



Adventure in the Dzanga Sangha

CAMEROON, CENTRAL AFRICAN REP.



11 days

07 - 17 January 2027

English speaking guide



The 'unforgettable' of the trip:

- **Markets, artisanal gold mines** and the **Bantu tribes** of eastern Cameroon
- **Navigation on the Sangha River** to the **Dzanga-Sangha Park**
- **Trekking in the rainforest** on the tracks of **lowland gorillas**
- On the **Sangha Bai** platform, where you can admire forest **elephants**, **bongo trees** and **sitatunga antelopes**
- **Pygmy camps** in the forest, to discover the secrets of hunting and medicinal plants.



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Day 1: Thursday 07 January

Outward flight/Yaoundé (NIS)

Flight to Yaoundé. On arrival, you will be met by staff from Kanaga Africa Tours, who will arrange your transfer to the Hotel Safiyad or similar. Overnight stay in a double room with bathroom.

Days 2-3: from Friday 08 to Saturday 09 January

Yaoundé/Bertoua/Yokadouma

After breakfast, we'll set off towards eastern Cameroon. We'll pass through the towns of Ayos and Abong Mbang, stop off at Bantu villages and in Doume to admire examples of German colonial architecture, visit colourful traditional markets where 'viande de brousse' (antelope, porcupines, pangolins...) and the region's fruit and vegetables (pineapples, plantains, avocados, macabo), meet fishermen on the River Kadei, pass lorries carrying large logs (the region's main industry) and take a walk through a cocoa plantation. Lunches at local restaurants along the way; breakfasts, dinners and overnight stays in hotels (Mansa Hotel or similar in Bertoua, Missione Cattolica or similar in Yokadouma).

Day 4: Sunday 10 January

Yokadouma/Lidjombo/Dzanga-Sangha

After breakfast, departure for Lidjombo, travelling along tracks that wind their way through the dense rainforest, with the chance to spot wildlife (with a bit of luck), such as chimpanzees, gorillas, buffalo and bongo antelopes. Crossing the BORDER WITH THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC; time set aside for formalities and visa processing. We'll continue by BOAT ON THE SANGHA RIVER (2-3 hours' cruise), where, as we glide along the calm waters amidst lush natural surroundings, we'll easily spot monkeys, crocodiles and hippos. We are in the heart of DZANGA-SANGHA NATIONAL PARK, established in 1990 with the support of the WWF, forming part of the Sangha Tri-national Park (together with Lobéké National Park in Cameroon and Nouabalé-Ndoki National Park in the Republic of the Congo), an area of 4.5 million hectares of tropical forest, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2012. Arrival and disembarkation at Bayanga, check-in at Doli Lodge or similar, dinner and overnight stay in a double room with bathroom.



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Day 5: Monday 11 January

Dzanga-Sangha Park

After breakfast at the lodge, transfer to Bai Hokou (or Mongambe), accompanied by eco-guards and Pygmy trackers, for a FOREST TREK* to encounter a family of Western GORILLAS (*Gorilla gorilla*) in their natural habitat; they are accustomed to human presence thanks to the patience involved (it takes 4–5 years of work to habituate a family) and the skilful research carried out by a team of experts who have studied their behaviour. As well as offering protection to these primates, which are at risk of extinction due to both habitat loss and poaching, the park also contributes to the livelihoods of the Pygmy communities living in the surrounding area by developing activities for the rational and sustainable use of the forest's resources. Packed lunch. Weather permitting (and if the trek took place at Bai Hokou), there is a chance to encounter mangabeys, small monkeys with slender, long limbs that are extremely agile. Dinner and overnight stay at the lodge.

**The duration and difficulty of the trek depend on the location of the gorillas, and the viewing time is generally limited to 1 hour.*

Day 6: Tuesday 12 January

Dzanga-Sangha Park

After breakfast at the lodge, transfer to SANGHA-BAI, where a walk (approximately 1 hour) will take us along the banks of the Sangha River to a viewing platform offering a magnificent view of the salt pans in the heart of the forest – an ideal spot for spotting ELEPHANTS, a unique spectacle where you can see as many as fifty or sixty of these giants at a single glance; they spend several hours in the area, along with bongo antelopes and sitatungas. Packed lunch. Return to the lodge; weather permitting, there is the option of a walk in the surrounding area to spot chimpanzees, warthogs, bush pigs and colourful butterflies, or to explore the bustling town of Bayanga, with its markets (sometimes frequented by nomadic Peulh Bororo women). Dinner and overnight stay at the lodge.



