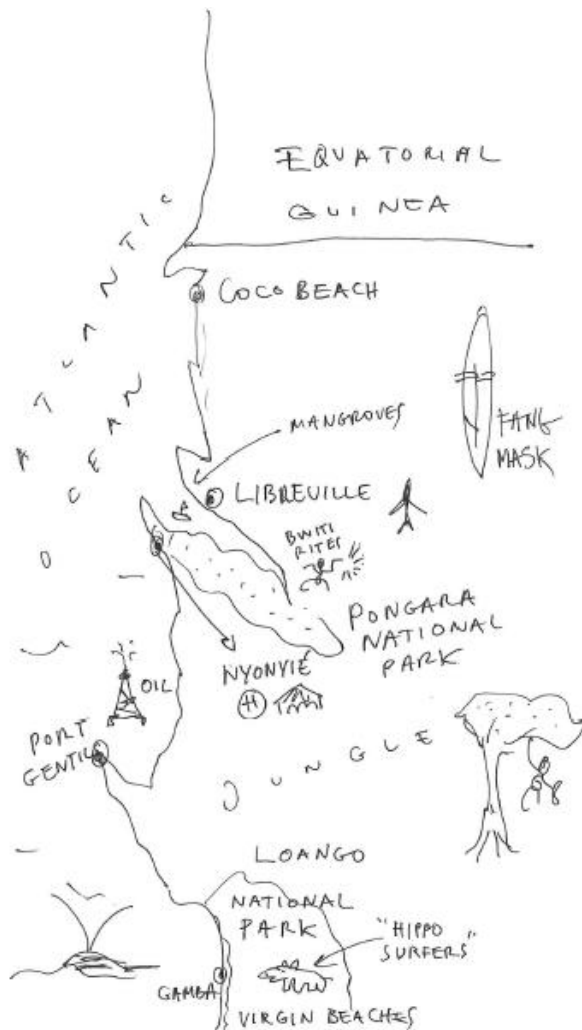


GABON

ECO-CULTURAL ROUTE AND BWITI RITUAL

(10 DAYS)



Gabon is a small and unknown central-African country situated between the Gulf of Guinea and the equatorial jungle. The petrol extracted from the shores has enriched Gabon. The Government has taken ambitious environmental actions in order to preserve the virgin primary rainforest and its inhabitants. Presently an 11% of the countries' natural heritage is officially protected. In Gabon one can find jungle elephants and buffaloes on the beach and salt water hippos swimming in the Atlantic Ocean but as well crocodiles, humpbacked whales, grey parrots and goliath turtles, among others. The objective of this tour is to introduce the traveller to the cultural – and natural heritage of Gabon through the protected areas and the magical Bwiti ritual, something to be experienced at least once in a lifetime.

Required fitness level: basic

DAY 4:

Pongara Jungle - Libreville (exploration of Libreville, Bwiti ritual; traditional ceremony of the animist Bantu people)

DAY 5:

Libreville – Gamba – Sette Cama (flight, small boat and afternoon visit to the National Park of Loango)

DAY 6:

Loango National Park (safari on foot and discover the "last Eden" – the park is famous for its "surfing" hippos)

DAY 7:

Loango N.P. (jungle walk and observation of animals and birds, elephants and buffaloes can be observed walking along the virgin beaches)

DAY 8:

Loango N.P. – Gamba - Libreville (boat ride and flight, night-life of Libreville)

DAY 9:

Libreville (last visits and shopping at the craft market). In the evening: final departure

DAY 10:

Arrival to European airport in the evening (if travelling with Royal Air Maroc one can visit Casablanca City Centre).

DAY 1:

Arrival in Libreville in the late afternoon

DAY 2:

Libreville – Delta of Gabon – Nyonié – Pongara Jungle (small boat tour, 4x4 and Safari in Pongara to observe forest elephants and buffaloes)

DAY 3:

Pongara Jungle (search for Gorilla traces, beach and relax)

Recommended Period: All year round, best period: February, March and April, but DO consult us as the most suitable period will depend on which animals you are most interested in.

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