

## SPECIAL CHRISTMAS TRIP : 27<sup>th</sup> December 2018

### NEW YEAR'S IN AFRICA. ECOTOURISM IN BIJAGÓ'S ARCHIPELAGO.

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#### HOLIDAY FEATURES

- ★ **Duration:** 8 days / 7 nights.
- ★ **Type of journey:** Nature, Ecotourism and Culture.
- ★ **Accommodation:** Orango Parque Hotel, Hotel Azalai/Ledger in Bissau and Hotel Mar Azul/7Djorson in Quinhamel.
- ★ **Accommodation plan:** Full board.
- ★ **Means of transportation:** Boat, 4x4 and minibus/car.
- ★ **Local tour Guide:** Spanish, English and Portuguese.

This **Christmas** we invite you to experience a different kind of trip that has a special charm and which puts you in direct contact with nature. This is a trip characterised by the customs of the **Bijagó culture** in the country of the spirits, **Guinea Bissau**.

**Orango National Park** will seduce us from the very beginning. Small islands, mangroves, forests, the savannah, numerous bird species, and the park's most cherished inhabitant: the **saltwater hippo** won't leave us feeling indifferent. It is a journey through the park's breathtaking natural surroundings that will make our trip unforgettable each day.

We will also have the opportunity to meet two of the country's most representative ethnic groups: the Papel ethnic group which inhabits the Biombo Region, and the Bijagó ethnic group -of matriarchal tradition- which inhabits the **Bijagó Archipelago**. It is the perfect opportunity to learn more about their traditions, customs, rituals, and their unique way of life.

Don't think twice and treat yourself to a New Year's that is out of the ordinary - an **authentic** New Year in **Africa**.

#### DEPARTURES DATE :

- 27<sup>th</sup> December 2018



## ITINERARY:

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

**Day 2:** "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 3:** 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 4:** Kayak excursion through mangrove forests and bird-watching. Picnic on the beach. Overnight at Orango Parque Hotel.

**Day 5:** 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 6:** Full-day visit to Canogo Island to get a first-hand look at the Bijagó culture. Picnic lunch. Overnight at Orango Parque Hotel.

**Day 7:** A visit to the *tabanka* (village) of Ambuduco, the oldest in the National Park. We will walk along the river bed and will eventually wade across it. Mangroves and forests. The *tabanka* (village) is a key spot which is representative of the Bijagó culture (5-hour trail along a circular route). Overnight at Orango Parque Hotel.

**Day 8:** 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	1.135€
Single Supplement	215€
Special Supplement	150€
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.