

Special carnival trip, Bissau carnival. Tradition, culture and nature in Guinea Bissau

Responsible
travellers
only



Duration: 8 days / 7 nights



Type of holiday: Anthropology, culture, ecotourism and nature



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



Meals: Full board



Means of transportation : Boat and minibus/car



Local accompanist: Spanish and portuguese

During this Carnival we're going to discover Guinea Bissau and immerse ourselves in the Bijagó culture and experience one of their most spectacular events: Carnival.

It all begins with the arrival, from the islands, of processions from the Bijagós islands full of colour, rhythm and tradition. We'll witness a unique carnival: a mesmerising spectacle full of magic, energetic cultural performances, traditional dances and Bijagó music that will fill the atmosphere. This is a trip brimming with culture and tradition.

It's a holiday that perfectly combines cultural traditions and ecotourism. Our route will take us through Orango National Park to observe its wildlife and gorgeous landscapes including islands, savannahs, mangrove forests as well as the tabankas or villages. We'll also visit the Anor region where we will be able to observe flamingos, African spoonbills, pelicans and thousands of European waders that winter in Africa, then moving on to Ambuduco to know more about Bijago culture.

This is more than just a holiday: it's a magical show full of cultural traditions amid natural surroundings of incomparable beauty.

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

Departure date: 18 / 02 / 2023



Itinerary

Day 18/02/2023: Depart from city of origin. Arrive 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 19/02/2023: Boat to Orango National Park, passing by small islands and sandbanks (4 hours). Lunch at the Orango Parque Hotel. In the afternoon, 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. Overnight at the Orango Parque Hotel.

Day 20/02/2023: A visit to one of the most spectacular places on the island of Orango Grande: the Anor region. From the beach of the Orango Parque Hotel, we'll walk along the river, surrounded by mangroves. During the boat trip, we will be able to observe flamingos, African spoonbills, pelicans and thousands of European waders that winter in Africa. We'll cross the mangrove and enter the herbaceous savanna with tall grasses and scattered trees. On the way, we'll visit the most significant tabankas and lagoons in the area, where we can observe birds and other representative animals of this National Park. Overnight at the Orango Parque Hotel.

Day 21/02/2023: Depending on the tide, we'll meet the Bijagó women during their daily shell fishing and will even take part in it. We'll also see the men fishing with their traditional nets. In the afternoon, we'll visit the tabanka (village) of Eticoga, the tomb of Queen Okimka-Pampa and the development cooperation projects carried out there. Overnight at the Orango Parque Hotel.

Day 22/02/2023: 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. Farewell dinner. Overnight at the Orango Parque Hotel.

Day 23/02/2023: Boat to Quinhamel (4 hours). Visit to Biombo region, where we'll start the "Balobas Tour" and meet the Papel ethnic group and their balobas (sacred sites), as well as their sacred places. We'll visit the looms and activities performed by the Guinean NGO Artissal with the local community. Overnight in Bissau.

Day 24/02/2023: Visit to the city of Bissau in the morning: the traditional Bamdim market, the port and its streets. We'll have the chance to visit the places where artists handcraft the masks for the Carnival parade. Bissau vibrates with the sound of its bands, drum groups while dancers and masked people march in the streets. Throughout the different districts, we'll come across other local parades of different associations, etc. Overnight in Bissau.

Day 25/02/2023: Transfer to the airport. Flight departure back to city of origin.

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Price per person (group from 6 to 28 people)

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| Base price (9 -28 pax) : | 1.730€ |
| Group suppl. 6-8 (both inclusive): | 200€ |
| Single room supplement : | 260€ |
| 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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