



Bioko and Corisco islands and magical forests

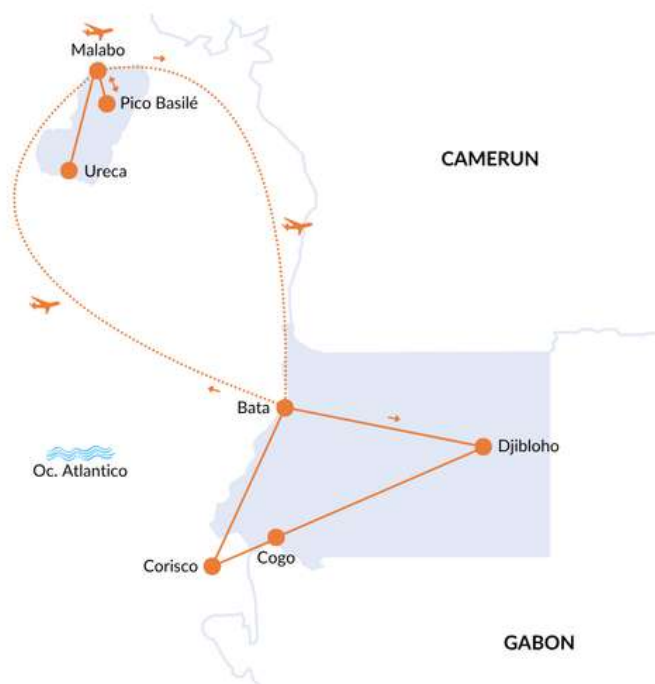
EQUATORIAL GUINEA



12 days

06 - 17 January 2027

English speaking tour leader



The 'unforgettable' of the trip:

- The climb to **Pico Basile**, a volcanic area offering views across the whole island
- The villages of the **Fang people** and the **Bwiti rituals** in the forest
- The **Spanish colonial architecture** of Mongomo, Batete and Malabo
- Encounters with **chimpanzees** at Djobloho and **leatherback turtles** at Moaba
- The remote **islands of Corisco, Elobey Grande and Elobey Chico**, with their turquoise waters
- The unspoilt beaches, waterfalls and villages of the Bubi people on the **island of Bioko**



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Day 1: Wednesday 06 January 2027

Outward flight

Day 2: Thursday 07 January 2027

Flight/Malabo (SSG)/Pico Basile/Malabo

I arrive in Malabo in the early afternoon and meet the Kanaga Africa Tours staff, who will arrange my transfer to the Hotel Baia or similar. We will then visit PICO BASILÉ, the highest point on the island of Bioko, at around 3,000 metres above sea level, from where we can enjoy a panoramic view of the city of Malabo and Mount Cameroon. There will be the opportunity to walk some sections of the route. Return to the city and overnight stay in double rooms.

Day 3: Friday 08 January 2027

Malabo (SSG)/Flight/Bata (BSG)

Breakfast at the hotel, followed by a visit to the impressive Semu market – a sight not for the faint-hearted, as the vendors' foodstuffs include pythons, monkeys, bats and white forest mice. Transfer to the airport in good time for the flight to BATA, which is situated on the mainland of Equatorial Guinea and is the country's most populous city. City tour: Santiago Cathedral, the Clock Square (Plaza de la Libertad), the obelisk commemorating Pope John Paul II's visit, and the seafront promenade (Paseo Marítimo) with its iconic Tower of Liberty. Accommodation at the Ibis Hotel or similar; overnight stay in double rooms.

Day 4: Saturday 08 January 2027

Bata/Fang Villages/Djibloho

After breakfast at the hotel, we will leave Bata and the coast to head inland, where the landscape is characterised by villages on the edge of the tropical forest. We shall visit the VILLAGE OF ANISOK, home to the Fang ethnic group, where we will learn about this traditional culture. Arrival in Djibloho, a modern city that bears witness to Equatorial Guinea's development, and check-in at the Grand Hotel. In the afternoon, a walk to encounter CHIMPANZIES living in semi-freedom as part of a reintroduction programme. Overnight stay at the hotel in double rooms with services.



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Day 5: Sunday 09 January 2027

Djibloho/Mongomo/Cogo

Breakfast at the hotel, followed by an excursion to MONGOMO to visit its imposing basilica and a number of colonial-era buildings. Transfer to COGO, a remote region in the south-west of the country, and check-in at an auberge. Trip to the edge of the forest to take part in the BWITI RITES, a complex liturgical ceremony incorporating animism, ancestor worship and elements of Christianity. The central figure is the nganga, a priest-healer who knows the medicinal properties of plants and acts as the spiritual link between the forces of the plant world and those of the animal, human, astral and mineral worlds. During the rites, the use of iboga, a shrub with psychotropic and hallucinogenic effects, enables the participants to fall into a trance and communicate with the invisible world. Overnight stay in an auberge in double rooms (bathroom facilities may be shared).

Day 6: Monday 10 January 2027

Cogo/Cabo San Juan/Corisco

After breakfast, we'll head to Cabo San Juan, where we'll board a motorboat to travel to CORISCO (around 2-3 hours), which lies 44 km from Cogo, near the maritime border with Gabon. Once we arrive on the island, known locally as Mandji, we'll be able to enjoy this corner of paradise with its white sandy beaches fringed with palm trees and turquoise waters, still off the beaten track of global tourism (the airport has not yet been opened). We will meet the local Benga people and visit the tomb of the last king, Santiago Uganda (1906-1960), to pay our respects and learn about his history. Accommodation at the Complejo Turístico or similar; overnight stay in double rooms (accommodation on Corisco has intermittent electricity and water supplies).

