

Itinerary

Day 1 (Wednesday)

Bangui, Central African Republic

On arrival in Bangui from your international flight, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Central African Republic's capital, Bangui lies on the northern banks of the Ubangi River.

• *Lodging: JM Residences or similar (D)*

Day 2 (Thursday)

Bangui – Bayanga and Dzanga-Ndoki National Park

In the morning you will be driven to the Bangui Airport to board a private charter for the 1 hour flight to Bayanga. After lunch at Doli Lodge, meet the BaAka people in their villages to learn about their forest life, leaf hut construction, and meal preparation. Enjoy an evening sundowner with your fellow travelers.

• *Lodging: Doli Lodge (B,L,D)*

Day 3 (Friday)

Forest Hike & Forest Elephants of Dzanga Bai, Dzanga-Ndoki National Park

After a 1 hour drive into the rainforest, set off along elephant paths for a leisurely 1 hour hike through cool shallow sand streams and clouds of butterflies, until you reach the top of an observation platform overlooking a natural clearing in the forest, or a *bai*, where you'll enjoy the interactive behaviors of scores of forest elephants.

• *Lodging: Doli Lodge (B,L,D)*

Day 4 (Saturday)

Gorilla & Mangabey Trekking*, Dzanga-Ndoki National Park

Depart early in the morning to Bai Hoku or Mongambe research camps to meet your gorilla guides. The 1-2 hour search for western lowland gorillas follows elephant paths and narrow trails, retracing the gorillas' search for food. Also track agile mangabey monkeys who can be observed at distances of less than 30 feet. With a bit of luck you will not only see mangabeys, forest elephants and buffaloes, but also sitatunga and bongo antelopes.

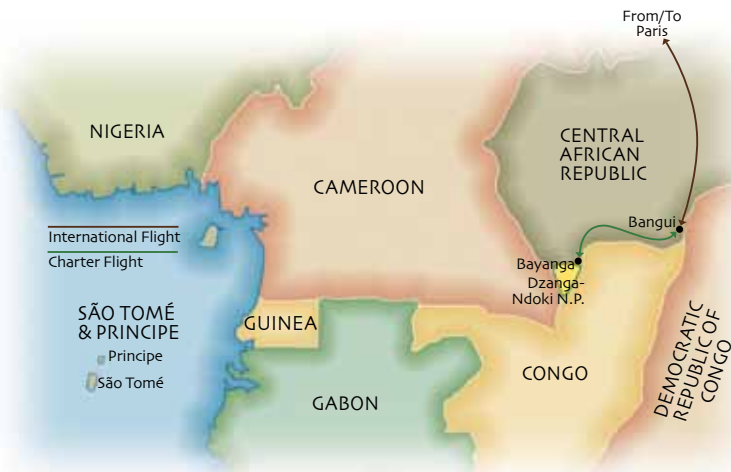
• *Lodging: Doli Lodge (B,L,D)*

Day 5 (Sunday)

Pirogues, Palm Wine and Village Experience, The Sangha River and Bayanga Village

After a leisurely breakfast, board a dugout canoe, or *pirogue*, and glide on the meandering waters of the Sangha River through raffia palm trees, whose sap is used to produce a local wine. Continue by *pirogue* to Bayanga village, where small bars, or *buvettes*, sell the low alcohol palm wine. While in the village you may also witness a lively basketball game, visit vegetable gardens and small shops, and buy crafts from local artisans.

• *Lodging: Doli Lodge (B,L,D)*



Day 6 (Monday)

Net Hunting with the BaAka, Dzanga-Ndoki National Park

Start your day with a visit to the BaAka villages, then join the BaAka on a drive into the rainforest, accompanied by the BaAka's harmonic chanting and singing. Using hand-woven nets and gathering baskets, the BaAka efficiently orchestrate their centuries-old tradition of harvesting the bounty of the rainforest.

• *Lodging: Doli Lodge (B,L,D)*

Day 7 (Tuesday)

Forest Elephants or Gorilla Trekking*, Dzanga-Ndoki National Park

Today, you can choose to visit the *Dzanga bai* for a second view of this amazing forest clearing. Or you can choose to track gorillas for another visit with these impressive great apes. This evening enjoy traditional BaAka dance and music.

• *Lodging: Doli Lodge (B,L,D)*

Day 8 (Wednesday)

Bayanga – Bangui

Today, return by private charter to Bangui. On arrival in Bangui you will be transferred to your hotel for a farewell dinner.

