

An aerial photograph of a lush green forest with a winding river. A small boat is visible on the river, leaving a white wake. The text "Republic of Congo & Central African Republic 2021/22" is overlaid in the center.

Republic of Congo & Central African Republic
2021/22

Itinerary Overview

Day 1 - 2

Ngaga Camp – Odzala National Park

Day 3 - 5

Lango Camp – Odzala National Park

Day 6 & 7

Mboko Camp – Odzala National Park

Day 8 - 11

Sangha Lodge – Dzanga-Sangha National Park

Day 12

Sangha Lodge - Brazzaville



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- 2 nights Ngaga Camp
- 3 nights Lango Camp
- 2 nights Mboko Camp
- 4 nights Sangha Lodge



Ngaga Camp

Originally founded as a centre for primate research and a pilot gorilla tourism project, Ngaga Camp is located outside the park boundary in the Ndzehe concession, overlooking a canopy of primary forest above a forest stream, Ngaga Camp is situated within the overlapping home ranges of several groups of western lowland gorillas, three of which are habituated.

Ngaga Camp is a focal point for world-class research as well as unforgettable primate encounters

Ngaga Camp's unique design evokes the fun and mystery of childhood treehouses. From the six elevated guest rooms, wraparound walkways allow you to peer directly into the forest canopy.

Each chalet has an en-suite bathroom with hot shower and flush toilet, mosquito net and fans.





Day 1

- International arrival flight at Maya Maya airport in Brazzaville, Republic of Congo
- Private charter flight from Brazzaville to Odzala
- Overnight Ngaga Camp

Day 2

- Gorilla trekking and exploring Odzala NP
- Overnight Ngaga Camp



Day 3

- Gorilla trekking
- Road transfer through Odzala to Mboko Camp
- Kayak on Lekoli river to Lango Camp
- Overnight Lango Camp

Day 4 & 5

- Exploration walks in the bai and forest
- Overnight Lango Camp



Lango Camp

Lango Bai is home to Lango Camp in the natural, swampy clearing in the forest with large deposits of minerals - a magnetic attraction for huge flocks of African green pigeons and African grey parrots, as well as for herds of forest buffalo by day and forest elephants by night. The six guest chalets have been strategically placed on the edge of Lango Bai with views out onto the open bai, one of the most arresting views of any camp in Africa.

Lango's strategic location allows for easy access to a variety of converging habitats. A real highlight of your stay at Lango is the chance to explore the Lekoli and Mambili Rivers by motorboat, traditional pirogue, or even kayak. Lango is also one of the few places in Africa where you can safely explore streams and marshes on foot - a truly immersive experience!



Day 6

- Day excursion to Dzébé
- Overnight fly camping at Dzébé or Mboko Camp (weather dependent)

Day 7

- Morning walk to the bai for breakfast. Afternoon walk and boating on the river
- Overnight Mboko Camp



Day 8

- Private charter flight from Odzala to Kabo airstrip, northern Congo (dep 9:00 / arr 9:40)
- Road transfer to boats , 4-6 hour journey on Sangha river through Sangha Special Reserve (clear customs at Bayanga)
- Overnight Sangha Lodge

Day 9

- Road transfer and walk to Dzanga Bai. Packed lunch at observation platform overlooking the bai
- Walk and road transfer back to Sangha Lodge
- Overnight Sangha Lodge



Mboko Camp

The combination of wide-open grasslands dotted with architectural termite mounds, gently flowing rivers and towering forests result in a kind of magical calm. The peace of this location washes over you, leaving you open to receive what the forest wants to share with you.

With a variety of habitats to explore on foot, by vehicle and by boat, each day holds a new adventure.

Located inside Odzala-Kokoua National Park and the closest of the camps to the private airstrip. Mboko Camp features ten guest cabins, each set within along the Lekoli River amidst the lush green forest-line of the savannah, creating lovely privacy. Each cabin has an en-suite bathroom with hot shower and flush toilet and mosquito net.

Embrace the tranquillity of the river babbling past and the freedom of open plains as thunder storms dance along the horizon.





