GOLDEN SHADOWS

SAFARIS

GABON

Gabon - The Last African Paradise

Where the jungle meets the ocean, where impenetrable rainforests hide families of lowland gorillas, troops of mandrills and herds of forest elephants, your unique adventure awaits on an expedition into the untouched wilderness of West Africa.

SEASON	DURATION	GROUP SIZE	PRICE FROM
2027	**13 days**	**max. 8 guests**	**CZK 185,000**

MOMENTS FROM THE SAFARI



Dates and availability

1-13 Jun 2027 **CZK 185,000**

Preparing Available places 8 / 8

About the tour

Gabon - the last African paradise. A country where almost 80% of the land is still covered by primary rainforest and tropical savannah. A place where the ocean meets the green wall of the forest, where hippos and forest elephants surf the waves. Deep in the jungle hide troops of lowland gorillas, chimpanzees and mandrills. During the mating season it is possible to see huge troops of mandrills numbering hundreds of individuals. This trip is not a classic safari, and you need to be prepared for expedition-style travel. Poor infrastructure, broken roads and, in many places, only very basic accommodation. This is an amazing adventure in a gem of western equatorial Africa that is still being discovered by tourism. Long full-day drives await us, with no Hilton at the end of them. You may be asking yourself, why go at all? Because of the desire to experience what very few people have seen yet. So if you have that desire in you, come with us into the untouched rainforest to track lowland gorillas (permit included), photograph rare mandrills (permit included) and, with a little luck, watch the animals of the jungle meet the ocean...

Itinerary

Day 1: Early-morning departure from Prague. Arrival in Libreville and transfer to the hotel (Hotel Namasté or similar)

Day 2: Long, demanding full-day drive to Tchibanga and accommodation in one of the local hotels.
After breakfast we set off on the long journey to Tchibanga. We will probably reach the national park gate in the evening. Dinner in Tchibanga and accommodation in one of the local hotels.
Breakfast

Day 3: Gorilla tracking in Moukalaba-Doudou National Park
After breakfast we go tracking lowland gorillas in Moukalaba-Doudou, currently the best place in Gabon to see both gorillas and chimpanzees. There is a high chance that today or over the next few days we will also see chimpanzees.
Overnight in very simple accommodation.
Breakfast, lunch, dinner

Days 4-5: We will spend the next two days tracking the animals that live in this beautiful, untouched place. Moukalaba-Doudou National Park, in the wild and rugged south-western corner of Gabon between the Nyanga and Ndogo rivers, covers approximately 4,500 square kilometres of largely untouched wilderness. This remote and rarely visited park boasts an impressive range of landscapes - from dense, humid rainforest and open savannah to papyrus swamps, rivers, lagoons and steep mountainous terrain. It has one of the highest densities of primates in Gabon. More than 4,700 great apes (gorillas and chimpanzees combined) live in the park. Together with forest elephants, buffalo, hippos, crocodiles and many other species of mammals

and birds, it offers a perfect picture of the fauna of western equatorial Africa.
Overnight in very simple accommodation.
Breakfast, lunch, dinner

Day 6: Transfer from Tchibanga to Lambaréné
After breakfast we head to Lambaréné, home to the Albert Schweitzer Museum; in 1913 he and his wife Helene founded the legendary hospital for local people here. There will be time to see the town and the hospital at our own pace.
Overnight at Hotel Agneghe.
Breakfast

Day 7: Transfer to Lopé National Park
The journey continues to Lopé National Park.
The Lopé area covers almost 5,000 km? and is a landscape where ancient savannahs meet dense rainforest. This unique mosaic includes rolling grassy plains dotted with islands of forest, dramatic river valleys along the Ogooué River and the rugged hills of the Chaillu Massif. The park is remarkable for its exceptional biodiversity and is home to one of the largest populations of mandrills in the world.
Accommodation at Hotel De La Lopé on the edge of the rainforest.
Breakfast, lunch, dinner

Day 8: Lopé National Park
Tracking radio-collared mandrills with local guides in the rainforest of Lopé NP.
During the mating season, which begins with the arrival of the dry season, up to 1,500 individuals can be seen in a single group. Mandrills are commonly seen when visiting the park, but if you want to be absolutely sure of seeing them, we will go out to find the monitored individuals. Because the animals wear radio collars, the chance of seeing them is almost one hundred per cent. You will not find a similar opportunity to watch these amazing monkeys anywhere else in Africa.
You can also see large herds of forest elephants here and other mammals such as lowland gorillas (they are not specifically tracked, but are often seen), chimpanzees and buffalo, as well as rare endemic species such as the sun-tailed monkey. More than 400 bird species live in the area.
Overnight at Hotel De La Lopé.
Breakfast, lunch, dinner

Day 9: Journey back to Libreville
Overnight in a local hotel (Namasté or similar).
Breakfast

Day 10: After breakfast, departure for the Wonga Wongué area
After lunch we will explore the surroundings by jeep or on foot.
Wonga Wongué Reserve is a large protected area on the north-western coast of Gabon, south of Libreville. It covers approximately 4,300 km? and is a refuge for a wide variety of wildlife. The landscape includes rolling dunes up to 300 metres high, white-sand beaches, coastal forest, mangroves, savannah and wetlands. It is home to an abundance of animals, including one of the largest populations of forest elephants in the Congo Basin, buffalo, lowland gorillas, hippos and other species. The local rivers and lakes attract crocodiles, large flocks of waterbirds (such as great white pelicans) and other animals, such as turtles that come here to lay their eggs.

