

Gabon



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Gabon offers stunning scenery, with majestic mountains overlooking pristine primary forest dotted with rocky outcrops and mighty waterfalls. However, the country's major attraction must be its abundant wildlife. The Réserve de la Lopé, in central Gabon, is the most accessible reserve where you stand a good chance of seeing forest elephants, buffalos and a variety of primates. Tours by pirogue (local dug-out canoe), jeep and foot are available.

In the many 'bais', or forest clearings, gorillas forage alongside forest elephants, sitatungas, red forest hogs and a multitude of birds. Possibly the highlight for most visitors is to be found on the Atlantic coast at the Loango National Park. After a day of whale watching simply sit on the white sandy beaches and observe a family of elephants come down to play in the surf. An unforgettable experience for even the most well-travelled wildlife enthusiast.

We offer two set itineraries, ideal for individual travellers, with convenient weekly departures throughout the year.

Our popular nine day tour is ideal for those travellers wanting to base their stay at the excellent Loango National Park, the Jewel of Africa's western coast. Using the park's comfortable lodge as a base you will discover the beauty of the reserve and its diversity of landscapes and wildlife.

Officially created in 2002 as one of thirteen new national parks, Loango covers a 1550km² mosaic of forests, grassy savannahs, lagoons and sandy beaches along the southern coast of Gabon. The uniqueness of seeing gorilla, chimpanzees, red river hogs, elephants, buffaloes, whales and many species of birds in their natural habitat is an experience you will never forget. Where else in the world will you encounter hippos in the surf and elephants on the beach?

Our second option, again with weekly departures, can be described as a 'best of Gabon tour', combining Loango with Ivindo National Park (Langoué Bai), famous for its gorillas, best seen during April, June and July. The camp at Langoué Bai is the first official eco-camp in Gabon. From Ivindo the tour continues by train to our final destination the Lopé National Park, a World Heritage Site and one of the largest and most beautiful parks in Central Africa.



Sample Itinerary: Loango Discovery

Group Size: Min 2, max 12

Also available as a private journey for individual travellers - contact us for details

Rating: **T**

Transport: Plane, local boat, 4WD

- Day 1** Depart UK
- Day 2** Arrive Libreville and continue to Evengue Island (Gorilla Island)
- Day 3** Mpiovie River - St Anne - Loango
- Day 4** Loango Lodge - Akaka/Tassi Bush Camp*
- Day 5** Akaka/Tassi Bush Camp
- Day 6** Akaka/Tassi - Loango Lodge
- Day 7** Loango Lodge - Point St. Catherine Beach Camp
- Day 8** Point St. Catherine Beach Camp to Libreville
- Day 9** Libreville to UK

Guide Price: £2,000

(Including flights from £2,970)

Journey Ideas: After the wildlife experience of a lifetime, take time to relax on the beaches of little visited São Tomé and Príncipe, a former Portuguese colony and less than 2hrs from Gabon

For detailed itineraries, prices and dates please visit www.gabon-undiscovered.com or call our well-travelled team

