

GABON

ECO-TOUR THROUGH GABON: LOANGO, IVINDO AND PONGARA NATIONAL PARKS

(17 DAYS)

Tour designed for real nature lovers. The Government of Gabon has created 13 national parks since 2002, representing more than a 10% of the national territory which is now protected. During this trip we will visit two of the best parks of the country and the whole of Central Africa. This implies many hours in a pirogue and intense jungle walks in order to get to reach the best spots to observe animals. Loango and Ivindo National Parks are still relatively unknown to travelers so take your opportunity and get to know the marvels of these two paradises before others do.

Required fitness level: intermediate

DAY 1:

European city - arrival in Libreville in the late afternoon

DAY 2:

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

DAY 3:

Gamba - Loango National Park (safari on foot and discover the "last Eden" in pirogue hoping to observe salt water hippos)

DAY 4:

Gamba - Loango N.P. (jungle walk and observation of animals and birds)

DAY 5:

Gamba - Loango N.P. – Gamba – (visit to a Bantu village, depending of the time of the year whale spotting)

DAY 6:

Gamba - Libreville (discover the islands of the Lagoon, boat ride and flight back, night-life of Libreville)

DAY 7:

Libreville – Makokou – Loloa – Ivindo River (flight to Makokou, Loloa village, canoe down on the River and Kongou Falls)

DAY 8:

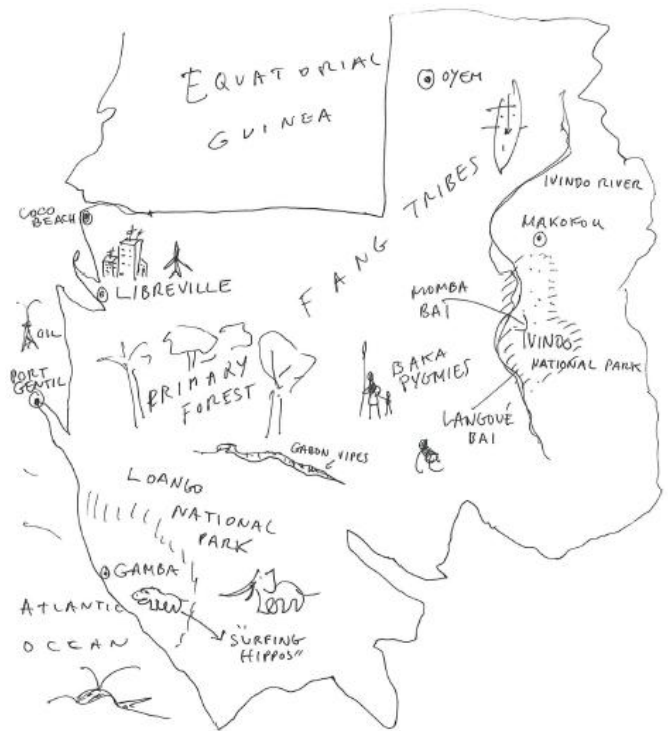
Kongou Falls - Makokou (explore the Kongou Falls from underneath, overnight in Ipassa investigation center, nice views over the Ivindo River)

DAY 9:

Makokou – Bouniadjé River (Ivindo National Park, pirogue over the river and camping at a Bakota fishermen village)

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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DAY 10:

Bouniadjé River – Momba Bai (3 hrs jungle trek in order to observe elephants, antelopes and buffaloes, 1 hr walk back to the campsite)

DAY 11:

Momba Bai – Bouniadjé River (1 hr walk to the recently discovered Bai to spot more animals. Pirogue and discover traces and beds of the big primates. Camping at the Bakota fishermen village)

DAY 12:

Bouniadjé River – Makokou – Libreville (flight back to the capital, relax and nightlife).

DAY 13:

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

DAY 14:

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

DAY 15:

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

DAY 16:

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

DAY 17:

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