• *Lodging: JM Residences or similar (B,L,D)*

Day 9 (Thursday)

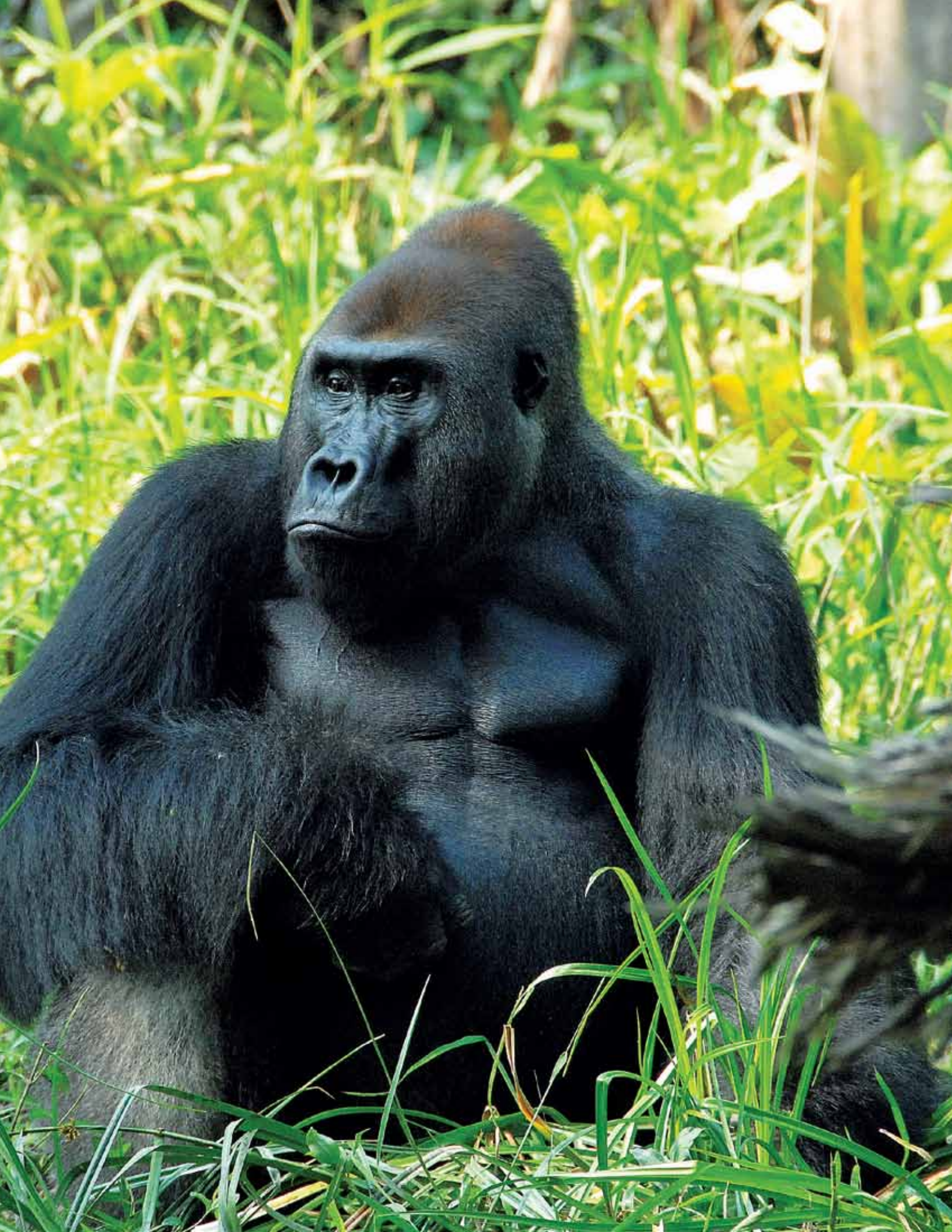
International Flight Home

This morning you will be transferred to Bangui Airport for your international flight home.



Your charter aircraft

***Please Note:** Gorilla trekking occurs twice daily allowing 3 guests per trek with 1 hour of viewing the group. Each trek begins and ends at Bai Hoku, and the gorilla permit is an additional cost of €230 per person per trek.





Expedition Information

Capacity: This expedition is limited to 16 guests.

Fly-In Safari Dates, 9 days:

- November 2, 2011 – November 10, 2011
- December 7, 2011 – December 15, 2011
- January 4, 2012 – January 12, 2012
- February 1, 2012 – February 9, 2012
- March 7, 2012 – March 15, 2012
- July 4, 2012 – July 12, 2012
- October 3, 2012 – October 11, 2012
- November 7, 2012 – November 15, 2012
- December 5, 2012 – December 13, 2012

Costs: €5,580 per person double occupancy
Single Supplement: €615

*Single accommodations are limited

Accommodations: Accommodations are the best available at each destination. However it is important to note that some West and Central African facilities are rudimentary and not to be compared with western standards. The safari lodge in Dzanga Sangha is basic, remote, and charming. Please remember to keep a spirit of adventure.

***Single accommodations:** These are limited and cannot be guaranteed. If a share is requested and a roommate cannot be assigned by final payment, the single supplement fee will be charged.

International Airfare: Your agent would be happy to assist you in making your air arrangements. Itineraries and prices will be supplied upon request.

