

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS TRIP: 27th December 2021

NEW YEAR'S IN AFRICA. ECOTOURISM IN THE BIJAGO ARCHIPELAGO.



INFO

- ★ **Duration:** 8 days/7 nights.
- ★ **Type of holiday:** Nature, Ecotourism and Culture.
- ★ **Accommodation:** Orango Parque Hotel, Hotel Imperio/Ceiba in Bissau and Hotel Mar Azul/7Djorson in Quinhamel.
- ★ **Meals:** Full board.
- ★ **Means of transportation:** Boat, 4x4 and minibus/car.
- ★ **Local guides:** Spanish, English and Portuguese.

This **Christmas** we invite you to experience a different kind of holiday that has a special charm and connects you directly with nature. This trip has been designed to get to know and understand the traditions of the **Bijagó culture**, in the country of spirits, **Guinea Bissau**.

Orango National Park seduces right from the start. Small islands, mangroves, forests, the savannah, numerous bird species and the park's most cherished inhabitant: the **saltwater hippo**. All of these make up a fascinating destination, with a journey through the park's breath-taking natural landscapes that will make our trip unforgettable every single day.

We'll also have the chance to meet two of the country's most representative ethnic groups: the Papel who inhabit the Biombo region and the Bijagó, with a matriarchal tradition, who live in the **Bijagó Archipelago**. This is the perfect opportunity to learn more about their traditions, 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**.

DEPARTURE DATE:

- 27 December 2021

ITINERARY:

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

Day 2: “Balobas tour” in the morning to get to know the Papel people as well as their *balobas*, or sacred places, in the Biombo region. After lunch we'll visit the looms and learn about the activities carried out by the Guinean NGO Artissal with the local community. Overnight at a hotel in Quinhamel.

Day 3: Boat to Orango National Park, passing by small islands and sandbanks (4 hours). Lunch at the Orango Parque Hotel. A visit to the *tabanka* (village) of Eticoga and the tomb of Queen Okimka-Pampa. Overnight at the Orango Parque Hotel.

Day 4: Kayak excursion through mangrove forests and birdwatching. Picnic on the beach. Overnight at the Orango Parque Hotel.

Day 5: A visit to one of the most spectacular places on the island of Orango Grande: the Anor region. Chance to see saltwater hippos in their natural habitat, as well as crocodiles, birds and other interesting fauna. A walk through the mangrove forests and savannah (3 hours). Overnight at the 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 the Orango Parque Hotel.

Day 7: A visit to the *tabanka* (village) of Ambuduco, the oldest in the National Park. We'll walk along the river course and finally wade across it, seeing mangroves and forests. *Tabankas* are key places and representative of the Bijagó culture (5-hour circular walk). Farewell dinner. Overnight at the Orango Parque Hotel.

Day 8: Boat to Quinhamel followed by land transport 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)	1,225
Single Room Supplement	225
Special Supplement	150
Group Supplement 6-8 people (both inclusive)	100

INCLUDED:

- Transfers to and from Bissau airport
- Internal transfers 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