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14 Day Itinerary
Nyanga & Loango

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ROUTE



- 1: Libreville
- 2: Gamba Airport
- 3: Nyanga Lodge
- 4: Omboué Airport
- 5. Loango Savannah Camp

recommended packing

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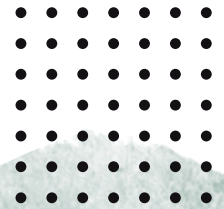
Yellow Fever Vaccination cards	Passport & entry authorisation letter/ visa	Insect repellent & sunscreen	Band-aids & basic first aid medications
Malaria meds - optional.	Small pack of wet wipes & a couple facemasks	Soft shell luggage	Large waterproof bag/ziplock
Hat & sunglasses	Adaptors (we use EU plug points)	Headlamp & battery chargers	Phone charger, adaptors (French) & cameras
Cash; FCFA/Euros preferable	flip flops	Walking shoes (ideally ones that dry quickly)	Neutral colour shirts (Long sleeve & short sleeve)
2 x Long pants (neutral colour) for bush walks	Socks, Underwear, swimming attire	1 x Waterproof jacket 1 x Light Jumper	Neutral colour shorts
Small Backpack	Binoculars	Personal Toiletries	Fishing tackle & gear if needed

DAY 1

Arrive at Leon Mba International Airport. This is the recommended location for foreign exchange for the duration of your trip. ATM's are unreliable and cash is king throughout Gabon.

Transport will be waiting for you at the airport with an 'Iniva' sign, to take you to your hotel of choice.

Take a walk along the beach, stop to have a couple cold beers and enjoy a relaxing evening before your adventure into the heart of Gabon begins.



Libreville



Hotel Tropicana : €85/pers/nuit



Hotel de la Sablière: €165/pers/nuit

DAY 2

GABON FROM THE AIR

07h45: After a well deserved sleep, a hearty fresh croissant and hot coffee filled breakfast awaits you at the restaurant on the beach

08h30: Your driver will collect you from your hotel to take you to your private charter flight (10min drive)

09h30: Depart LBV for Gamba Airport and enjoy some low level flying. Each seat on the flight offers window views so that you can take in all the sights of Gabon's virgin rainforests and mammoth river systems en route. (55min flight)

10h30: Arrive in Gamba and transfer by car to Mayonami Village (40min drive).

11h30: Have a brief wander around the village at the local delicacies for sale before jumping into a small boat for a brief mangrove forest safari before arriving at Mougagara to meet the village chief.

11h45: Traditional forest entry blessing from the chief. Small donations of €7 are encouraged.

12h15: Continue by boat through the river and mangrove system to Nyanga Lodge (15min)

NYANGA LODGE

12h30: Arrive at Nyanga Lodge. Uniquely located on a peninsula between the Nyanga River and the Atlantic Ocean, the area is renowned for turtle nesting, birding, marine life and it's great ape population. It is the first lodge of its kind within Moukalaba-Doudou National Park and unlike other national parks in Gabon, you can watch Humpback whales calving from the balcony of your luxury tent.

A 3 course lunch will be ready on your arrival and give the staff the chance to deliver all your luggage to your rooms. If you have not done so already, let the managers know about any dietary restrictions you may have.

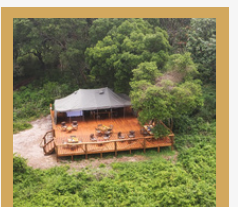
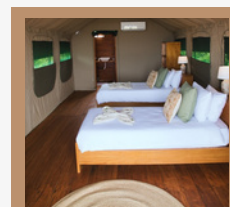
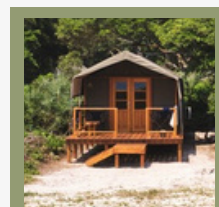


13h30: After lunch and a briefing from the Managers, get settled in your rooms. Configured as either a king or twin bed as per your request, you can refresh, unpack, and relax.

15h30: Grab a drink at the bar and a bottle of water and set off for an afternoon walking safari in the forest, where you will have the greatest chance of encountering forest elephants up close whilst on foot, enormous trees spanning hundreds of years old and whatever other wildlife decides to frequent the area for the day.

17h45: Return to the lodge and refresh.

18h30: Have a cocktail followed by a 3 course dinner on the viewing deck and a solid night's sleep.



