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9 Day Itinerary
Nyanga Lodge

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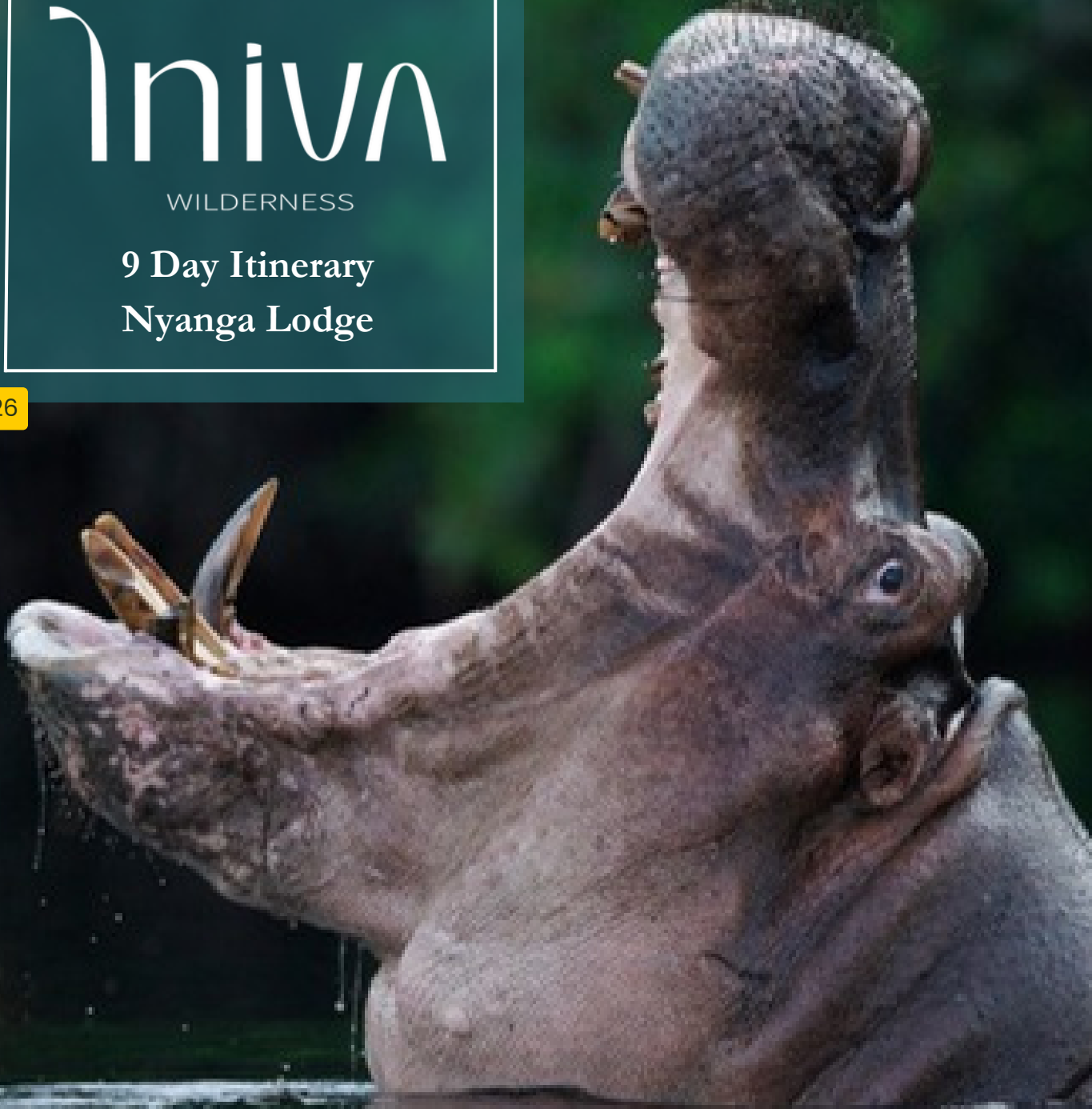