Day 7: Tuesday 11 January 2027

Corisco/Elobey Grande and Elobey Chico/Corisco

Breakfast at the hotel. A day spent exploring CORISCO ISLAND: we'll visit the famous Arena Blanca beach, where we can swim and snorkel whilst admiring stingrays and fish in crystal-clear waters; we'll meet the fishing communities to observe traditional fishing practices, the thatched houses and local crafts; we'll admire the island's colonial ruins, such as the Spanish mission and the Claretian mission, built between 1885 and 1926, when more than 1,000 Europeans – including traders, soldiers and colonial authorities – lived on the islands. Weather permitting, we may organise an excursion to the islands of ELOBEY GRANDE and ELOBEY CHICO where, with a bit of luck, you may spot dolphins swimming in the area (and, on rare occasions, even whales). The two small islands are uninhabited (apart from fishermen who build temporary huts there seasonally), but the dense forest is dotted with numerous colonial ruins, not only Spanish but also German, Dutch and British. Overnight stay at the hotel.



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Day 8: Wednesday 12 January 2027

Corisco/Cabo San Juan/Bata (BSG)/Flight/Malabo (SSG)

After breakfast, transfer by boat (approximately 2-3 hours) back to the mainland. Transfer to Bata. Transfer to the airport in good time for the flight to Malabo. On arrival, check-in at the Hotel Bahia or similar. With a bit of luck, there may be an opportunity to witness a Ndowé ethnic ritual featuring the MAMARRACHO MASK during the night. Overnight stay in double rooms.

Day 9: Thursday 13 January 2027

Malabo/Batete/Ureca/Moaba

Breakfast at the hotel, then departure for BATETE and LUBA, two villages that preserve exceptional colonial remains, such as the Gothic church of San Antonio dei Claretani, built entirely of wood, the Salesian girls' school and the late 19th-century Hotel Jones. We continue to URECA, a small village of the Bubi ethnic group situated in the southern part of the island, famous for being one of the rainiest places in the world (10,450 millimetres of rainfall per year). Once we reach the coast, we'll discover a magnificent waterfall which, at high tide, plunges directly into the waters of the Atlantic Ocean, creating a natural pool where you can go for a swim. Afterwards, we'll go on a gentle, flat trek (around 3 hours) where we can immerse ourselves in the beauty of the tropical landscape, observing a wide variety of plant species and, with a bit of luck, some wildlife. We'll walk along the black volcanic sand beach, wade across a few rivers on foot (one with the aid of a rope), and stop to admire impressive waterfalls, until we reach MOABA. This beach is famous because, during the dry season (November-February), four species of sea turtle come ashore here to lay their eggs: the Atlantic green turtle, the leatherback turtle, the olive ridley turtle and the hawksbill turtle. Accommodation in a permanent tented camp within the sea turtle research centre. A simple dinner at the camp, followed by a night-time trip to the beach to watch – with a bit of luck – the turtles laying their eggs. Overnight stay in double igloo tents.

Day 10: Friday 14 January 2027

Moaba/Ureca/Arena Blanca/Malabo

A simple breakfast at the campsite, followed by free time for a swim at the Moaba waterfalls. We'll walk back to Ureca, where our vehicles will be waiting for us, and then travel to ARENA BLANCA, the country's most famous beach which, as its name suggests, is not volcanic but has a pure white hue. Time to relax by the sea. Return to the capital in the afternoon, check-in at the Hotel Bahia or similar. A stroll through MALABO, with its splendid colonial architecture, notably the Cathedral of Santa Isabel, built between 1887 and 1916 in a Gothic Revival style with two 40-metre-high towers and three naves, and the streets of the city centre, which come alive at the weekend. Overnight stay in double rooms.



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Day 11: Saturday 15 January 2027

Malabo/Flight

Breakfast at the hotel, followed by a visit to FINCA SAMPAGA, where we will learn about all the stages of cocoa production, from the plantations to processing, concluding with a chocolate tasting. Transfer to the airport in good time for the return flight. END OF SERVICES.

Day 12: Sunday 16 January 2027

Return flight



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Individual participation fee in double room
(min. 4 - max. 12 pax)

4.190 €/pax

in promotion at € 3.990
for bookings before 16/09/2026

Supplements:

- Registration fee: **free!**
- Single room: **€310**
- eVisa service: **€130**
- Cameroon *chefferies* tour: **from €3,190 per pax**

The fee includes:

- English speaking tour leader (from 6 pax);
- Local guides speaking Spanish or English;
- Visits and excursions as per the itinerary;
- Entrance fees and the activities mentioned;
- All transfers by minibus or car, depending on the size of the group, including drivers, fuel and taxes/tolls;
- Domestic flights Malabo/Bata/Malabo;
- 7 nights' accommodation in hotels with breakfast.

The fee doesn't include:

- The visa for Equatorial Guinea;
- Cancellation, health and baggage insurance;
- International flights;
- Airport transfers with companies other than the one specified;
- All lunches and dinners;
- Mineral water and drinks;
- The Mamarracho mask dance;
- Tips and personal expenses;
- Everything listed under 'supplements';
- Anything not expressly mentioned under 'the price includes'.