

ANTHROPOLOGICAL TOURISM IN GUINEA BISSAU. VISITING THE COUNTRY OF THE SOULS.

HOLIDAY FEATURES



- ★ **Duration:** 10 days / 9 nights.
- ★ **Type of journey:** Ethnicities, Culture, Nature and Ecotourism.
- ★ **Accommodation:** Orango Parque Hotel, Hotel Azalai in Bissau and Hotel Mar Azul/7Djorson in Quinhamel.
- ★ **Accommodation plan:** Full board.
- ★ **Means of transportation:** Boat and minibus/car.
- ★ **Local tour Guide:** Spanish, English and Portuguese.

Guinea Bissau, a former Portuguese colony, with vast natural and cultural wealth. The perfect destination for **anthropological tourism**.

The **intangible heritage** of the Bijagós community is priceless. Far from the tourism flows, the way they have preserved their **local culture** and **traditions** is truly remarkable. Animism has a strong presence in everyday life.

Our **local tour guides** know all there is to know about the traditions and they will be our key to discovering the fascinating world of animism. With them we will get a first-hand look at how they live, how they interact, and what their daily tasks are like. Additionally, you are guaranteed to come into contact with the local population during your stay at **Orango Parque Hotel** since hotel staff members are Bijagó nationals.

We will visit several *tabankas* (villages), we will attend a typical dance celebration, and we will enjoy ourselves while learning about traditional activities such as the shell-fishing carried out by the Bijagó women.

DEPARTURES DATE:

- 25th September / 25th October / 15th November / 6th December 2018
- 10th January / 7th February / 7th March / 9th May / 30th May 2019



ITINERARY:

Day 1: Depart from city of origin. Arrive in Bissau. Airport pick-up and transfer to the hotel in Bissau.

Day 2: Transfer to the Biombo Region in the morning. Lunch and free time in the afternoon to rest after the long trip. Overnight at hotel in Quinhamel.

Day 3: "Circuito das Balobas" Tour in the morning to get to know the Papel ethnic group as well as their *balobas*, or sacred places, in the Biombo Region. After lunch we will visit the loom and will learn about the activities that the Guinean NGO Artissal carries out with the local community. Overnight at hotel in Quinhamel.

Day 4: "Circuito dos Saberes" Tour in the morning with a visit to the *tabanka* (village) of Suru as well as to a house which is traditional among the Majara, Felupe and Balanta ethnic groups. Lunch and hotel accommodation in Quinhamel.

Day 5: Boat transport to Orango National Park, passing by small islands and sandbanks (4 hours by boat). Lunch at Orango Parque Hotel. A visit to the *tabanka* (village) of Eticoga and the tomb of Queen Okimka-Pampa. Overnight at Orango Parque Hotel.

Day 6: A visit to one of the most spectacular places on Orango Grande Island: the Anor Region. Possibility of observing saltwater hippos in their natural habitat, crocodiles, birds, and other interesting fauna. A walk through mangrove forests and savannahs (3-hour route). Overnight at Orango Parque Hotel.

Day 7: Full-day visit to Canogo Island to attend a Bijagó Kundere dance performance and to get a first-hand look at the Bijagó culture. Picnic lunch. Overnight at Orango Parque Hotel.

Day 8: A visit to the *tabanka* (village) of Ambuduco, the oldest in the National Park and the birthplace of the Bijagó culture (5-hour trail along a circular route). Here we will have the opportunity to enjoy Bijagó Kanhocan dance, another magnificent display of the local Bijagó culture. Overnight at Orango Parque Hotel.

Day 9: In the morning and depending on the tides, we will accompany the Bijagó women on their traditional shell-fishing activities. Lunch at Orango Parque Hotel. In the afternoon we will search for and identify tracks and traces of local fauna. We will also visit an artisan woodworking workshop. Overnight at Orango Parque Hotel.

Day 10: Boat transfer to Quinhamel followed by ground transfer to Bissau. Transfer to airport. Flight departure back to city of origin.

PRICES PER PERSON	
MIN/MAX GROUP: 6/20 PASSENGERS	
Base Price	1.335€
Single Supplement	230€
Group Supplement 6-8 (both inclusive)	100€

INCLUDED:

- Transfers to and from Bissau airport
- Interior land and sea transport
- Full board accommodation
- Entrance tickets to the National Park and tours included in the route

NOT INCLUDED:

- International flights
- Airline fees
- Visas
- Beverages
- Tips
- Any other point not included in the "included" section

NOTE: The itinerary and visits are subject to be changed by the company depending on the weather, the tides, and route conditions.