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ROUTE



- 1: Libreville
- 2: Nyanga Lodge
- 3: Doussala - Gorillas
- 4: Mayumba

recommended packing

Attention: ←
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sensitivity

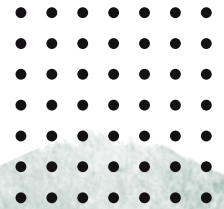
Yellow Fever Vaccination cards	Passport & entry authorisation letter/ visa	Insect repellent & sunscreen	Band-aids & basic first aid medications
Malaria meds - optional.	Small pack of wet wipes & a couple facemasks	Soft shell luggage	Large waterproof bag/ziplock
Hat & sunglasses	Adaptors (we use EU plug 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



Tropicana Hotel



Hoteliere Sabliere

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: Opening ceremony led by the chief at the forest entrance. 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 Lodge 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.

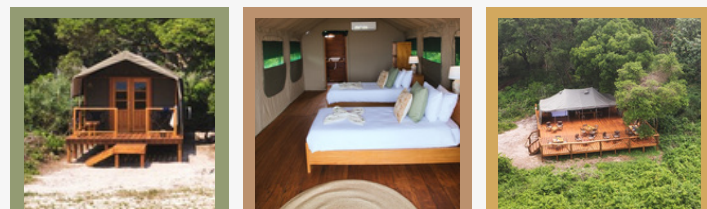


13h30: After lunch and a briefing from the Managers, get settled in your rooms. Configured as either a king or twin bed as per your request, you can refresh, unpack, and relax.

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.



All inclusive: €506pppn (single)

NYANGA BUCKET LIST



CHIMPANZEE



FOREST
BUFFALO



MANDRILL



LOWLAND
GORILLAS



RED RIVER
HOGS



MOUSTACHE
MONKEY



FOREST
ELEPHANT



LEOPARD



CROWNED
MONKEY



FASSA
WATERBUCK



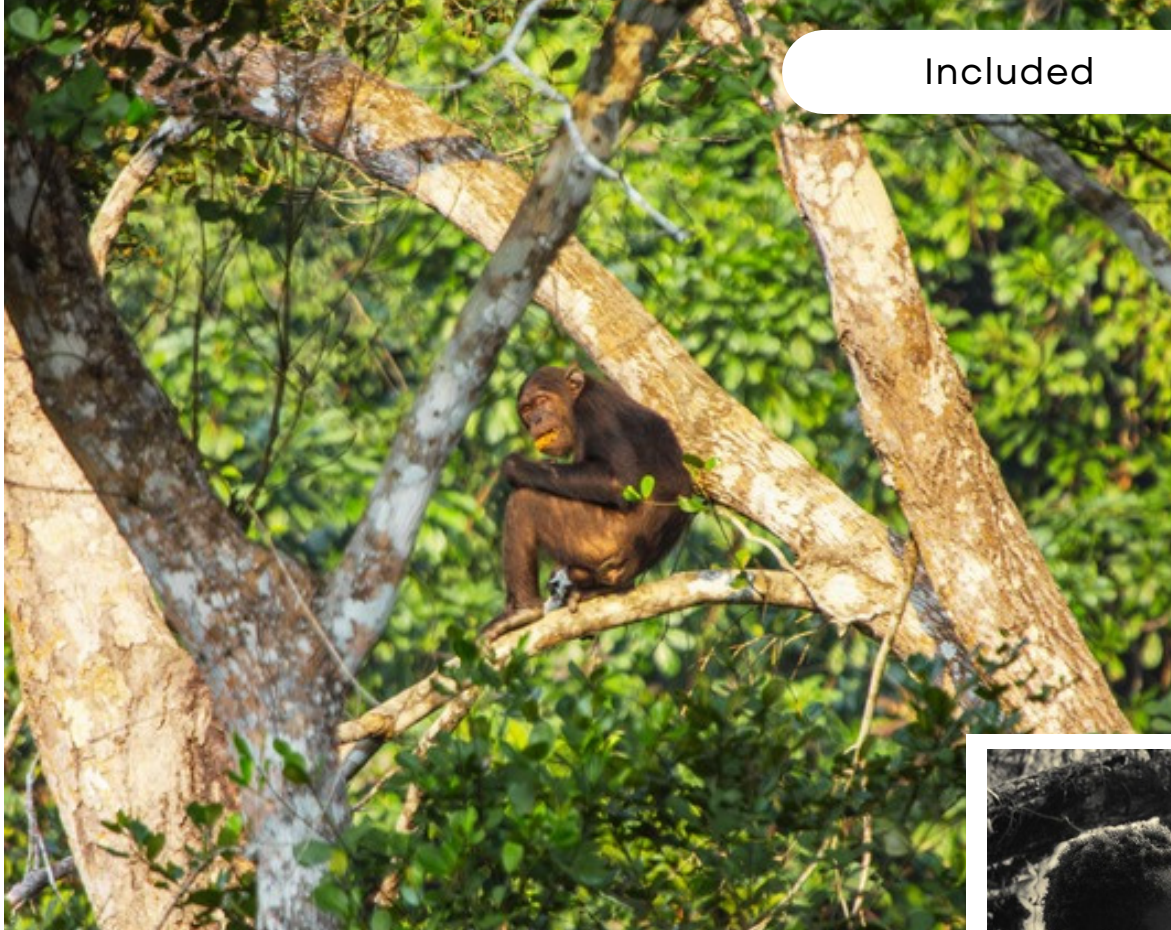
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MANGABEY



