

Discover Nouabalé-Ndoki

10 days – 9 nights

Brazzaville, Ouéssou, Kabo/Bomassa, Nouabalé National Park–Ndoki, Mbeli Bai, Mondika Triangle, Pokola

Safari, Conservation, Ecology, Culture, History

**This program may be operated for individual or for small groups
This is a suggested itinerary – Please call us to customize**

There is a vast array of species living in Nouable-Ndoki Park. The most famous species here are primates. There are also Colobus monkeys (black-and-white Colobus, red Colobus), the endangered lowland gorillas, chimpanzees, and mustached guenon monkeys.

Day 1: Brazzaville

Upon arrival in Brazzaville, you will be picked up at the airport and transferred to your hotel for check-in. After you comfortably check-in to your hotel, kick-off our downtown tour with visits to the following (depending on your arrival time and how you feel - we can pack in as much as possible!):

- Mausoleum Pierre Savorgnan de Brazza
- Freedom Square and Central Station
- The Basilica of Saint Anne Congo Sanctuary
- Monument Félix Éboué, first native African governor of French Equatorial Africa
- Monument of National Culture
- Djoué hydro-electric dam, where cataracts and rapids of the Djoué river cross the mighty Congo River

In the evening enjoy a relaxing dinner by the river at restaurant Mami Wata (optional.) Overnight in Brazzaville. [D]

Day 2: Brazzaville, Ouéssou

After an ultra-early breakfast depart for Ouéssou by Comfy A/C Coach by 5 am for a 540-mile beautiful drive to Ouesso. Along the road, you will view the following cities:

- Gamboma , "legendary" city of yams (200 miles)
- Oyo, birthplace of President of the Republic of Congo (54 miles) and focus of lots of tourism investment
- Owando, capital of "Tcham" (African sparkling wine) (71 miles)
- Makoua, the city that crosses the equator (61 miles) and river gateway to Ntokou Park and Rainforest. Stop for lunch.

Arrive at Ouéssou (155 miles), Dinner and overnight at the hotel. If road conditions or rains prevent first day arrival, your second night stay will be at one of the above towns, so as to avoid driving at night and to break up the trip. [B/L/D]

Option: *Flights are sometimes substituted for the drive due to road dangers or weather. Our goal is to get you to the northern park (the meeting of the Republic of Congo, Central African Republic, and Cameroon) safely and smoothly. The decision of CTT on the transport method to the northern jungles is for speed and safety, and not up to negotiation or discount in any case.*

"Nature's strongholds: The World's Great Wildlife Reserves," by Princeton University Press lists Ndoki park as one of the absolute best and most dense wildlife watching spots on Earth.

Day 3: Ouéssou, Kabo/Bomassa, Nouabalé National Park-Ndoki

After breakfast at the hotel, depart for Bomassa/Kabo by motorized canoe through a secure route, with safety equipment, and guide staff. There will be jungle trekking today as well to reach the base camp and we may make it to Mbeli to do some platform watching by afternoon. Upon arrival at the

base camp of the park system and Ndoki Camp, settle in rooms and attend a briefing afterward. At night, enjoy a rustic dinner in the countryside; rest, beers, and relaxation. [B/L/D]

Day 4: Mbeli Bai (Exploration)

Within the park, Mbeli Bai is a specific 740-acre area which is particularly rich in gorillas, with 180 western lowland gorillas reported here. It also contains many monkey species, and nine of them have a population density of 75 per square mile. The monkey species found here are the black-and-white, and red Colobus, mustached and crowned Guenon, grey-cheeked Mangabeys, and many others. [B/L/D]

Day 5: Mbeli Bai (Exploration)

The park plays host to over 300 different bird species, some of which are eagles, hawks, owls, scavenging vultures, wading herons, and parrots. There are also the rare African Forest Elephant, dwarf forest buffalo, leopards, bongos, and blue duikers. Forest elephants create space by clearing the forest for other animals to move. Horned antelopes with 12-pound antlers number 260 per square mile! Overnight in Mbeli Bai/Ndoki Camp. [B/L/D]

Day 6: Mondika Triangle (Exploration)

After breakfast, we trek a few hours today on dry trail and a small swamp (bring boots and closed toed shoes.) Venture off with our porters and guides (who carry your gear) for exploring the forest observation of animals including lowland gorillas, Sitatunga, & elephants. Finally arrive at Mondika Camp and enjoy meeting one of the premiere deep jungle research teams in the Congo. Enjoy lunch and dinner onsite, overnight stay at Mondika Camp. [B/L/D]

Day 7: Mondika Triangle (Exploration)

After breakfast venture off for observation of many more animals to see! Overnight in Mondika Camp. [B/L/D]

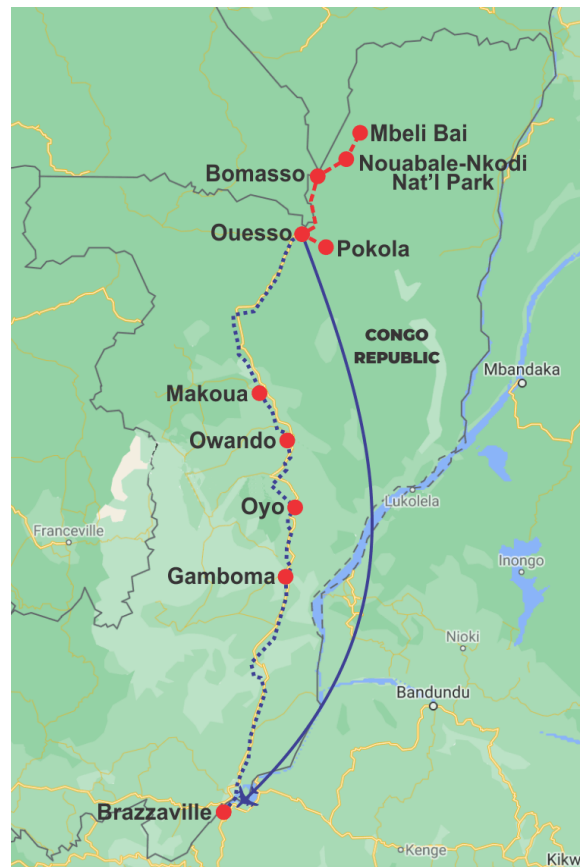
Note: Tourists will not be able to touch and play with gorillas literally, as Mondika is home to a habituated group of Western Lowland Gorillas - "Kingo's" group (tracking). However, it is really the closest you'll get to gorillas anywhere in Congo if not Africa! We do not like to pose the risk of disease transmission from humans to gorillas, and advocate protecting them by keeping a safe distance as well as wearing breathing masks (provided by staff.)

