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# Lowland Gorillas

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

## *Primate viewing safari*

At first, all you see is the deep green leaves towering over your head. The jungle shudders with cracking wood and bending trees as something massive crashes your way. A silverback barges into the path and gives you a look. It could be Neptuno, a bold but friendly leader, or Jupiter, the strong silent type. Soon, you're surrounded by western lowland gorillas—one of two groups habituated to quiet, respectful human presence. Young mothers nuzzle babies. Bashful juveniles peek from the foliage while the more outgoing perform aerial acrobatics, glancing often to gauge your appreciation.

This is an adventure on foot through primeval landscapes few have seen. The joy of being here is deepened knowing that your visit helps save these magnificent creatures and their rainforest.



# Welcome to Deeper Africa

Wildlife encounters, at once spontaneous and beyond imagination, result from our in-depth knowledge of seasonal wildlife migrations and patterns. Our guides possess a lifetime of African lore and all the skills of a master tracker. *It's being in the perfect place at the perfect time.*

As a worldwide team with vast experience, we provide you with exceptional personal service. We attend to every detail. We help you learn about Africa's important conservation issues. *Arrive in Africa fully prepared and ready to explore.*

We believe that local African communities must benefit and prosper from the conservation and enjoyment of Africa's wildlife. They ensure the future. Your dollars protect wildlife and wild lands, as well as support and nurture local small businesses that, in turn support our safari business. *Your dollar makes change.*

Experience wondrous wildlife, enjoy local culture and discover more about the vibrant people and complicated politics unique to Africa. *We love this wild continent.*

## Primate viewing with Deeper Africa

*Stand within feet of mountain gorillas as they accept you*

into their community without a sideways glance. Trek with confidence, knowing you'll have success watching these gentle creatures. Hear chimpanzees bounce through the trees, rustling leaves, breaking branches and maybe even calling out to family members with their loud hooting.

IT STARTS WITH THESE SOUNDS AND THEN SUDDENLY....YOU ARE AMONG THEM.



# *Safari schedule at a glance*

## International flight #1

Departs: TBD

Arrives: TBD

## International flight #2

Departs: TBD

Arrives: Brazzaville

## Day 1, 2 & 3:

Arrival in Brazzaville, Republic of Congo  
Bush flight to Odzala National Park airstrip  
Overnight at Ngaga Camp

## Days 4 & 5:

Drive within Odzala National Park  
Overnight at Lango Camp

## Days 6 & 7:

Drive within Odzala National Park  
Overnight in Mboko Camp

## Days 8:

Bush flight to Brazzaville for international flights



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DAYS 1-3

# Ngaga Camp Odzala National Park

Wildlife viewing  
*Get your checklist ready*

Western lowland gorillas,  
Black-fronted duiker,  
Grey-cheeked mangabey,  
Guereza colobus,  
Mustached monkey

Activities included  
*Keep your camera close*

2 days of Gorilla  
trekking  
Forest walks

Sip hot coffee as neighboring gorillas rise from their nests and forage for breakfast. This is the best time to catch them—grazing on bamboo leaves, pith, shoots, bark and all the fruit they can find. A silverback, weighing up to 500 pounds, eats nothing but fruits and vegetables so foraging is serious business. Trackers, trained and coached by internationally prominent primatologists, scout the gorillas' last location. Head out in a group of four with a guide and a local tracker with 15 years experience. Upon finding the gorillas, you'll have one hour to stay with them. Beyond idle curiosity and amusement, humans are of little interest to gorillas. Step into their world and observe each gorilla's differing personality and behavior so similar to humans, but occurring in the vivid, green jungle.

Includes: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  
Alcohol & Beverages, Laundry



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DAYS 4 & 5

# Lango Camp Odzala National Park

Wildlife viewing  
*Get your checklist ready*

Black-fronted duiker,  
Forest buffaloes, Forest  
elephants, Grey-cheeked  
mangabey, Guereza colobus  
Mustached monkey,  
Sitatunga

Activities included  
*Keep your camera close*

Viewing deck  
Bird watching  
Baï discovery walks  
Forest walks

From the room or the spacious deck at Lango Camp, enjoy the view out over the baï, a mineral-rich wetlands habitat. Relax with a cold drink as wildlife come down to feed. Wade this warm, clear water as buffalo graze and egrets hunt in the shallows, or kayak on a nearby stream for an intimate, eye-level look at the landscape when the water is high. If you're lucky, you may have to yield the right-of-way to a family of elephants crossing the stream, the matriarch clearly in charge and keeping a close eye on the youngest one.

