

LOPÉ NATIONAL PARK

A visit that goes from discovery to safari in a lush setting: the Fondation Internationale de l'Hôpital du Dr Albert Schweitzer is a legal foundation. Built in Lambaréné and located in western Gabon on the banks of the River Ogoué to provide preventive and curative care to the people of Gabon, it is also a site brimming with numerous tourist attractions. Excursions to the islands (Azingo, Evaro and Zilet) are on offer, not forgetting the museum that tells the Doctor's story. Located in the north of the Chaillu massif in the heart of Gabon, covering an area of 491,000 ha, the Lopé National Park is a natural and cultural site of great interest, protected and classified as a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2007. One of the oldest archaeological sites in Africa, it features a variety of ecosystems: primary and secondary forest, savannah and stream, in a hilly and rocky setting that is splendid in places. It is an ideal habitat for large populations of elephants, gorillas, partridges and chimpanzees, with the highest elephant densities in Africa.

ITINERARY

09 days / 08 nights

Day 1: LIBREVILLE - LAMBARENE

Welcome at Libreville International Airport in the early morning. Breakfast in a restaurant in the city. Departure for Lambaréné. Arrival and installation. Lunch at the restaurant. Partial visit to the Albert Schweizer Foundation. Dinner and overnight.

Day 2: LAMBARENE

After breakfast. Canoe trip on the River Ogooué, visit to Azingo Island. Lunch or picnic. Discover the town and its history. Dinner and overnight stay.

Day 3: LAMBARENE - LOPE

Departure for Lambaréné. Depart Lambaréné by road for Lopé, taking in the beautiful scenery. Picnic or lunch en route. Arrival and check-in at the Lopé Lodge. Dinner and overnight stay.

Day 4 and 5: LOPE

After breakfast. Two-day tour of the Park, a mosaic of forest and savannah. The largest concentrations of mandrills, traces of man dating back more than 400,000 years, the park is home to a very high density of mammals as well as 412 species of birds including the picatharte and the hornbill, as well as archaeological treasures. La Lope National Park is undoubtedly a place of rare beauty. Full board.

Day 6: LOPE - LIBREVILLE

After breakfast, excursion to the park. Lunch at the Lodge. Relax at the swimming pool. Return to Libreville by train in the evening. Arrival and transfer to the hotel of your choice, dinner and overnight stay.

Day 7 and 8: LIBREVILLE - BAIE DES TORTUES LUTH

Early wake-up call, breakfast and departure for Pongara Park, an hour's boat ride away. It has 26 km of beach and covers 870km². Arrive and settle in. Excursion to the Park for a day and discover the green Gabon while enjoying nature baths. The other half-day is devoted to enjoying the beach games available. Relax at the beach. Return to Libreville at 5pm, arrival and transfer to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

Day 9: LIBREVILLE

Breakfast at the hotel. Visit of the city, the craft centre will be a must for buying souvenirs. Lunch in a restaurant in the city. Transfer to the airport for your flight to Europe. End of tour.

Price per person:

from €2550

single supplement:

This price includes:

- Accommodation in a double room
- Full board catering
- Vehicle (4X4), Fuel and tolls, Driver
- Guide
- Park entrance fees
- All visits in the programme
- Transfer by pirogue
- Train ticket

This price does not include:

- Drinks
- Cameras
- Gratuities
- Personal expenses
- Visits not included in the programme
- International flights
- visa