Physical Requirements: All travelers must be in good health and prepared for travel in places without medical facilities. Participants must be able to climb into and out of private aircraft, safari vehicles, boats, and pirogues un-aided. They should be capable of walking moderate distances at an easy pace for up to 3 hours through the rain forest and over rough terrain, and be able to withstand hard riding four-wheel-drive vehicles that travel over dirt roads and sometimes rough, bumpy ground. Please note that due to the proximity to the equator, weather is typically hot and humid with a chance of showers, and average temperatures range between 60 and 90 degrees Fahrenheit. In general you will most enjoy the opportunities this expedition has to offer if you are willing to dispense with a few Western amenities and travel with flexibility and a spirit of adventure.

Luggage Requirements: In accordance with the private aircraft specifications and safety measures, each passenger is allowed one standard checked bag with a maximum weight limit of 26 pounds, and one carry on bag with a maximum weight limit of 15 pounds.

Private Aircraft Schedule: The flight schedule may include unscheduled stops due to factors such as weather or fuel availability beyond the crew's control. Our flight schedule can also change at any time should security or other issues arise. We urge travelers to remain flexible

in the face of such possibilities. The type, model, and registration of the aircraft can also change. Our goal is always passenger safety, security and comfort aloft.

Cost Includes: All accommodations, meals, sightseeing activities, guide fees, park fees, tours, and transfers as indicated in the itinerary; private charter between Bangui and Bayanga/Dzanga-Ndoki National Park (return); services of Doli Lodge expedition leaders and local guides; all group activities and excursions; welcome and farewell dinner functions in Bangui, including pre-dinner drinks and wine with dinner; drinking water (bottled water not always available), coffee, and tea throughout the journey; local brand alcoholic beverages at group meals and functions; laundry at Doli Lodge; all airport departure taxes; all gratuities; portage of one soft-sided checked bag; medical evacuation insurance (\$60,000) and Medical/Sickness (\$20,000 per incident) for covered reasons.

Cost does not include: International air to and from Bangui and any other commercial flights that are not part of the program; excess baggage fees; travel and personal insurance; portage of carry-on luggage; items of a personal nature such as curios, room service expenses, minibar charges, and express laundry services; gorilla tracking permits; premium brand drinks; faxes, phone calls, and e-mails; costs of obtaining passports, visas, or other travel documents; inoculation fees; laundry charges in Bangui; extra beverages when not with the group; extra tours and activities.

Final Payment: A completed Reservation Form is required to confirm your registration. Final payment is due 90 days before departure, upon receipt of invoice and is payable by wire transfer only to Doli Lodge. For your protection, funds will be placed in a trust account until the day of departure.

Insurance: It is a condition of using the rates and services offered by Doli Lodge that all clients (including individuals, companies and other legal entities) have in place adequate insurance cover against all risks associated with travel in Africa and it is a requirement of using the services offered by Doli Lodge that all clients (including individuals, companies and other legal entities) take out appropriate travel, medical and other insurance prior to departure of clients from their country of origin. A visit to Africa and particularly a Safari entails an element of risk and neither Doli Lodge nor their officers and employees shall be liable in any way for any loss or damages expenses or costs arising from any incident involving clients (individuals, companies and other legal entities) that may occur whilst using any of the services provided by Doli Lodge or third parties contracted by these companies.

It is the responsibility of every client (including individuals, companies and other legal entities) to assess their own insurance requirements and to organize appropriate insurance. In the event of failure of any client (individual, company or other legal entity) to comply with these insurance conditions and requirements or to organize appropriate insurance then neither the Doli Lodge

nor their officers or employees nor any third party contracted by these companies shall be liable in any way for any loss or damages expenses or costs arising from any incident.

Cancellations: Bookings cancelled or reduced in number between the following days are charged as indicated:

- 100% cancellation fee if cancelled less than 90 days prior to arrival, or no show

Cancellations could cost you as much as 100% of the tour price. Doli Lodge will not cancel a tour, holiday or other travel arrangements after the client has paid in full unless it becomes necessary to do so as a result of hostilities, war or threat of war, civil strife, industrial dispute, terrorist unrest, active or threatened, natural or nuclear disaster, fire or adverse weather conditions or for reasons of group comfort or safety or if a group tour does not have enough participants to make it economically viable or because of any other adverse happening beyond the control of Doli Lodge, (which decision shall be in the absolute discretion of Doli Lodge).

Doli Lodge reserves the right to alter a tour itinerary if it or the local ground handler or safari operator believes such is necessary or advisable for reasons of convenience, comfort or safety. Doli Lodge also reserves the right to decline to accept any person as a member of the tour or to require any participant to withdraw from the tour at any time, if such action is determined by the appropriate staff member to be in the best interest of the health, safety and overall welfare of the tour group or of the individual participant. Baggage and personal effects are at the owner's risk throughout the tour.

Dates, schedules, program details and costs, given in good faith, and based on information available and in force in July 2011, are subject to change and revision.

To book, contact your agent.

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