

ECOTOURISM IN GUINEA BISSAU. ORANGO NATIONAL PARK. HIPPOS ON THE BIJAGÓ ISLANDS.



HOLIDAY FEATURES

- ★ **Duration:** 10 days / 9 nights.
- ★ **Type of journey:** Nature, Ecotourism, Culture and Beach.
- ★ **Accommodation:** Orango Parque Hotel, Hotel Azalai/Ledger in Bissau, Bungalows in Iemberen (Cantanhez) 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.

On this trip we invite you to discover the enormous **natural wealth** found in **Guinea Bissau**. It is the perfect destination for **ecotourism** lovers.

In particular, the **Bijagó Archipelago**, made up of dozens of islands that are home to a wide variety of fauna: 5 species of marine turtles; the unusual saltwater hippopotamus; countless bird species, manatees, monkeys; seawater brimming with fish...Together with vast areas of mangrove forests and tropical forests.

At **Orango National Park** -the first area to be awarded the protected status in Guinea Bissau and one of the places with the greatest biodiversity in the country-, we will enjoy observing **wildlife** and will be captivated by the spectacular landscapes.

Our visit will also bring us closer to the Bijagó **culture** as we will visit different *tabankas* (villages) where we can learn about their traditions and rituals, as well as discover more about the religion of animism which is full of mystery and spirituality.

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: In the morning, transport to the Cantanhez National Park forests in a 4x4 (5 hours). Lunch and a visit to the Saltinho Rapids. Visit to the Guiledje Museum. Overnight at the bungalows in Iemberem.

Day 3: Visit to the Cantanhez Forests. Possibility of observing chimpanzees and other primates. Lunch in Iemberem. A walk through the Launtchamdé Forest. A walk through the virgin forest. Overnight at the bungalows in Iemberem.

Day 4: A walk through the Canamine Forest. Observation of primates and giant Ceiba trees in the virgin rain forest. Lunch in Iemberem. Transfer to the Biombo Region. Overnight at hotel 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: Kayak excursion through mangrove forests and bird-watching. Picnic on the beach. Overnight at Orango Parque Hotel.

Day 8: 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. Overnight at Orango Parque Hotel.

Day 9: Full-day visit to Canogo Island to get a first-hand look at the Bijagó culture. Picnic lunch. 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	1.455€
Single Supplement	245€
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 Parks 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.