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GABON WILDERNESS EXPERIENCE

On the **Gabon Wilderness Experience**, you will journey through and immerse yourself in the most pristine rainforest ecosystem remaining in West Central Africa.

Nestled along the breathtaking coastline of Gabon, **Loango National Park** is a hidden gem that beckons Nature lovers and adventure seekers alike. This extraordinary Park spans over 1,550 square kilometers of pristine Wilderness, where lush rainforest meets the Atlantic Ocean's sparkling waves.

Exploring this wild expanse will expose you to Nature's fine detail, the grandeur of the landscape and the thrill of moving among iconic large mammals.

Whether you're kayaking through serene estuarine waters or trekking along verdant trails, every moment in Loango is a step into a world untouched by time.

Well beyond an activity, this is a fully immersive experience that permits participation in Nature as opposed to traditional spectatorship.

It creates the space for personal, social and Wilderness regeneration.

What to Expect

Loango National Park is a true biodiversity hotspot, where you will have the chance of encountering unhabituated chimpanzees and lowland gorillas, red river hogs, forest sitatunga, as well as numerous forest duikers and monkeys. Along with these species, there is the unique possibility of seeing forest elephant and forest buffalo on the beach, and hippos surfing the ocean waves.

This area is also world famous for its birdlife, with a chance to see vermiculated fishing owls, chocolate-backed kingfishers and white-crested tiger herons, amongst many others. To experience the cacophony of sound produced by thousands of african grey parrots at sunset, is an experience that cannot be described in words.

The focal point of the Experience is a 4-night, unsupported Wilderness Trail, where participants carry everything they need in a backpack, and explore the un-touched patchwork of tropical habitats that include endless rainforest, swamps, mangroves, and grassland savannas.

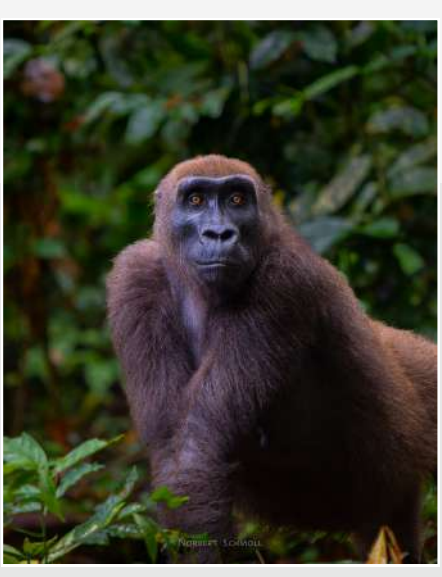
The first two nights, as well as the final night, will be spent at Sette Cama Camp. Situated on the southern boundary of the National Park, the camp offers the perfect launching pad to explore and experience the wildlife of this untouched region.

Accommodation is in the form of rustic chalets with twin configuration. Each ensuite room has two beds and air-conditioning, as well as plug points to charge your phones, camera's etc.

Meals are enjoyed in the main living area, which includes a stocked bar and a deck overlooking the Ndogo estuary.

While based in the camp, we will have the opportunity to explore the estuary by boat and kayak, searching for elusive primates, dwarf crocodiles and an endless array of tropical birds.









Eight Day Package Itinerary

Day One

- Meeting point - Libreville International Airport at 08h00
- Depart on charter flight - 2-hour flight over the rainforest to Gamba village
- Board motorboats to travel through a vast estuarine system to Sette Cama Camp
- Arrival at Sette Cama Camp - after lunch and an orientation, you will head into the estuary on boats to get a feel for the area.

Day Two

- Morning activity - Explore estuary
- Afternoon activity – Game drive / birding / walk

Day Three

- Breakfast and Trail briefing
- Boat transfer to the Wilderness Trail drop-off point
- 4-Night Wilderness Trail begins

Day Four to Six

- Full days spent exploring the rainforest while on Wilderness Trail

Day Seven

- 4-Night Wilderness Trail ends - after breakfast you will hike to the pre-arranged pick-up point, from where boats will transfer you back to Sette Cama Camp
- Afternoon - free time to relax in camp or head out into the estuary on kayaks
- Dinner followed by closing session

Day Eight

- Depart Sette Cama Camp by boat at 09:00 am for the Gamba village airstrip, where a chartered flight will take you back to Libreville.
- Arrival at Libreville International Airport by mid-afternoon