NYANGA BUCKET LIST



CHIMPANZEE



FOREST
BUFFALO



MANDRILL



LOWLAND
GORILLAS



RED RIVER
HOGS



MOUSTACHE
MONKEY



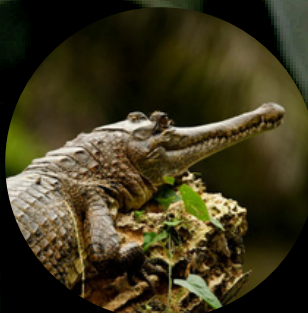
FOREST
ELEPHANT



LEOPARD



CROWNED
MONKEY



SLENDER
SNOUTED
CROCODILE



RED CAPPED
MANGABEY



HIPPO

Moukalaba DouDou National Park

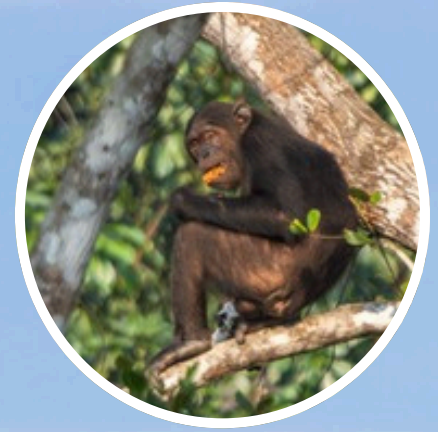
Nyanga Lodge

UNIQUE EXPERIENCES

Throughout the year, Nyanga Camp will host various leading experts in different fields to promote greater understanding and deeper experiences in Gabon of it's culture and wild areas. The concept of this approach is to provide travellers to Gabon with lasting impressions that are less broadly available elsewhere in Africa to the general public.

At particular times of the year, aiming to emphasise the impact of the experiences, groups of no more than 14 guests will be guided and in certain activities trained, in immersive experiences and projects over 6 days in the topics listed on this page. For those not wishing to participate in the full immersive experience, there will be a daily activity option to participate too.

For the purpose of this itinerary, we have incorporated whale watching as an activity rather than the retreat.



Jan	Sea Turtle Research Retreat
Feb	Great Ape Research Retreat
Mar	Community Upliftment Project
Apr	Wilderness Survival Week
May	Advanced Jungle Tracking
Jun	Primitive forest trail
Jul	Primitive Forest Trail
Aug	Humpback Whale Research Retreat
Sep	Advanced Birding
Oct	N/A: Fishing season
Nov	N/A: Fishing season
Dec	Sea Turtle Research Retreat

Nyanga Lodge	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Elephants on the beach	*	*	**	**	**	***	***	**	*	*	*	*
Long Dry season						**	***	***	***	*		
Humpback whales						*	***	***	**	*		
Sea turtle nesting/hatching	***	***	**							**	***	***
Chimpanzees	**	*	*	*	**	**	***	***	***	***	**	**
Gorilla trekking	***	***	***	***	***	**	*	*	**	***		***
Bird watching season	*	*	*	*	**	***	***	***	***	***	**	*
Fishing season	***	***	**	*	*	*	*	**	***	***	***	***
Tarpon season	***	***	**	*				**	***	***	***	***

€45pp

DAY 3



WILD CHIMP TRACKING

Moukalaba Dou-Dou is locally referred to as 'The Great Ape' National Park, boasting the highest density of wild Western Lowland Gorillas and Chimpanzees, and hosting substantial populations of the other primate species in Gabon.

Under the guidance of Dimitri, our head guide and a seasoned Gorilla and Chimpanzee researcher and Francois, one of the most well known Babongo Pygmy trackers in Gabon, Francois, guests will track and learn how to track the various primates of Gabon. A part of this experience also involves setting and checking our system of camera traps in partnership with our Great Ape Research Team which we use to monitor the troops of Chimpanzees in the area. During this excursion, guests have an outstanding chance of encountering wild troops of primates whilst learning about the behaviours, environment and threats and encountering other animal species along the way.

All proceeds go to funding the project.