Overnight in simple cabins.
Breakfast, lunch, dinner

Day 11: Safari in Wonga Wongué Reserve (by jeep and on foot).
Return to Libreville in the late afternoon.
Overnight in a local hotel.
Breakfast, lunch

Day 12: Transfer to the airport and flight to Prague.
Breakfast

Day 13: Return home

What is and is not included

INCLUDED

Accommodation, meals as per the detailed programme, transport and transfers on site, national park fees, lowland gorilla tracking permit, mandrill tracking permit, services of local guides and photographic guidance by Petr Slavík.

NOT INCLUDED

International flights (current price as of 2 Oct 2026 CZK 26,000), medical expenses insurance, visa fees, drinks, tips and personal expenses.

Accommodation and transport

ACCOMMODATION

Hotels, bungalows, camps.

TRANSPORT

Intercontinental flight to Libreville. Transfers between destinations by off-road vehicles.

Practical information

Gabon requires a visa and a yellow fever vaccination.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

Your passport must be valid for at least 6 months from the date of entry into the country. Keep a copy or scan of your passport separately.

VISA

We will help you obtain your visa through our Gabonese operator.

VACCINATIONS AND HEALTH PREPARATION

For African destinations, an international certificate of vaccination with a yellow fever vaccination is usually required or recommended (compulsory for Gabon). Vaccinations against tetanus, measles, typhoid and hepatitis A and B are also recommended. Consult a doctor at a travel health clinic or vaccination centre about antimalarials. We recommend a medical check-up before the trip. Everyone takes part in the programme at their own risk and responsibility.

MEDICAL EXPENSES INSURANCE

Medical expenses insurance is not included in the tour price. Every participant is required to take out valid insurance for the entire duration of the tour. Travelling to remote areas without it is a major risk. We will be happy to arrange insurance for you.

MONEY AND TIPPING

For personal spending we recommend US dollars in cash, which we will exchange into local currency. Bring newer banknotes; older series are often not exchanged in Africa. As a guide, allow USD 50 per day. In Africa it is customary to tip the staff who look after you; the usual amount is around USD 200 per person for the whole tour, and the guide distributes it. It is not compulsory. You can only pay by card in the capital. Also keep a cash reserve in case of medical treatment, which often has to be paid on the spot and is reimbursed by the insurer afterwards.

LUGGAGE

Standard allowance is 1 checked bag up to 23 kg and 1 carry-on up to 8 kg per person. Carry all electronics, including cameras, chargers and power banks, in your hand luggage (before departure, check what size of power bank the airline accepts on board). Hand luggage must not contain sharp objects or liquids over 100 ml, up to a total of 1,000 ml. We recommend locking your luggage.

ELECTRICITY

African destinations commonly use 230 to 240 V, but the type of socket varies by country. Gabon uses type C sockets (Europlug with two round pins). Czech appliances are fully compatible with type C and no travel adapter is needed.

PHONE AND INTERNET

Czech operators have roaming agreements in our destinations. The signal is fairly good in large cities, but in remote areas and rainforests it is very weak or non-existent. On this trip, expect not to be online!

FOOD AND HYGIENE

If you have any dietary restrictions or allergies, please let us know in advance. Drink and brush your teeth only with bottled water. Avoid ice, mayonnaise salads and ice cream. It is worth starting to take probiotics before the trip and packing medicine for traveller's diarrhoea.

SAFARI RULES

Drones are not allowed during the safari. You may only get out of the vehicle with the driver's consent. A safe distance from the animals is kept, and the instructions of local guides and trackers must be followed.

TOUR LEADER

The tour is led by photographer Petr Slavík. You are welcome to consult him about photographic equipment and gear before departure.

Recommended gear

FOR THIS TOUR

PHOTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT

As this is an expedition-style trip, please discuss your equipment with Petr Slavík.

CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR

Muted natural colours. Long-sleeved shirts and long trousers because of the sun and insects, light quick-drying layers, a waterproof jacket. Sturdy closed footwear for treks through vegetation and gaiters as protection against safari ants. A hat, sunglasses, a scarf against dust. A rain poncho and overshoes for the jungle.

DOCUMENTS AND SMALL ITEMS

Passport and a copy, international certificate of vaccination, insurance card and insurance confirmation in English, emergency phone numbers, cash in USD, payment card, binoculars, a pocket knife in your checked luggage, high-factor sunscreen, repellent, lip balm, toiletries.

FIRST-AID KIT

Any medicines you take regularly, plus basics: an anti-diarrhoeal (e.g. diosmectite), travel probiotics, nasal and eye drops, a sore-throat remedy, an expectorant (acetylcysteine), paracetamol or ibuprofen, an antihistamine gel, a bandage and blister plasters.

The wild has no script. That is why it is worth experiencing.

Contact

We will gladly help you choose a date and prepare for the journey.

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