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Day 7: Wednesday 13 January

Dzanga-Sangha Park

After breakfast at the lodge, we will head to the PYGMY CAMPS for a day spent discovering the daily life of this people, who have adapted remarkably well to the harsh conditions of forest life whilst maintaining a deep, almost symbiotic bond with nature. Semi-nomadic hunters and gatherers, famous not only for their small stature but also for their rich oral traditions, dances and polyphonic songs, their origins remain a mystery. Most of them continue to lead a nomadic life within the virgin forest, living in harmony with nature and finding in it the means to sustain themselves. As true custodians, for millennia, of the secrets surrounding the properties of plants and the perfect mastery of an environment that appears hostile to most, Pygmy healers are often sought out by other local communities who do not have easy access to modern medical care. As we make our way on foot through the dense vegetation, we will follow the tracks and footprints of animals and learn hunting techniques (turtles, pangolins, fallow deer...) and fishing; we'll watch the harvesting of palm caterpillars and honey; we'll learn the basics of traditional pharmacopoeia; and we'll observe the architecture of the *mungulu*, the typical igloo-shaped leaf huts where families seek shelter at night. Packed lunch box. Return to the lodge, dinner and overnight stay.



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Days 8-9: from Thursday 14 to Friday 15 January

Dzanga-Sangha/Yokadouma/Bertoua

After breakfast, we'll set off by boat towards the BORDER WITH CAMEROON, complete the formalities and continue our journey. Along the way, we'll make numerous stops and try to visit the traditional gold mines, where large holes are dug into the ground using rudimentary methods and the miners lower themselves down using nothing but a rope and a torch in search of the precious metal. There will also be opportunities to meet the Bantu people and visit lively weekly markets. Lunches will be at local restaurants along the route, whilst breakfasts, dinners and overnight stays will be at hotels (Missione Cattolica or similar in Yokadouma, Mansa Hotel or similar in Bertoua).

Day 10: Saturday 16 January

Bertoua/Yaoundé

After breakfast, we continue on to the capital. Lunch at a restaurant en route. On arrival, depending on the time available, a city tour of Yaoundé and a visit to its craft centre, where you can find fine masks, bronzes and leather goods. Some rooms available for day use. Transfer to the airport. End of services.

Day 11: Sunday 17 January

Yaoundé/Return flight

Arrival at the destination airport.

Doli Lodge in the Dzanga Sangha Reserve

This lodge complex is located on the banks of the Sangha River. It consists of several wooden buildings, each bungalow has a large terrace with a view of the Sangha, and all the necessary amenities, such as solar hot water and wifi, so you can rest and have a pleasant time after your activities in the Reserve.

There are only 8 rooms available, so it will be essential to book your trip well in advance (we recommend 6 months in advance) to secure a place in this 'corner of paradise'.



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Individual participation fee in double room
(min. 3 - max. 12 pax)

3,990 €/pax

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for bookings before 07/07/2026

Supplements per person:

- Enrollment fee: **free**
- Single room: **380 €**
- Gorilla trekking: **600 €/person**
- Mangabey trekking: **50 €/person**
- Elephant trekking (Sangha-Bai): **120 €/person**
- Extra airport transfer: **50 €/person/way**
- Cameroon double entry eVisa service: **230 €**

The fee includes:

- French/English-speaking local guide
- English speaking tour leader (from 7 pax);
- Visits and excursions as per the itinerary;
- Entrance to the Dzanga-Sangha park;
- All transfers by 4x4 Toyota or similar (**maximum 3 pax/car**), including drivers, diesel and taxes/tolls;
- Full board except in Yaoundé;
- 9 overnight stays (5 in hotels and 4 in lodges);
- Day use in Yaoundé (1 room for every 4 participants).

The fee does not include:

- Visa for Cameroon double entry;
- The visa for Central African Republic (at the border, about 100 Euro);
- The cancellation, health, baggage insurance;
- The airline flights;
- Airport transfers with companies other than the recommended one;
- Dinners in Yaoundé;
- Mineral water and drinks;
- Gorilla, mangabey and elephant permits;
- Non-programme photographic and video tips;
- Tips and personal expenses;
- Everything mentioned in "supplements";
- Anything not expressly mentioned in "the price includes".