06h30: Light breakfast

07h00: Depart for safari on foot

10h00: Return for full breakfast

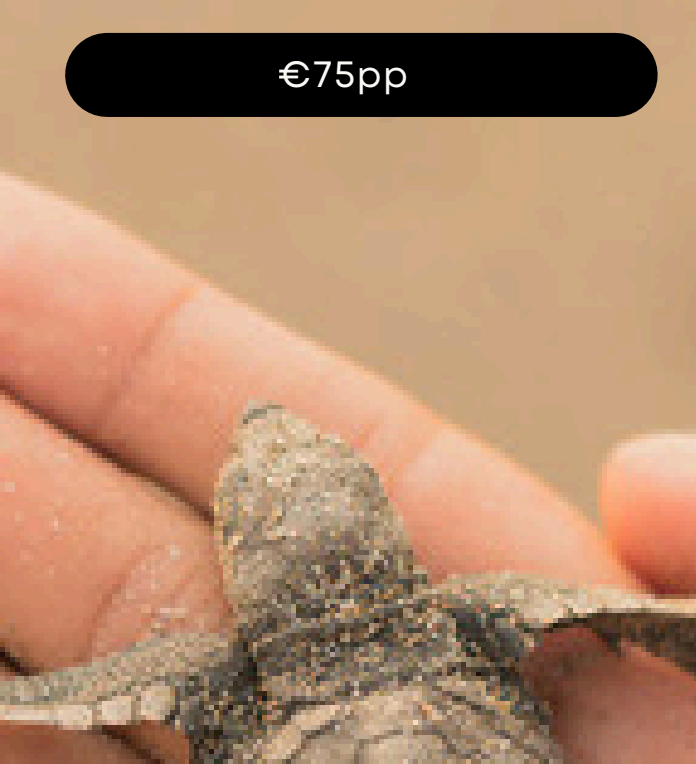
13h00: Lunch

15h00: Walking safari in another part of the reserve tracking the primates of the park

17h30: Return to the lodge & refresh

18h30: Cocktails

19h00: Dinner



COMING FULL CIRCLE

From November to January, the beaches between Nyanga River Lodge and Mayumba host nesting Hawksbill, Leatherback, and Green turtles at dawn and dusk. January to March marks the hatching season, with January offering a rare overlap—a chance to witness both nesting and hatching in one day.

Guests join local researchers to observe and assist in data collection, measuring, and tagging nesting turtles. If a nest is at risk, it may be safely relocated to a hatchery, where guests can help. During morning patrols, visitors may assist hatchlings that struggle to reach the sea, and help safely release babies from the hatchery — all while learning from the experts.

05h00: light breakfast

05h30: Depart the lodge on foot, heading south along the beach, in a looking for turtle tracks, nesting females and new hatchlings

09h30: Return to the lodge for a full breakfast

12h00: Lunch

15h00: Have a drink at the viewing deck and get ready to depart for a short safari

17h00: Return to the lodge

18h00: Dinner

19h00: Depart on foot from the lodge, walking north along the shoreline as the tide recedes to observing female turtles emerging from the sea to nest. Assist in documenting this remarkable natural event through a hands-on, respectful experience.

DAY 4

06h00: Breakfast

06h45: Head north east in the lodge boat towards the savannah and wetlands. Throughout this trip you will likely encounter hippos, all 3 species of crocodile, forest buffalo, incredible birdlife and a chance of seeing snorkeling elephants



12h00: Stop in the savannah or a shady spot in the forest for a picnic lunch

15h00: Return to lodge and relax

18h00: Sunset & bonfire

19h00: Dinner on the beach, under the stars. Enjoy an intimate dining experience on the beach, a stone's throw from the shore break and illuminated by nothing more than the moon and lanterns.

DAY 5

DAY 6

Traditional Gabonese culture is incredibly rich and diverse, shaped by over 40 distinct ethnic groups, each with its own languages, customs, music, and spiritual practices. The area around Nyanga River Lodge is predominantly inhabited by the Punu people, one of the major Bantu-speaking ethnic groups in the region. The Punu are known for their deep connection with the natural world, especially the forest, which is central to their identity - making the area particularly meaningful in both ecological and cultural terms. Today will be centrally focused on gaining an authentic insight into the local culture and traditions.



07h30: Breakfast on the deck.

08h15: Depart for a forest walk to discover the local medicinal and edible plants. Your guide will give you the opportunity to taste the fresh forest fruits as you go as well as gather particular herbs and foods which will be used in your traditional lunch

10h45: Return to the lodge to refresh and relax

LOCALLY GROWN



12h00: A traditional lunch by chef Terrance: This is one of the camp staff's favourite activities as they all contribute to your meal. Featuring freshly caught fish by our fishing guides, the forest herbs, fruits and vegetables collected during your morning walk, bisap syrup made by our housekeepers and top it all off with a taste of fresh Palm Wine from your service staff's family. Each individual will give you a small insight into how these foods are prepared in their homesteads.

CULTURE & TRADITIONS

15h00: After some well needed time to digest, depart for the local village up the river. Discover how most of the small villages of Gabon function and survive.

Inhabited by 15 people, this is considered a typical sized settlement in remote Gabon. Discover how a village of this size sustains itself and their living environment as they welcome you into their homes. The elder of the village will willingly share some insight into their spiritual beliefs of the area before his wife will offer everyone a herbal tea. After this, the elder will begin the Mwiri mask tradition where you will witness the use of traditional masks, clothing and dance as they ask for a blessing from the ancestors for you wisdom, protection, health, and peace.

17h30: Return to the lodge.