HIPPO

Included

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, guests will learn how to track the various primates of Gabon. Using our system of camera traps in partnership with our Great Ape Research Team, guests have an outstanding chance of encountering wild troops of chimpanzees and gorillas whilst learning about the behaviours, environment and threats and encountering other animal species along the way.

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

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

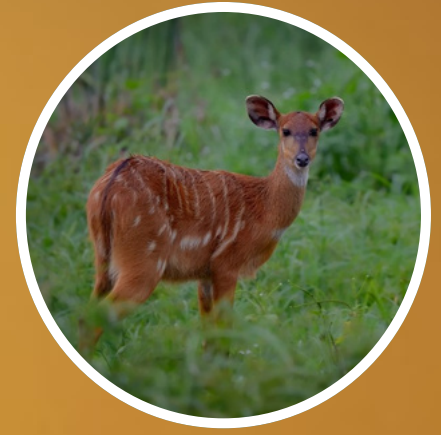
19h00: Dinner on the beach, under the stars. Enjoy an intimate dining experience on the beach, a stone's throw from the shore break and illuminated by nothing more than the moon and lanterns.

DAY 4

Moukalaba DouDou National Park

Nyanga Lodge

UNIQUE EXPERIENCES



Throughout the year, Nyanga Lodge will host renowned experts from various fields to foster a deeper understanding of—and a more profound connection with—Gabon, its culture, and its wilderness areas. The concept behind this approach is to offer travelers in Gabon lasting impressions that are rarely accessible to the general public elsewhere in Africa.

At certain times of the year, to enhance the impact of these experiences, groups of up to 14 participants will be accompanied by guides. For specific activities, they will take part in immersive experiences and six-day projects centered on the themes listed on this page. For those who do not wish to join the full immersive experience, a daily activity option will also be available.

In this itinerary, we have included whale watching as a standalone activity rather than as a 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	***	***	**	*				**	***	***	***	***

UP CLOSE WITH WHALES

Between July and September, more than 10% of the global population of Southern Humpback whales come to the shores between Nyanga Lodge and Mayumba to give birth.

Congregating in the rich waters of the marine park in front of the lodge, mothers, calves and soon to be mothers take shelter in the warm waters here whilst anticipatory males, engage in intense competition for access to females, who shortly after birthing return to oestrus. The spectacle is defined by a remarkable chaos of breaching males and moment of solitude and gentleness as newborns are assisted to the surface to breathe.

The critically endangered Humpback Dolphins also usually accompany these whales and Gabon is one of only a few places in the world where there is a chance to see them.

08h00: breakfast

09h00: Depart the lodge via one of the National Park's boats crossing the river into the Atlantic Ocean in search of the whales down the coast to Mayumba. The mornings are the most active times for mothers and calves. Be sure to pack a hat and suncream.

12h00: Arrive in Mayumba for a traditional fresh caught fish lunch and explore the local village.

