLY	DESCRIPTION	RECOMMENDED HOOKS
Streamers	Presentation & silhouette are key in headwaters. Subtle tones (like white) work best for big resident dorado.	Tiemco 600SP #4/0 Owner Aki 5170 #5/0–#6/0 Gamakatsu SL12S #4/0 or SC15 2H #3/0–#4/0
Game Changers	Great in both headwaters & lower rivers. Dead-drift through strong currents. Perfect for subtle, deep presentations.	Gamakatsu SL12S #4/0
Big Dry Flies	Jungle insects attract pacu, yatorana—and dorado too. Guides have refined topwater techniques for dorado.	Tiemco 600SP #2/0 Owner Aki 5170 #3/0 Gamakatsu SL12S #2/0 or SC15 2H #1/0–#2/0
Poppers & Sliders	Shine near sandbars & submerged logs, especially during feeding frenzies. Great for surface chaos early in the season.	Tiemco 600SP #4/0 Owner Aki 5170 #5/0–#6/0 Gamakatsu SL12S #4/0 or SC15 2H #3/0–#4/0
Fruit Patterns	Designed for pacu feeding under branches. High, soft cast is key—then let the fly sink naturally.	Owner Aki Twist 5169 #3/0 (black) Sasame Chinu #5/0 (black)

USD\$ 9,850 per angler + USD\$ 670 (indigenous & National Park fees).

INCLUDED

- ✓ 6 lodge-water days.
- ✓ 7 nights at Pluma Lodge (single room)
- ✓ All meals & drinks at the lodge
- ✓ 2 nights in Santa Cruz (single room + breakfast)
- ✓ All transfers in Santa Cruz
- ✓ Airport transfers (Viru Viru)

NOT INCLUDED

- ✗ International flights to Bolivia
- ✗ Meals & drinks in Santa Cruz (except breakfast)
- ✗ Gratuities for staff and guides
- ✗ Travel insurance
- ✗ Additional air or departure taxes

Native Fee

Represents the **direct benefit to the Indigenous communities** who are our long-term partners at **Tsimane**. While individual community members earn income through guiding, lodge maintenance, fuel and supply transport, and other operational roles, this fee goes beyond that.

The Native Fee supports **collective well-being**—it's distributed among **34 communities and 4 Indigenous organizations** in the region and is used to fund **community development** projects that improve quality of life and promote **long-term sustainability**.



National Park fee (SISCO)

This is your **official entry** permit to the national park. This fee goes directly to Bolivia's National Protected Areas Service (SERNAP) and helps fund **conservation, maintenance, and oversight** within the protected area.

In addition, Tsimane independently funds five ranger stations strategically located around the park. These stations are staffed by a combination of **park rangers** and **Indigenous territorial guardians**, who work together to protect the **eco-system** and support long-term preservation efforts.



Travel Documents

For the most European countries
no visa is required



But we recommend visiting www.Bolivia-usa.org to check if your country belongs to group 1 (no visa required), group 2 & 3 (visa required)



A **valid passport** is mandatory for entry into Bolivia. Your passport must be valid for **at least six months**.

Bolivia has an **easy visa procedure** and **we'll provide you everything you need to do it**.

Baggage

Please pack **light—luggage** is limited to **20 kg (44 lbs)** due to **charter flight restrictions**. We use small aircraft, and weight limits are strictly enforced for **safety**.

You can leave any non-essential items at your Santa Cruz hotel, where you'll return after your week in the jungle.

"More than a fishing trip — Tsimane is a journey into the wild heart of the Amazon, where adventure, culture, and conservation come together."

Ready to explore the wildest fly-fishing on Earth?

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