18h00: Beers and bonfire on the beach with the team. Get to know them a little more before you say your farewells.

19h30: Dinner on the viewing deck

CONTINUED
DAY 6



DAWN & DUSK

Today's schedule is a bit different.. Starting early and finishing late, the aim is to centre the activities around the mystery of what the cover of darkness holds in this area of the Central African Basin.

06h00: Light breakfast on the viewing deck

06h30: Depart for a walking safari

09h30: Return to the lodge. Coffee, tea and light snack

11h00: Enjoy an extensive brunch to get you through the day

16h30: Early dinner

18h00: Depart for a night safari by boat, exploring the smaller, darker riverines, mangroves and open savannahs in search for the likes of hippos, civet cats, leopard, genet, owls, flying squirrels and lorises.

20h30: Return to the lodge for a light snack and nightcap before calling it a day

DAY 7

Included



DAY 8

A NEW FRONTIER

07h30: Enjoy a slow morning and a big hearty breakfast, before packing for your next destination.

09h00: Depart the lodge via boat to Mayonami

09h15: Transfer to the awaiting vehicles which will transport you to Gamba airport (40min)

10h15: Check in to your flight to Loango National Park

11h30: Depart for Loango and some low level flying

12h14: Arrive at Iguela Airstrip

12h30: Depart for Loango Savannah Camp (20 min)

LOANGO SAVANNAH CAMP



13h00: Arrive at Loango Savannah Camp. Located on the edge of an open savannah grassland and the Iguela Lagoon – a serene, biodiverse waterway teeming with life, wildlife is extremely prevalent in this food rich location.

Known as ‘Africa’s Last Eden’ you can observe Forest elephant and buffalo swimming just in front of your room or the restaurant deck.

A 3 course lunch will be ready on your arrival and give the staff the chance to deliver all your luggage to your rooms. If you have not done so already, let the managers know about any dietary restrictions you may have.

14h15: After lunch and a briefing from the Managers, get settled in your king or twin rooms, refresh, unpack and relax.

15h30: Grab a drink at the bar and a bottle of water and set off for an afternoon boat trip to the Iguéla estuary, the meeting point between the dark waters of the lagoon and the ocean that shapes the landscapes of Loango National Park. This proximity between two distinct worlds—land and water, mangrove and ocean—allows for the observation of a multitude of species: from the curious mudskipper to the majestic African skimmer, along with a variety of monkeys adapted to this habitat, such as the red capped mangabey.

17h45: Return to the lodge and refresh.

18h30: Have a cocktail followed by a 3 course dinner on the viewing deck and a solid night’s sleep.



DAY 8

All inclusive: €453pppn (single)

Loango Savannah Camp	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Elephants on the beach	***	***	***	***	*						**	**
Long Dry season						**	***	***	***	**		
Nile crocodile nesting	*							*	***	***	***	**
Red River hogs in the savannah	***	***	**	**	***	*	*	*	**	**	**	**
Savannah game drive season	**	**	**	*	*				*	***	***	***
Gorilla trekking	***	***	***	***	***	**	*	*	**	***	***	***
Rosy Bee Eater nesting									***	***	**	
River Martin nesting									***	***	*	
Bird watching season	*	*	*	*	**	***	***	***	***	***	*	*
Fishing season	***	***	**	**	*				*	**	***	***