Package Includes:

- Pick-up and drop-off service between recommended hotels and Libreville International Airport.
- Return air and boat transfers between Libreville and Sette Cama Camp.
- 3 nights full board shared accommodation at Sette Cama Camp (nights 1, 2 and 7).
- 4-Night Wilderness Trail guided by an experienced Wilderness Trails Guide.
- All meals and selected drinks (excludes selected wines and spirits) for the duration of the 8-day package.
- Selected Trail equipment: backpack (unless you wish to bring your own), camping mattress and pillow, Trail tent, fold-up chair, gas cooker, pot, mug, spoon, 1l water bottle, dry bag, toilet paper & matches.
- Transfers between Sette Cama Camp and the Trail start/end points.
- National Park entrance fees and wildlife tourism levy.

Package Excludes:

- International flights to/from Libreville, Gabon.
- Hotel accommodation in Libreville pre- and post-trip.

What to Pack

Everything required for the duration of the Wilderness Trail component must be carried in a backpack.
Below is a 'Packing Checklist' to assist participants when packing.

Trail Equipment

- Backpack (between 50l and 70l) - optional, only if you prefer your own
- Sleeping bag (light, summer weight)
- Waterproof bags / bin liners
- Sharp knife - you can use a pocket knife/ Leatherman.
- Water bottles - should have capacity of at least 2.5 litres.
- Head torch + extra batteries
- Binoculars

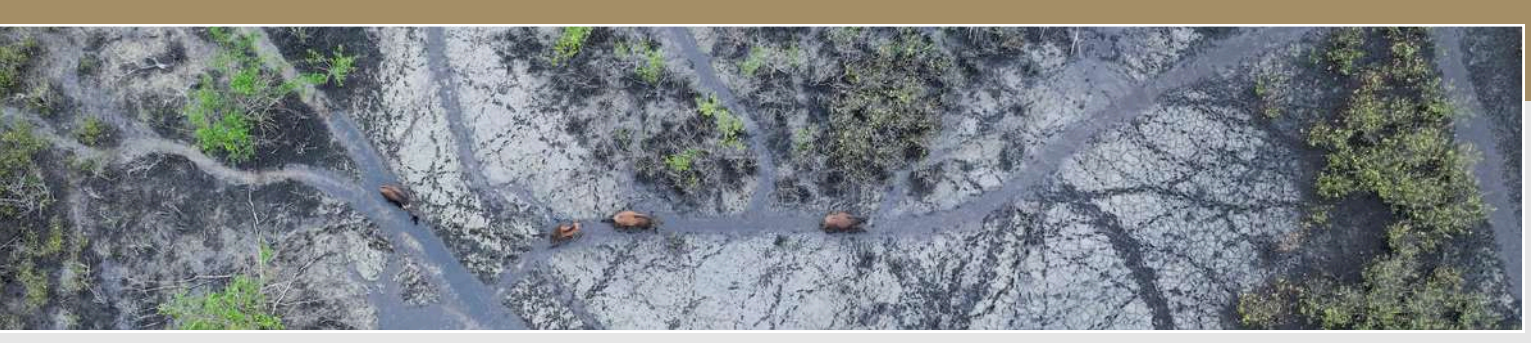
Trail Kit

- Walking shoes or sandals (already worn in) - must handle getting wet
- Quick-dry, neutral coloured clothing
- Hat & sunglasses
- Flip-flops
- Sarong – can be used as blanket, sun protection and towel
- Waterproof poncho or rain jacket
- Nights can get chilly so be prepared with a fleece or puffer jacket

Personal Essentials

- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Small towel, face cloth and soap
- Journal and pen

See list of **Selected Trail Equipment** that will be **provided** to you in the 'Package Includes' section further above.



Book your Gabon Wilderness Experience

The 8-day 'Gabon Wilderness Experience' package is open to individual or group bookings.
A minimum of 5 guests ensures departure, with a maximum group size of 7 guests.

2027 Departure for Individual Bookings: ***26 August - 2 September***
2027 Departures for Private Group Bookings: ***July, August and September***

'Gabon Wilderness Experience' Rack Rate | US$ 7 065 /person

Contact **reservations@lowveldtrails.co.za** to check availability and secure your preferred departure date.

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