

Reserve Dja

9 days / 8 nights from Yaoundé

We're off to discover a forest that has been preserved and immense since the dawn of time, and to meet the extremely ancient Baka Pygmies and Badjue civilisations. We'll be trekking for several days. From village to village, we'll discover the way of life, beliefs and ancestral practices of these riverside peoples. We will also discover a magnificent virgin forest with giant trees, an extraordinary natural environment that is home to humans, animals and plants. We will cross the equatorial forest through unprecedented landscapes, exceptional canopies, and we will probably be lulled by the cries of birds, monkeys and other animals from sunrise to sunset and during the night.

The spirit of the trip

A stay in the heart of the equatorial forest will plunge you into the world of the Bantu and the authentic inhabitants of the forest, the Bakas. It takes place at the centre of this immense living composition that is the forest, in a thrilling natural setting, and highlights the cohabitation between man and nature.

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Day 1: EUROPE – YAOUNDE

Departure from Paris for Yaoundé, the country's political capital. Arrival at Yaoundé airport. Welcome and transfer to the hotel. Yaoundé, capital of the central region, is the political capital of Cameroon. Dinner and overnight stay.

Day 2: YAOUNDE – SOMALOMO

Breakfast. Departure for the Dja Reserve via Somalomo through Bantu villages. Arrival and park entry formalities. Crossing the Dja River by ferry. Check-in at the Baka camp. Dinner and overnight in tents. Welcome by our friends, cultural evening.

Day 3: RESERVE DU DJA

Breakfast. Departure for Schouam 10 km away after crossing the river, customary greetings from the village community, entry into the forest to visit the buffalo rock 7 km from the village, on foot. Visit the rock, which overlooks part of the reserve, with a lovely panorama of the canopy (the tops of the trees) stretching as far as the eye can see, opportunity to observe the animals, photo opportunity, picnic then rest, walk in the forest, dinner and overnight in tents around the cave or in the surrounding area.

Day 4: ACTIVITES DANS LA RESERVE DU DJA

Early wake-up call, breakfast, observation of animals on the rock of Schouam, departure for the Bali salt works located about 25 km away. Walk through the forest, observe the natural splendour, camp 15 km further on, lunch, continue on arrival and set up, dinner and overnight in tents.

Jour 5: ACTIVITES DANS LA RESERVE DU DJA

Early wake-up call, breakfast. Continuation to the Bali salt pan, arrival and installation in the host camp, lunch, in the afternoon animal watching in the salt pan (possibility of spotting elephants, gorillas, Sitatunga, Bongos, birds, etc.), swimming in the surrounding streams, dinner and overnight in tents.

Jour 6 and 7: ACTIVITES DANS LA RESERVE DU DJA

Breakfast. Observation of the animals in the salt pan. Pedestrian walk to track animals and discover the flora, lunch breaks, short relaxation before resuming the walk, continuation of the pedestrian walk, return to Somalomo on the last day, arrival and installation at the Somalomo Inn, refreshments. Dinner and overnight at the Auberge.

Jour 8: SOMALOMO – YAOUNDE

Breakfast, return to Yaoundé; stopover at the village of the Bifolone pygmies, continuation and arrival at Ayos, observation of the River Nyong and the Kanga fishermen, a species of fish eaten in this locality which often celebrates the Kanga festival. This river was also used as a means of transport for logs, navigable over 300 km. Lunch in Ayos. Continuation to Yaoundé, arrival and check-in at the hotel. Dinner in a restaurant and overnight at the hotel.

Jour 9: YAOUNDE - EUROPE

Breakfast. Departure for the Mefou Park, visit to the endangered primates, return to Yaoundé. Lunch in a restaurant in the city. Orientation tour of the city, discovery of the city's various monuments, shopping at the craft centre. Transfer to the airport. End of services.

Price per person:

from 1200€

The price includes:

- Accommodation in double room
- Full board
- Vehicle, driver, fuel, tolls
- Guide
- Tracker, Ecoguard
- Traditional dance
- Reserve entrance fees

The price does not include:

- cameras
- drinks
- tips
- personal expenses