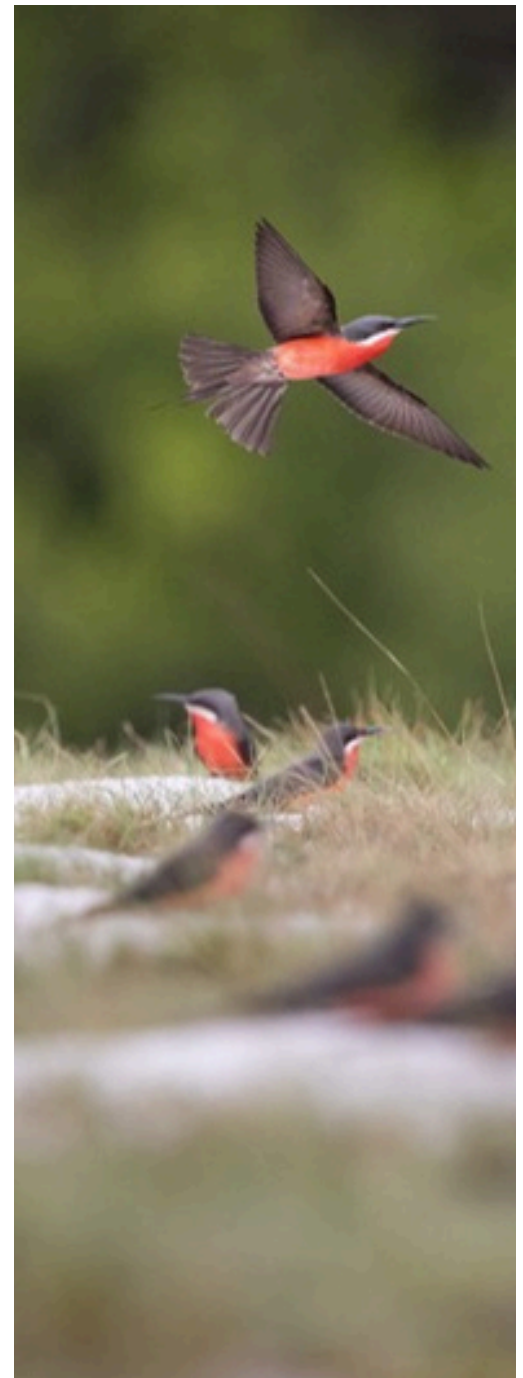
UNIQUE TIMES OF THE YEAR

Loango National Park in Gabon is one of Central Africa's most spectacular and biodiverse parks, offering a unique blend of coastal, forest, savannah, and wetland ecosystems. Wildlife behaviour in the park changes throughout the year, influenced by seasonal shifts.

The habituated Lowland Gorilla experience is available year-round, but it's especially enjoyable during the dry season, when the forest trails are easier to navigate and swamps are more accessible.

Birdwatching is excellent during the late dry season into the early rainy season, when both migratory and endemic bird species are most active. Migratory birds prepare to leave, while endemic species begin nesting and breeding.

With its stunning blend of ocean, lagoon, and river ecosystems, Loango offers a world-class fishing experience in a pristine, biodiverse environment. Fishing over the wet season in the rivers and lagoon, tends to yield a more diverse variety of species and has in the past been more productive in delivering larger fish.



LOANGO BUCKET LIST



CHIMPANZEE



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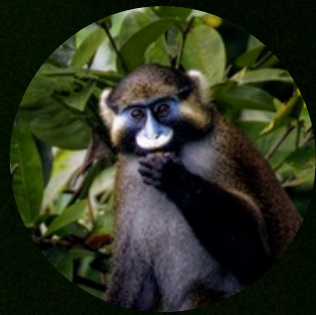
SITATUNGA



