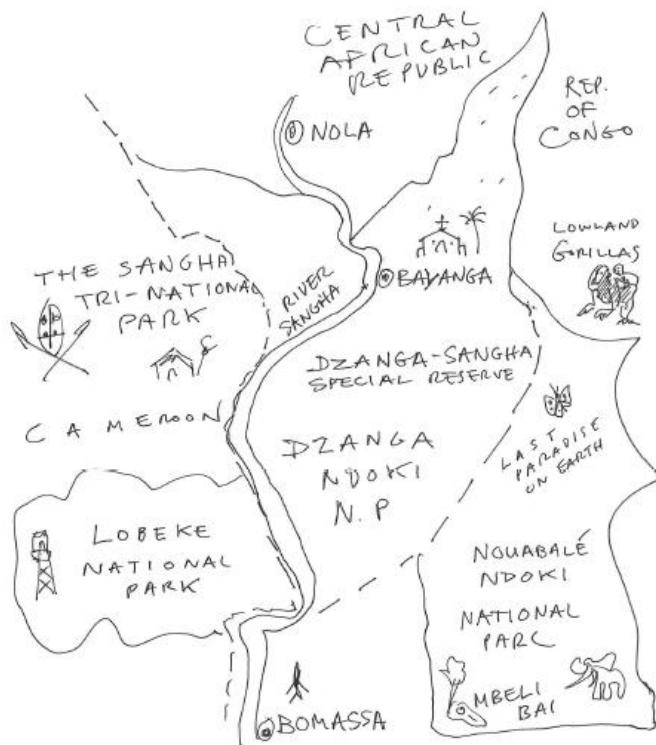


REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

EXPEDITION TO RIVER SANGHA'S TRI-NATIONAL PARK

(15 DAYS)



The best places to observe lowland gorillas on the wild in Africa are Nouabalé-Ndoki and Dzanga-Ndoki National Parks in the heart of Central African forest. The two parks, together with Lobeke in Cameroon are a part of an ambitious project to protect the second Largest forest in the world. In this tour we propose you visiting the famous Mbeli Bai (forest clearing) in Nouabalé-Ndoki where lowland gorillas gather to eat the unique type of vegetation that's only found in and around this Bai. In Michael Fay's mega transect, most of the Gorilla photography taken by 'Nick' Nichols was conducted from a hide at the Mbeli Bai. You will also cross the Congo-Central African border to reach the Dzanga Bai in Dzanga-Ndoki National Park, which hosts possibly the largest concentration of Elephant in the Congo basin – with groups from 40 to 120 animals often seen feeding in the Bai. This is also the best place to see the Bongo, the largest and grandest of the forest antelope.

Encountering the Gorillas on these treks is virtually guaranteed and you'll have the opportunity to sit with them for an hour, much the same as is experienced in the more popular and accessible Rwandan and Ugandan parks.

Required fitness level: intermediate to high

DAY 1:

Arrival in Brazzaville in the afternoon

DAY 2:

Flight to from Brazzaville to Ouessou in the Northwest where we transfer to pirogues and travel by river for around 5 hours to the village of Bomassa where we spend the night.

DAY 3:

Bomassa- Nouabalé Ndoki National park (After breakfast we transfer to 4x4s for our trip through the primary forest. On arrival at the Ndoki river we transfer into small pirogues and get poled upstream to Mbeli camp)

DAY 4:

Mbeli Bai fauna observation (situngas, forest elephants, buffaloes, lowland gorillas...)

DAY 5:

Mbeli Bai – Mondika River (trek to the shores of the Mondika River, virgin forest)

DAY 6:

Mbeli Bai Gorilla observation (lowland gorilla tracking around Mbeli bai in case you do not see them inside the bai)

DAY 7:

Mbeli Bai – Bomassa (return to Bomassa village, get to know local population formed by Bantu-speaking people and Bayaka Pygmies)

DAY 8:

Bomassa - Sangha River – Doli Lodge (pirogue up river to Dzanga-Sangha Reserve, part of Dzanga Ndoki Nat. Park, spectacular views from the Sangha River, nit Doli Lodge)

DAY 9:

Doli Lodge – Dzanga Bai (the 4x4 driver will drop us near the bai, we will walk to get there. Animal observation –elephants, bongos and buffaloes, return to the lodge)

DAY 10:

Doli Lodge – gorilla tracking (in groups of 3 people we will go for some gorilla tracking with a Bayaka Pygmy guide, return to the lodge)

DAY 11:

Doli Lodge – Bayanga – Bayaka Pygmy camp (get to know local indigenous culture –hunter and gatherers from the African jungle. Night in tents)

DAY 12:

Bayaka Pygmy Camp – Sangha River – Bomassa (morning activities with the Bayaka Pygmies. We will continue for the Sanga River, pirogue to Bomassa)

DAY 13:

Bomassa - Ouessou – Brazzaville (5h-drive to Ouessou and flight to Brazzaville. Free evening)

DAY 14:

Free day in Brazzaville (artisan centre, central market and colonial buildings). Evening flight to Europe or Casablanca

Recommended period: from November to August

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DAY 15:

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