14h00: Depart by boat, heading back north toward the lodge. Afternoons are characterised by the greatest male competitive behaviours. Keep your camera readily at hand for that perfect breaching photo and the chance to see whales mating.

17h30: Arrive back at the lodge and refresh.

17h45: Cocktails on the deck

19h00: Dinner

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 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.



18h30: Beers on the deck with the team. Get to know them a little more before you say your farewells.

19h30: Dinner on the viewing deck

CONTINUED DAY 6



SAFARI

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 loris.

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

DAY 7

Included



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HABITUATED GORILLAS

You may have been lucky enough to have encountered wild Gorillas during your tracking but the opportunity to sit with one of the greatest apes on the planet cannot be rivalled. Today you will travel to visit the largest group of habituated Lowland gorillas in Gabon.

06h30: Breakfast

07h30: Depart for Doussala (3hr drive). Ensure you take your passport with you for the control stops. The journey to the gorillas will start as soon as the trackers have relocated the troop from where they left them the day before.

10h30: Briefing by the researcher & light refreshment

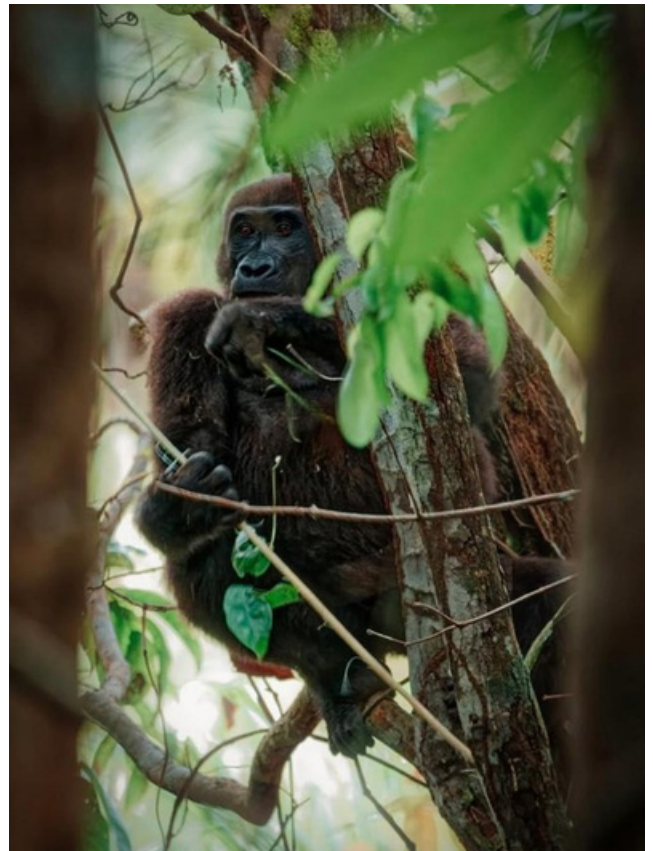
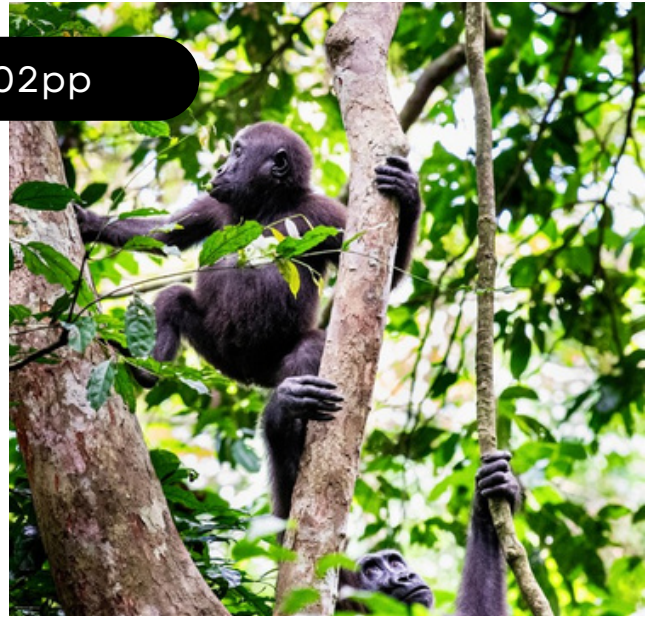
13h00: Packed lunch