LOWLAND
GORILLAS



RED RIVER
HOGS



MOUSTACHE
MONKEY



FOREST
ELEPHANT



LEOPARD



CROWNED
MONKEY



DWARF
CORCODILE



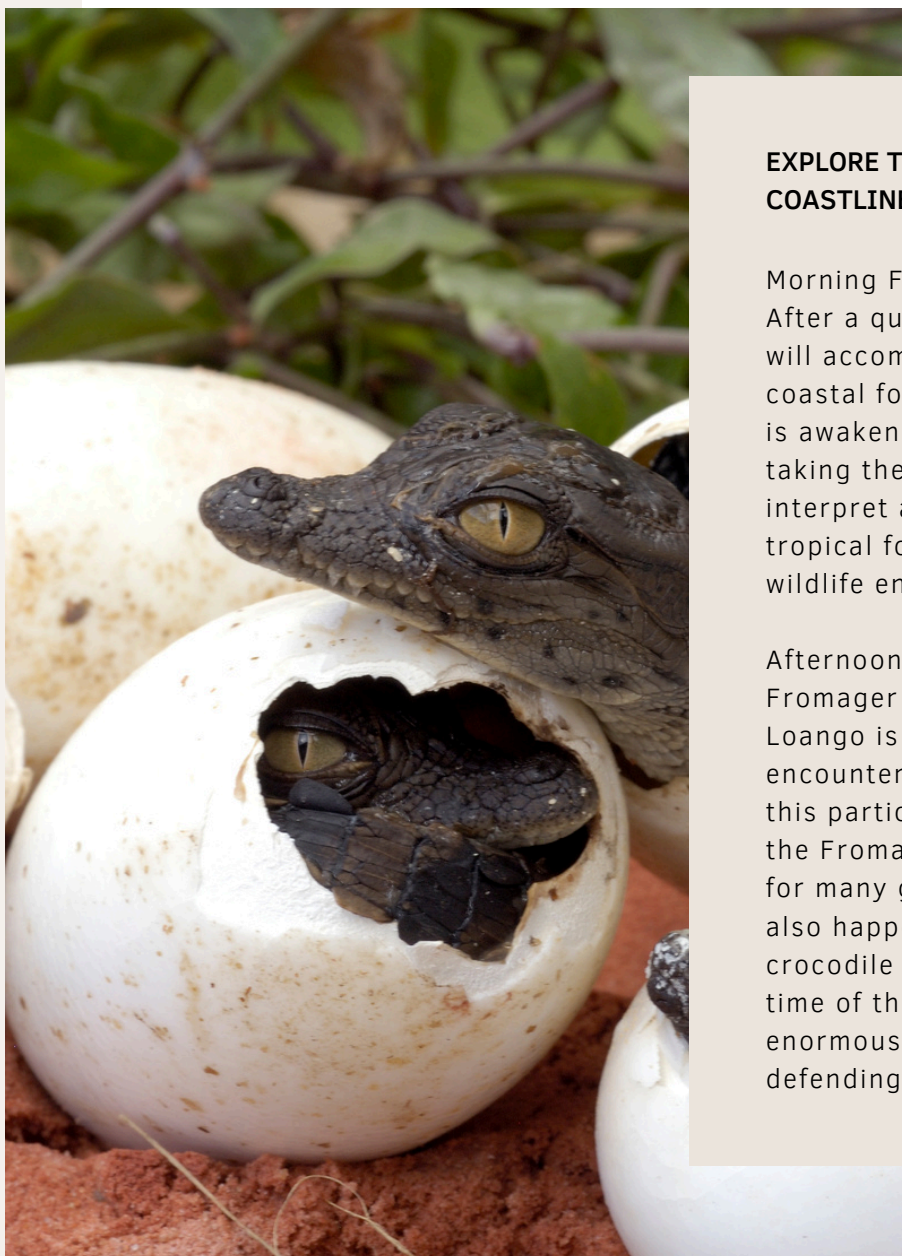
RED CAPPED
MANGABEY



HIPPPOS ON
THE BEACH

DAY 9: COASTAL FOREST WALK

Included



EXPLORE THE MANGROVES & COASTLINE

Morning Forest Walk

After a quick 4x4 tour, our guides will accompany you into the coastal forest, where every sense is awakened. This safari is about taking the time to listen, feel, and interpret a print. It's the magic of tropical forest safaris; every wildlife encounter is possible here.

Afternoon 4x4 Safari to the Fromager Area:

Loango is a major site for encountering forest elephants and this particular area is known as the Fromager is a meeting place for many groups of elephants. It also happens to be a major Nile crocodile nesting site and at this time of the year, you will likely find enormous female Nile crocodiles defending their nests.

06h30: Light breakfast

07h00: Depart for safari on foot

10h00: Return for full breakfast

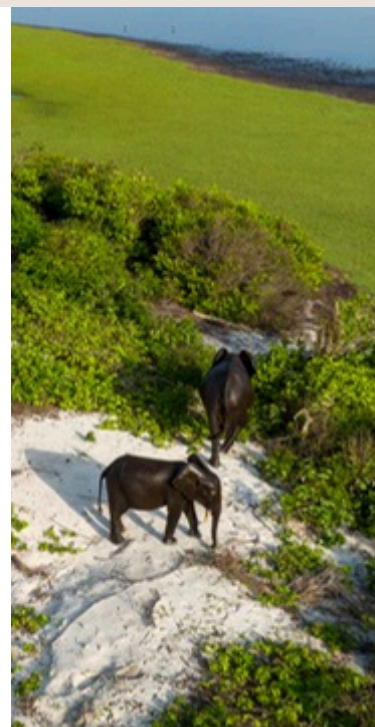
13h00: Lunch

15h00: Afternoon 4x4 Safari

17h30: Return to the lodge & refresh

18h30: Cocktails

19h00: Dinner



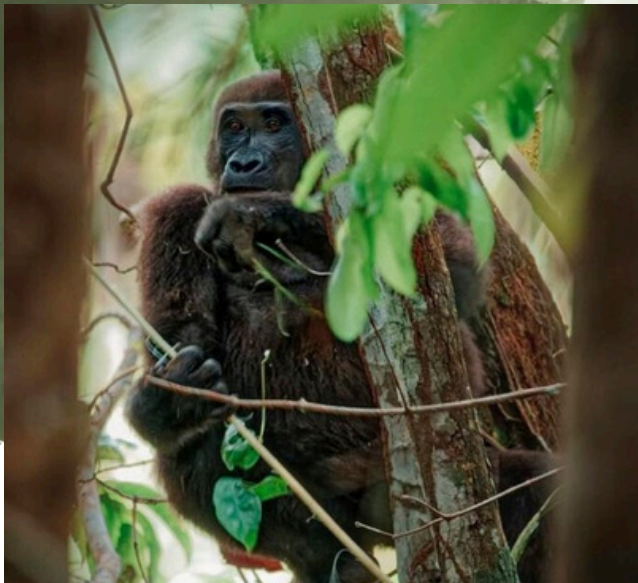
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HABITUATED GREAT APES

06h30: Breakfast

07h30: Departure by boat to the Yatouga Gorilla Habituation Project (20min by boat). This morning will allow you to discover the intimacy of a group of western lowland gorillas, monitored by the scientific team from the Max Planck Institute. This excursion is only possible with prior reservation, and we will provide the necessary information for the smooth running of the day.

