

Ecotourism in Guinea Bissau / Orango National Park

Hippos on the Bijagos islands

Responsible
travellers
only



Duration: 10 days / 9 nights



Type of holiday: Nature, ecotourism, culture and beach



Accommodation: Orango Parque Hotel, Dunia/Royal/Ceiba hotel in Bissau, Bellavista hotel in Buba



Meals: Full board



Means of transportation : Boat and minibus/car



Local accompanist: Spanish 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 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.

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

Departure date:

17 / 11 / 2022

13 /12/ 2022



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Itinerary

Day 1: Depart from city of origin. Arrival in Bissau. Airport pick-up and transfer to the hotel in Bissau. Lunch in a restaurant in Bissau. Free afternoon to visit the city. Overnight in Bissau.

Day 2: 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 3: 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. Also crocodiles, birds and other important fauna. Walk through mangroves and savanna. Overnight at the Orango Parque Hotel.

Day 4: 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. In the afternoon, 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. Overnight at the Orango Parque Hotel.

Day 5: Visit to Canogo island to get a first-hand look at the Bijagó culture. Farewell dinner. Overnight at the Orango Parque Hotel.

Day 6: Boat transfer to Quinhamel (4 hours) followed by land transfer to Bissau (40 min). Free afternoon to visit the city of Bissau. Overnight in Bissau.

Day 7: 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 8: 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 9: Visit to Buba city and if it is a good dates, its crafts fair with products from all over Guinea Bissau. Lunch in Saltinho. Transfer to Bissau by land. Overnight in Bissau.

Day 10: Transfer to the airport. Flight departure back to city of origin.

Price per person (group from 6 to 28 people)

Base price (9 -28 pax) :	1.995€
Group suppl. 6-8 (both inclusive):	130€
Single room supplement :	230€
Supplement premium bungalow Orango Parque Hotel:	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
Contribution to a solidarity project with the local community.

Not included

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

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