14h00: Depart for the lodge with a stop at a local tavern for a cold beer along the way

18h00: Arrive at the lodge, freshen up

19h00: Bonfire on the beach and cocktails

20h00: Dinner on the viewing deck

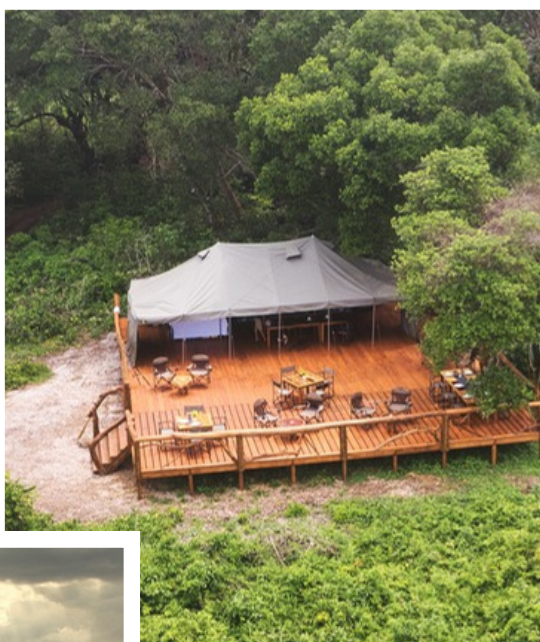


DAY 8



DAY 9

- au revoir -



All good things sadly have come to an end. Enjoy a slow morning after a hearty breakfast. Pack your bags and say your goodbyes.

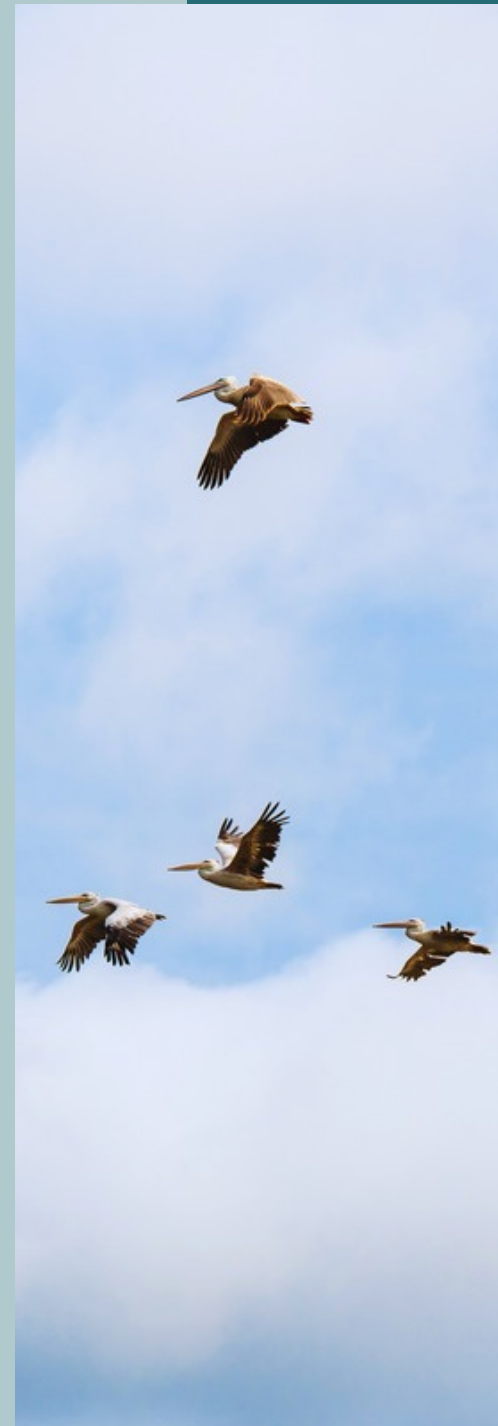
09h00: depart for Gamba Airport

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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