Day 8: Mondika, Pokola

After breakfast, start for Bomassa/Kabo by foot (hiking in the morning,) then continue by Land Cruiser to Pokola via the scenic and amazing Sangha River. Overnight tonight and enjoy excellent showers and well-earned civilization once more at the awesome and river-overlooking Sapeli Lodge Safari Hotel, with a setting you won't soon forget. [B/L/D]

Day 9: Pokola

The day is at leisure today (and as a hedge against any delays) for tours of the frontier forest town of Pokola, shopping for souvenirs, renting a riverboat, or enjoying excellent coffee and meals at the Sapeli Lodge. Meals are at your discretion. Our guides will be available for helping organize local and cultural activities, and hotel is included. We can also try to get you back to the capital



early on day 9 if notified in advance, but use this day to retain a relaxed and realistic pace for all tourists, by book-ending in this pretty jungle town. Overnight in Sapeli Safari Lodge (On the Sangha River) or in high season (unusual) we substitute a hotel in Ouesso or elsewhere nearby. [B/L/D]

Day 10: Pokola, Ouesso, Brazzavile

After breakfast and hotel check-out, in Ouesso board your plane for a return flight to Brazzaville (Usually around 8 or 9am check-in). Upon arrival, transfer to your international flight or shop for souvenirs before departure tonight. [B]

[B]= Breakfast | [D] = Dinner | [B/L/D] = Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Important notices:

- *Travelers must apply with our invitation letter at the nearest Congo embassy*
- *For clients afraid of flying, we can take you back overland however you cannot catch your international flight until the next day in this case. Upon request and a surcharge, the return trip to Brazzaville is available via 4x4 and we can extend to take you to Odzala Park!*
- *The park may decide to change the order or route of your safari to enhance your experience, the integrity of the park, the animal viewing opportunities (of which there are many!) or your safety in the wildlife.*
- *Please only bring carry-on luggage and not large check-in bags. Please also bring comfort food, drinks, alcohols, and snacks for the park, as it is truly in the middle of the frontier jungle and you will not find these things available. Stock up!*

Your Tours includes:

- Airfare between USA and Kinshasa
- Arrival and departure transfers
- 9 nights' accommodation:
 - Brazzaville 1 night
 - Ouesso 1 night
 - Nouabalé NP 3 nights
 - Mondika 2 nights
 - Pokola 2 nights
- Meals:
 - Breakfast daily
 - 5 lunches
 - 6 dinners
- Sightseeing of Brazzaville
- Safari runs in Mbeli Bai
- Explore the. Mondika Gorilla Camp
- Ride on the. Sangha River
- Tours of the frontier forest in Pokola

- Domestic flight Ouesso/Brazzaville
- English-speaking guide
- Transportation in A/C 4x4 vehicle
- Park permits
- Entrance fees
- Daily bottled water in the car
- All local taxes

Tour does not include:

- Taxes or surcharges related to airline tickets
- Travel insurance
- Visa
- All alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks
- Other meals not mentioned in itinerary
- Extras and gratuities
- Early check-in, late check-out
- Expenses of personal nature

Hotels in your Tour:

Location	Hotel Name	Tripadvisor
Brazzaville	Grand Hotel de Kintele	4.5
Ouesso	Hotel Mindongo	3
Nouabalé NP	Mbeli Bai/Ndoki Camp	4.5
Mondika	Mondika Camp	4.5
Pokola	Sapeli Safari Lodge	n/a

Accommodation will be confirmed at time of booking

Tour Prices:

These programs can be customized for individuals and groups.

Changes to this program may be requested by phone (1855-55-TOURS) or using the web FIT Quote Request

- **Airfare**

We also be glad to add the necessary airfare from your gateway so you take advantage of our special discounted leisure fares

- **Program**

You may add or remove;

- Trip days
- Cities and sites
- Meals

- **Other options**

- The program was designed with private services, however, we may substitute shared sightseeing where available
- If you prefer deluxe services we may operate this program including private driver, private guide and concierge service.

- **Quotation**

Once we have designed the program the way you want we'll give you a quote within 2 business days.

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Options:

- Lunches and dinners can be arranged for individuals, families and groups at top restaurants or any restaurant requested by you.
- We can revise the itinerary to spend more time and provide more depth in those areas that you are interested on.
- Any other changes to the itinerary will be accommodated depending on the facilities available in the area.

Group Quotations

- If you wish to use these programs for your group or as the basis for a customized journey please either call us (1-855-55-TOURS or use the web Group Quote Request.
- In either case our specialists will work with to refine all the details and they will get you a quote with 2 business days. Quotes may be obtained for the air and land portions of just for the land journey.
- Booking both air and land with us will represent savings for you because of our buying power and longtime relationship with the airlines.

We will also may have the choice between regular fares and special leisure fares not available to the public.