Includes: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  
Alcohol & Beverages, Laundry





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DAYS 6 & 7

# Mboko Camp Odzala National Park

Wildlife viewing  
*Get your checklist ready*

Black-fronted duiker, Bongo,  
Forest buffaloes, Forest  
elephants, Grey-cheeked  
mangabey, Guereza colobus  
Mustached monkey

Activities included  
*Keep your camera close*

Boat cruise  
Kayak safari  
Swimming

Travelers come for the gorillas and fall in love with the rainforest and mosaic of ecosystems. Mboko Camp gives you a look at the vast savanna grasslands bordering the rainforest and offers a day on the water—or in it. Kayak through the leafy bends of the Likoli River or just wade in its warm, crystal clear waters. If you prefer to stay dry, a boat cruise is a perfect way to get great close-ups of the forest buffalo and elephants. Or take a forest walk through meadowland bordered by hanging vines, chattering monkeys and colorful birds. The open sky and unlit night are perfect stargazing.

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# *Sabine Plattner charities* Odzala National Park, Republic of Congo **Proceeds**

from your safari go to the Sabine Plattner charities

Ngaga Camp is the field headquarters for Dr. Magda Bermejo (the Dian Fossey of the Congo) and her husband, German Illera.

Thanks to their pioneering work, Ngaga has become one of Africa's most important gorilla trekking destinations. The two have been studying western lowland gorillas in northern Congo for more than 25 years—research that has habituated gorillas here and allowed tourism to help protect these animals and this unspoiled habitat.

Magda and German study human/gorilla interactions and resource sharing. With support from Sabine Plattner African Charities, they are developing community projects to enable and empower children, women and men in nearby villages living amongst the gorillas to the benefit of both people and gorillas. Ngaga Camp studies the effects of gorilla tourism on broader gorilla conservation in Congo and beyond. Deeper Africa makes a contribution to these research efforts on behalf of each of our Ngaga Camp travelers.

Each night of your stay in Odzala National Park supports the work of Dr. Bermejo and Illera with a per person financial contribution.

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DAY 12

# Flights & International Travel

After breakfast, your guide will transfer you to the bush airstrip for your flight to Brazzaville. Later a driver will transport you to Brazzaville International airport for your international flight.

Includes: Breakfast

## Flight #1

Departs | Brazzaville, Republic of Congo

Arrives | TBD

## Flight #2

Departs | TBD

Arrives | TBD

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# 2020 Pricing: \$11,500

## *2020 Custom Pricing & Departures*

- \$11,500 USD per person
- *Single supplement:* \$3,900 USD

All pricing is in US dollars. Arrivals and departures through Brazzaville, Republic of Congo. Prices do not include international airfare. Gorilla and chimpanzee permit prices & park fees fluctuate. All itineraries and prices are subject to change.

### *Lowland Gorillas safari includes:*

- Start to finish safari expertise
- Accommodations in all lodges & tented camps
- All meals as specified in itinerary
- All gorilla permits, park fees and entrance fees
- Kayaking, boat cruise, guided forest walks, night forest walks, bird watching
- All in-country transportation
- Safe drinking water available at all times
- For travel to Republic of Congo, travelers should obtain personal evacuation coverage through standard travel insurance.
- Alcohol & beverages
- Laundry
- Extensive pre-departure briefing & materials including health information, reading list & map

*International airfare and gratuities not included. Certain brands of alcohol and beverages not included in some camps.*

We plan your adventures in areas where wildlife habitats are known to exist for the season and time you're traveling. Still, animals are not in a zoo. They run freely and we cannot accurately pinpoint their movements 100% of the time.



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