

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



### CHARACTERISTICS:

- ★ **Duration:** 10 days/9 nights.
- ★ **Type of holiday:** Nature, Ecotourism, Culture and Beach.
- ★ **Accommodation:** Orango Parque Hotel, Hotel Imperio/Ceiba in Bissau, Hotel Bellavista in Buba and Hotel Mar Azul/7Djorson in Quinhamel.
- ★ **Meals:** Full board.
- ★ **Means of transportation:** Boat and minibus/car.
- ★ **Local guides:** Spanish, English and Portuguese.

On this trip we invite you to discover the incredible **natural wealth** that can be found in **Guinea Bissau**. It's the perfect destination for **ecotourism** lovers.

The **Bijagós Archipelago** consists of dozens of islands that are home to a great variety of fauna: 5 species of marine turtle, the unusual saltwater hippopotamus, countless bird species, manatees, monkeys, fish... All of these combined with a vast area of mangroves and tropical forests.

**Orango National Park** was the first declared protected area in Guinea Bissau and is one of the places with the greatest biodiversity in the country, making it perfect for observing **wildlife** as well as admiring the spectacular countryside.

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

### DEPARTURE DATE:

- Please consult

## ITINERARY:

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

**Day 2:** Transfer in the morning by 4x4 to visit the forest of the Lagoas de Cufada Natural Park (4 hours). Lunch and visit to the Saltinho rapids, a brief visit to Cussilinta, a small paradise of rocks and hot springs that create a natural jacuzzi, with the chance to swim and enjoy these natural pools in the Corubal River. Overnight in the Buba area.

**Day 3:** Visit to the Cufada forests where we'll have the chance to observe different primates. Lunch in Buba. Forest walk at Bacar Conté. Excursion by fishing canoe, enjoying the calm waters of the lagoon. We'll sail among water lilies with just the sound of the oars and the soft voice of the guide explaining all the wildlife we can see. Overnight in the Buba region.

**Day 4:** Visit to Buba city and its crafts fair with products from all over Guinea Bissau. Lunch in Saltinho. Transfer to the Biombo region. Overnight in Quinhamel.

**Day 5:** Transfer by boat to Orango National Park, crossing small islands and sandbars (4 hours' sailing). Lunch at the Orango Parque Hotel. Visit the Eticoga *tabanka* (village), the mausoleum of the last Queen of the Bijagó, Okinka-Pampa, and the development cooperation projects we have run there. Overnight at the Orango Parque Hotel.

**Day 6:** Visit to the Anor region, one of the most interesting locations in terms of wildlife on Orango Island. We'll have the chance to observe the saltwater hippopotamus in its natural habitat during the wet season. Also crocodiles, birds and other important fauna. Walk through mangroves and savanna (4 hours). Overnight at the Orango Parque Hotel.

**Day 7:** Meeting with the Eticoga medicine man who'll explain the different uses of the plants growing in this National Park, which are used in traditional medicine. Lunch at the hotel. Overnight at the Orango Parque Hotel.

**Day 8:** Depending on the tide, we'll meet with the Bijagó women on their daily shell fishing trips and even take part. We'll also see the men fishing with the traditional nets. Lunch at the Orango Parque Hotel. Overnight at the Orango Parque Hotel.

**Day 9:** Visit to Canogo island to get a first-hand look at the Bijagó culture. Picnic lunch. Farewell dinner. Overnight at the Orango Parque Hotel.

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

PRICE PER PERSON (in euros)	
MIN/MAX GROUP: 6/20 PASSENGERS	
Price Twin Room (9-20 people)	1,740
Single Room Supplement	260
Group Supplement 6-8 people (both inclusive)	140

## INCLUDED:

- Transfers to and from Bissau airport
- Internal transfer by land and sea
- Full board accommodation (without beverages)
- National Park fees and tours included in the itinerary

## NOT INCLUDED:

- International flights
- Airline taxes
- Visas
- Beverages
- Tips
- Any other point not contained in the "Included" section

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