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Explore the Congo
Safari Itinerary to Odzala-Kokoua National Park



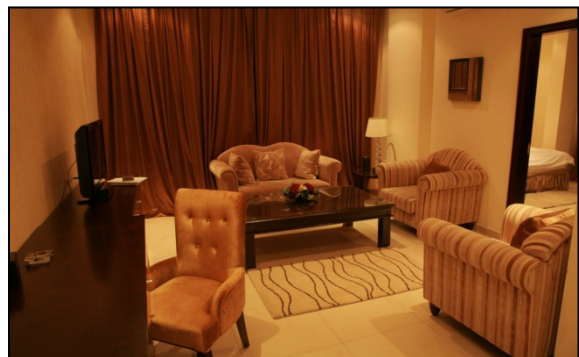
Day 1: Wednesday – Arrive Brazzaville

Arrive Brazzaville where you will be met and transfer you to your hotel for overnight.

Mikhael's Hotel

Situated in the French-influenced downtown area of Brazzaville, this elegant boutique hotel lies within walking distance of the city's main attractions, and just ten minutes drive from Maya Maya International Airport.

Amidst the bustle of the city it offers a haven of peace and comfort with spectacular views of the capital's principal landmarks, Nabemba Tower and the Basilica of St. Anne. Accommodation consists of 92 spacious and well-appointed modern guest rooms in three different categories (Standard, Deluxe and Executive) and four different categories of suite, all of which have a separate living room.



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All rooms have air-conditioning, HD TV with satellite channels, IDD telephone, complimentary WiFi, minibar, safe deposit box, and a private balcony overlooking the pool or with a charming mountain view.

Day 2: Thursday – Brazzaville to Odzala-Kokoua National Park

After a leisurely start you will be collected from your hotel and taken to the airport for an early afternoon private charter to the M'boko Airstrip in the Odzala-Kokoua National Park, situated in the north-west of the Republic of Congo.



Your camp is situated in the heart of the Congo Basin, the world's second largest expanse of tropical rainforest. It holds Africa's densest population of western lowland *gorillas* and significant populations of forest elephant. It is also renowned as the richest forest block in central Africa for primates, with eleven diurnal species recorded and more than 100 mammal species, of which around 50 are classified as medium- or large-sized.

Activities range from *gorilla* tracking (habituated groups), pirogue rides along lush river systems, game drives in the savannah, night drives, walks along lush forest streams and salines, and of course time spent at the productive forest bays.

Driven transfer to Lango Camp where you'll have time to freshen up before an afternoon activity.



Lango Camp

Lango Camp sits at the edge of the savannah, over-looking the bai – a large forest clearing that attracts elephant and other animals to come and socialise and dig for mineral salts.

The facilities of Lango Camp include a dining room, lounge and bar area on raised decks with views of the bai. Walkways connect the rooms to the public areas, and a star deck and fire-pit sit on a dropped deck overlooking the bai for after-dinner vigils.

Activities include excursions to the savannah and the saline bai, as well as boat trips on the Lekoli and Mambili rivers. Hard-top vehicles (seating six people) are used from time to time when weather conditions demand.

Forest elephant, forest buffalo, western sitatunga and spotted hyena are regular visitors and can be seen at any time of the day. Nocturnal visitors include the rare bongo, leopard and red river hog. Harnessed bushbuck and various forest duiker species can be encountered nearby and Guereza colobus monkeys are resident in camp. Other primates such as grey-cheeked, mangabey and moustached monkey are commonly seen nearby, while chimpanzees are regularly heard from camp. Hippo are found in the Lekoli River and serval are regularly seen on the savannah.



Day 3 Friday - Odzala-Kokoua National Park, Lango Camp

At Lango Camp the focus is on walking and boating activities as well as day and night safari drives. Look for forest buffalo and elephant, spotted hyena and Western sitatunga. The Lango Bai is especially good for spotting nocturnal animals such as leopard, and rare bongo and red river hog.



Day 4: Saturday – Odzala-Kokoua National Park, Lango Camp

Today's activities include a game drive (look for primates such as guereza colobus, grey-cheeked mangabey and moustached monkey, as well as bushbuck and various forest duiker species) and pirogue trip along the river, before returning to camp on foot through Lango Bai. There are also opportunities for 'catch and release' fishing.



Day 5: Sunday – Odzala-Kokoua National Park, Ngaga Camp

You'll wake early this morning and, following a light breakfast, set off on a two hour road transfer through the savannah and forest to Ngaga Camp.

In the depths of a tropical marantaceae forest, on the edge of Odzala-Kokoua National Park, this camp offers a true gorilla experience.

Here you will be fully briefed on your Western Lowland gorilla trek before setting off on foot with your guide and tracker. The maximum number of guests on a gorilla trek is four and the viewing time is limited to one hour in order to prevent the gorillas becoming distressed.



Gorilla sightings are generally reliable but always dependent on variables such as weather and tracking conditions.

Day 6: Monday – Odzala-Kokoua National Park, Ngaga Camp

Another early start and the opportunity for a second gorilla trek. After your sighting you return to camp for brunch and rest. In the afternoon there will be the opportunity to explore the forest trails on foot and seek out a variety of local birds and mammals.

Day 7: Tuesday – Odzala-Kokoua National Park, Ngaga Camp

This morning is your last visit to the gorillas. Whilst on your gorilla trek look out for other primates such as the Putty-nosed Monkey and Crowned Monkey, both of which are fairly common. You may also spot wild chimpanzee although they are more often heard than seen. This afternoon you can enjoy a final walk through the forest.

Day 8: Wednesday – Odzala-Kokoua National Park to Brazzaville

After a leisurely breakfast you'll set off through the forest roads to the M'boko airstrip (about a two and a half hour drive). Here you'll return to Brazzaville by charter flight, arriving in the afternoon. Transfer to airport for flight out or onward connections.

Safari Information:

The minimum age for gorilla viewing is 15 years – this is for reasons of safety but also for possible disease transmission, with children under this age more prone to infection.

- Maximum proximity to gorillas is 7 metres (22 feet). It is not permitted to approach more closely and we typically view the animals at 10-15m (32-50 feet).
- Maximum viewing duration of any group is 1 hour per day. Each group is only visited once per day.
- Maximum number of guests per gorilla tracking excursion is 4.
- Guests that display cold, flu or other respiratory tract symptoms will not be allowed to track gorillas.
- No food is permitted on gorilla tracking excursions, nor is smoking allowed. Hand washing facilities are provided at Ngaga Camp prior to gorilla tracking.
- While gorilla sightings and encounters are very reliable, viewing is dependent on variables such as weather and tracking conditions.
- Every group of guests will have two opportunities to track gorillas; although every effort will be made to successfully track them, gorilla viewing is not guaranteed.



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