13h00: Enjoy a packed picnic lunch



DAY 10

After this emotionally rich morning, you will embark in a 4x4 towards the area known as Ozouga. Ozouga is a scientific project studying chimpanzees. Although it is closed to the public, we organize 4x4 safaris in the surrounding areas, offering a small chance to observe these iconic primates. This more remote area also allows, with a bit of luck, the chance to see more elusive species that we are less likely to observe elsewhere in the park.

14h00: After lunch the boat will drop you off at the nearby 4x4 safari vehicles which will take you deep into the forest in search of the habituated Chimpanzees of the region. With a bit of walking and a little more luck, you might be lucky enough to see them

18h00: Return to the lodge

19h00: Dinner

DAY 11



SAVANNAH SAFARI

While Gabon is often associated with vast forests, the landscapes of Gabon, particularly in Loango National Park, also offer savanna scenery. Today, we invite you to embark on a full-day adventure in a 4x4, interspersed with a meal break in the Tassi area and a forest walk. It's a great opportunity to encounter Africa's most beautiful wild boar, the red river hog.

06h00: Light breakfast on the viewing deck

06h30: Depart for a full day safari

12h00: Enjoy an extensive picnic in the savannah

16h30: Return to the lodge

17h00: Beers and a bonfire with the team.

19h30: Dinner on the deck

Included

SURFING HIPPOS & GALAGOS



Included

Today's programme is focused on wildlife behaviours at sunrise and sunset. Although world-renowned for its surfing hippos, this phenomenon remains quite anecdotal and relies on luck. However, we know of more favorable areas where you can walk along the beach at dawn. Walking on the sand also allows guides to help you decipher the mysterious world of wildlife through its tracks.

06h00: A light breakfast on the deck

06h30: Depart for beach-lagoon walking safari

09h30: Return to the lodge, and have a light snack

11h00: Feast on a brunch spread before enjoying a well deserved nap and some downtime

DAY 12



16h00: Early dinner

17h30: Cocktails on the deck

18h30: After relaxing at the camp awaiting the onset sunset, you will depart by boat to experience the magic of the African night. At night, everything is more intense, and this outing will allow for the observation of nocturnal species in the park, with a particular interest in the three species of crocodiles that inhabit the area.

21h00: Return to the lodge for a bonfire & light snack before getting a good night's rest

06h00: Breakfast

06h45: Morning on the Rabi River:
Navigating the Southern part of the lagoon, in the Rabi River region, this morning will be dedicated to observing the numerous bird species that inhabit the area. The Rabi River is also the only place where you can encounter the elusive Ogooué Miopithecus, the Talapoin.

12h00: Afternoon beach Safari.

Included



15h30: Depart for one of the most spectacular beach safaris of your stay; traversing the wild Atlantic beaches in a 4x4. Here you are most likely to encounter the mammals that populate the coast and have made Loango National Park famous. The elephants that come to this area at the end of the day have become familiar with our vehicles over the years, and we guarantee safe foot approaches between December and May that will delight even the most seasoned safari enthusiasts.

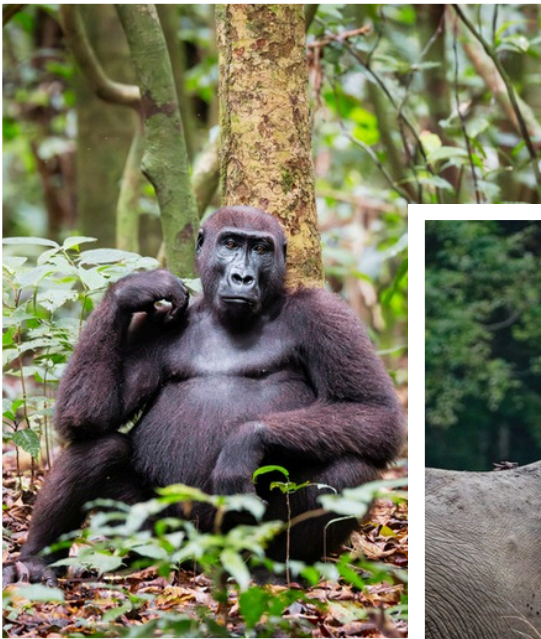
18h30: Return to the lodge

19h00: Enjoy a unique, lantern lit dining experience in the middle of the savannah

DAY 13

DAY 14

- au revoir -



06h00: Time for one last walking safari or enjoy a allow, quiet morning surrounded by the sounds of this virgin landscape.

