

Odzala – The Heart of Diversity Explorer



6 Nights / 7 Days

Join Wilderness Collection on a journey through the life-filled African rainforest – along with the privilege and thrill of observing one of our closest relatives in the wild – the Western Lowland Gorilla.



Itinerary

Day 1-3 ~ Odzala, Lango Camp

Day 4-6 ~ Odzala, Ngaga Camp

Day 7 ~ Departure

~ Itinerary Description ~

Day 1: Odzala, Lango Camp

In the early afternoon we depart by private charter from Brazzaville to M'boko Airstrip, Odzala-Kokoua National Park. On arrival at M'boko Airstrip, we are met by a Lango Camp guide who will transfer us by vehicle to Lango Camp. The drive takes us through open savannah with views of the forest fringe and interior. Once at camp, we can freshen up and settle in before embarking on a short afternoon activity.

Day 2: Odzala, Lango Camp

An early morning wake-up is followed by a light breakfast and coffee on the main deck, after which we embark on our first activity for the day. This could be a walk from camp through Lango Bai and down the Lango Stream. A motorized pirogue takes us to the access point to Mbouebe Bai, where a short excursion on foot reaches a concealed hide. The return to camp includes a downstream portion of the river followed by a game drive through the savannah. Back in camp, a hearty brunch and rest period awaits before we head out again for the afternoon activity and sundowner. A night drive offers opportunities for seeing some of Odzala's more secretive nocturnal creatures.

Day 3: Odzala, Lango Camp

Wake up early for a light breakfast before setting off on the morning activity. Today this may begin with a game drive to the boat jetty and then a pirogue trip for birding and in search of primates, Forest Buffalo and other species, before returning to camp on foot, providing excellent viewing of buffalo, Red River Hogs, a number of primate species and even Bongo. Our return to camp is greeted by an appetizing brunch and some downtime before heading out again. This afternoon we may head back to the boat jetty and take a pirogue trip upstream enjoying sundowners and perhaps some catch-and-release fishing before returning to camp on a night drive, searching for species such as Spotted Hyaena, Golden Cat and even Water Chevrotain.

Day 4: Odzala, Ngaga Camp

This morning, after an early wake-up and breakfast, we head away from the savannah in land cruisers to the south-western corner of the Park to spend time at Dzebe Bai. Having walked about a kilometer through the forest to access the bai, we spend midday in the hide waiting for secretive forest animals to appear in the clearing; there's a chance of viewing unhabituated gorillas here, as well as species such as Black-fronted Duiker, Guereza Colobus monkey and perhaps even Chimpanzee. We enjoy a packed lunch in the hide at the bai and in the late afternoon, as activity at the bai subsides, we will return north towards Ngaga Camp. On arrival at Ngaga Camp, we will be met by the staff and given an opportunity to settle in. Before dinner, the group will receive an extensive briefing on Western Lowland Gorillas, including the research project in the area, conservation, their biology and ecology and what to expect when tracking the groups.

Day 5: Odzala, Ngaga Camp

This morning, after an early wake-up and light breakfast we depart on foot with our guide and tracker on our first gorilla tracking excursion. Using the expert skills of the trackers we follow their tracks as they move through the forest until we find them. After this exhilarating experience we return to camp to freshen up and enjoy a brunch before spending the middle of the day at leisure. In the afternoon after a light tea we will enjoy a guided forest walk in search of birds and primates as well as forest duiker and, if time allows, visit the Gorilla Tracking Academy run by Dr Magda Bermejo and German Illera.

Day 6: Odzala, Ngaga Camp

This morning after another early wake-up and light breakfast we set out again on foot for our second gorilla tracking excursion. Returning to camp, we freshen up and enjoy brunch and a siesta. The afternoon sees us out on the forest trails in search of the birds and mammals of the area, returning to camp to enjoy a sundowner on the main deck overlooking the forest canopy and Ngaga Stream.

Day 7: Departure

We have a far more leisurely start this morning, leaving after breakfast for M'boko airstrip (a drive of 2.5 hours) to meet our private charter flight back to Brazzaville. We will land in Brazzaville in the afternoon in plenty of time for any onward flights.



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Travel Period: _____

<u>Location</u>	<u>Camps/ Sites / Lodging</u>
Odzala-Kokoua	Lango Camp Meals: B/L/D + Activities
Odzala-Kokoua	Ngaga Camp Meals: B/L/D + Activities
Tour Costs PP - High Season	Per Person Double Occ / Single Supplement \$ 6,000 / \$3,600

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***Green Season:**

Scheduled Departures Dates: 2011

Departing every Thursday starting from 3 May 2012.

(Closed between September 27 - December 05, 2012 and September 26 - December 04, 2013.)

Terms & Conditions

The tour price includes the following services.

- Internal Flights (Brazzaville to Lango Camp airstrip and return).
- Meet, Greet and airport transfers by your local guides
- Accommodation at the hotels, game lodges or rest camps specified in the itinerary, on the basis of two persons sharing a twin-bedded room with en suite bathroom, or shower / toilets.
- Meals from Lunch on Day 1 to the end of the scheduled safari, and all drinks
- Transportation by 4X4 specially designed safari vehicle, with qualified driver, for all journeys specified in the itinerary.
- Activities, Laundry, National park fees, Entrance fees where applicable, and all sightseeing excursions as specified.
- English Speaking tour guide
- Full Pre-departure and final documentation with detailed “Guide to Planning your African Safari”.
- Tour price based on travel:
- This quotation is valid for 15 days from:

Services Not Included:

- International airfare or airport taxes including departure tax from Brazzaville, quoted separately
- Items of a personal nature, such as telephone calls, room service, premium alcoholic beverages, personal purchases, optional extra activities, etc.
- Dinner & Drinks in Johannesburg.
- Gratuities to tour guides, drivers and restaurant staff for services rendered.
- Any other services not specified above.
- Compulsory Travelers insurance and cancellation protection.
- Tourist visas if necessary:

Group Size – Min 2 / Max 6

Age Limits – Minimum of 15 years. Recent medical certificate required for guests over 75.



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Deposit and Booking Requirements

- This quotation is subject to the availability of all services at the time of making a reservation.
- Travel insurance coverage for injury, illness or loss of effects while on tour is NOT included, is highly recommended for travel and compulsory for many lodges and adventure safaris in Southern and Eastern Africa.
- **Registration:** A 25% deposit of the total land price, per person is required. The remainder of the cost is due 60 days prior to departure date. Airline tickets must be purchased within two weeks of reservation confirmation.
- **Payment** is accepted by personal check, company check or credit card.
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- **Cancellations:** Cancellations received more than 60 days prior to departure will be subject to the nonrefundable \$500.00 per person fee plus any charged incurred by the hotels, ground handlers or operators up to the entire deposit of ,25% of the total trip costs
Between 60-30 days prior to the scheduled departure date50% of total trip costs
During the last 30 days including the scheduled departure date: 100% of the total trip costs

Travel Insurance

Safariline is pleased to offer a Travel Protection plan designed as an exclusive insurance plan to provide broad protection. The plan protects you and your travel investment if you need to cancel your trip for covered reasons prior to departure or if other covered unforeseen circumstances arise during your trip. This comprehensive insurance package provides pre-Departure trip cancellation, Post departure Trip interruption, Trip delay (8 hours or more), Medical Expense/Emergency Assistance, Accidental Death & Dismemberment, baggage and personal effects and baggage delay.

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