08h00: Return to the lodge

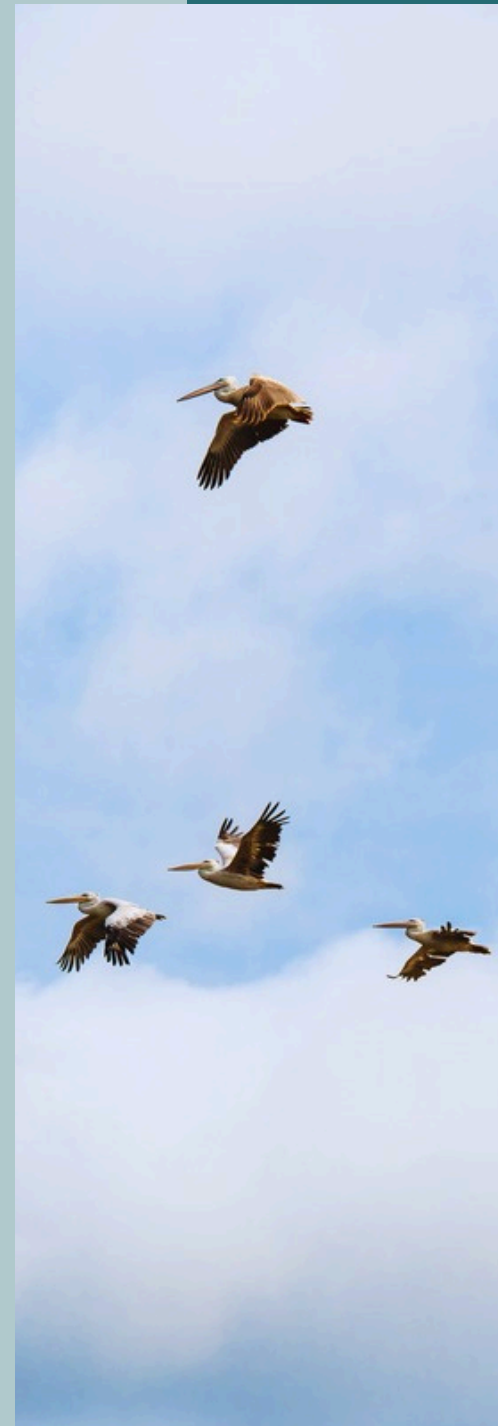
09h00: Depart for Omboué Airport

12h00: Arrive in Libreville. A transfer will be awaiting your arrival with an "Iniva" signboard to transport you to your hotel for the day.

18h30: Transfer to Leon Mba International Airport

FAQs

- 1) What vaccinations are required? Yellow Fever
- 2) Are antimalarials recommended? Yes, however we prefer prevention over cure and speaking with your General Practitioner.
- 3) Are Tsetse flies an issue? It depends on the time of year. Generally throughout the year, Tsetse are not an issue when on foot. They react to fast moving objects, so during boat transfers they can be more prevalent. Avoid dark coloured clothing, particularly navy and black. The Tsetse fly in Gabon typically do not carry Sleeping Sickness.
- 4) What is my luggage allowance? If your mode of transport is by plane, a maximum of 20kg is permitted/ person and subject to payload.
- 5) What is an Entry Authorisation Letter? The Government of Gabon requires all visitors to have a valid Entry Authorisation Letter or Visa for entry. Guests are able to process this themselves at their own risk, or we can assist at a cost of €90.
- 6) Do you accept credit cards? We don't accept credit cards. Cash is king in Gabon, and we recommend that you travel with cash (euros or CFA francs) because ATMs are often out of service.
- 7) What is the recommended gratuity per day? Whilst gratuity is not expected, our staff are always very grateful for any contributions of thanks. We recommend budgeting €15 per guide per person per day and €15 for all general staff per person per day.



SEASON	PERIOD	CONDITIONS
SHORT DRY SEASON	DEC- JAN	CLEAR BLUE SKY, VERY LITTLE RAINFALL.
LONG WET SEASON	FEB - APRIL	HEAVY RAINFALL, WARM.
LONG DRY SEASON	MAY - SEPT	COVERED SKY, NO RAIN, SMOOTH MORNINGS
SHORT WET SEASON	OCT - NOV	HEAVY RAINFALL FOLLOWED BY SUNSHINE.



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