Day 10

- Morning forest walk and net hunting with Ba'Aka community
- Afternoon with pangolin researches and forest walk. Sundowners
- Overnight Sangha Lodge



Day 11

- Boat trip to forest walk through "Valley of the Giants".
- Afternoon hike to the waterfalls or forest walk
- Overnight Sangha Lodge





Sangha Lodge

Sangha Lodge is at the central heart of the African continent 5 kilometers outside of the Dzanga-Sangha Special Reserve. Discover wildlife as you have never seen it before at Dzanga Bai and explore ancient forests of untamed majesty. The river, birding, wildlife, research and forest experiences are dynamic and engaging as are the cultural opportunities to spend time with the Ba'Aka people.

Seven bungalows, with an eighth being constructed, offer a simple, comfortable stay with en-suite bathroom, mosquito net, European power points overlooking the river or forest. The dining room offers simple delicious fare as well as a well-stocked bar with a spacious deck overlooking the Sangha River and protected region.



Day 12

- Breakfast at Sangha Lodge
- Private charter flight from Kabo to Brazzaville
- International departure flight from Maya Maya airport, Brazzaville





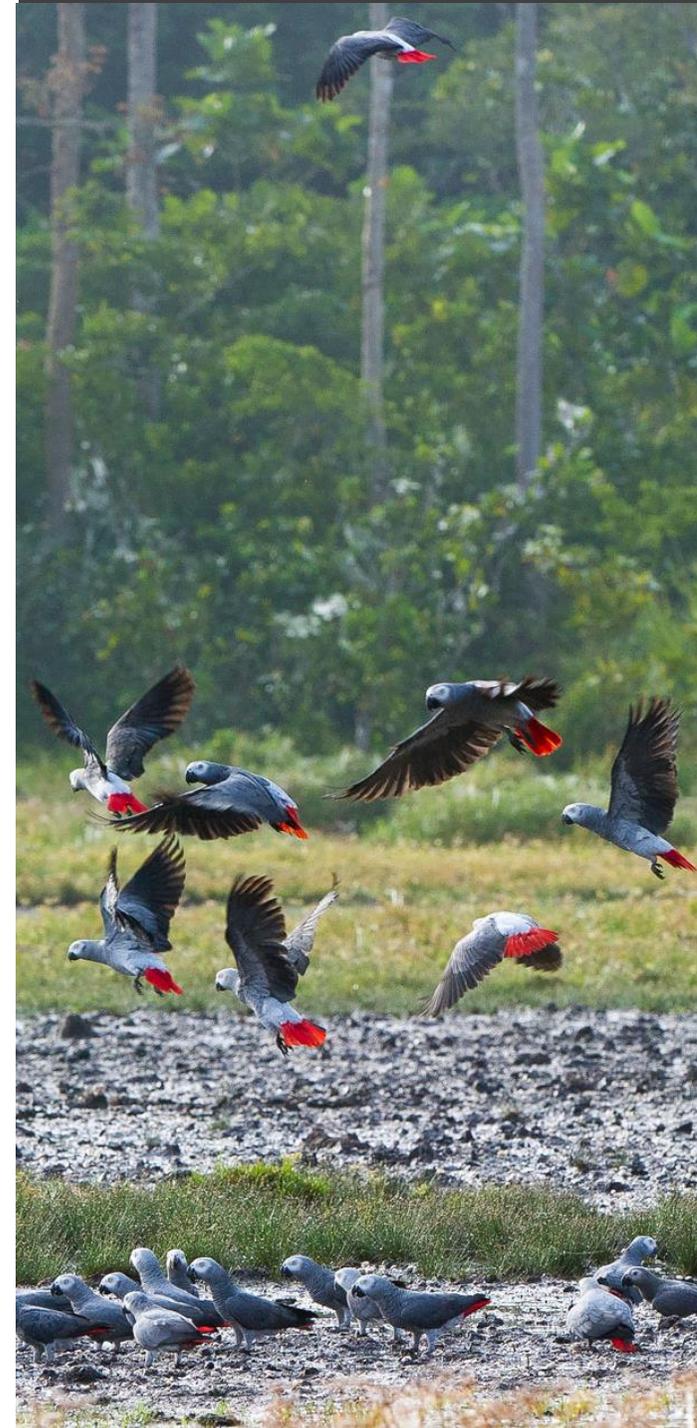
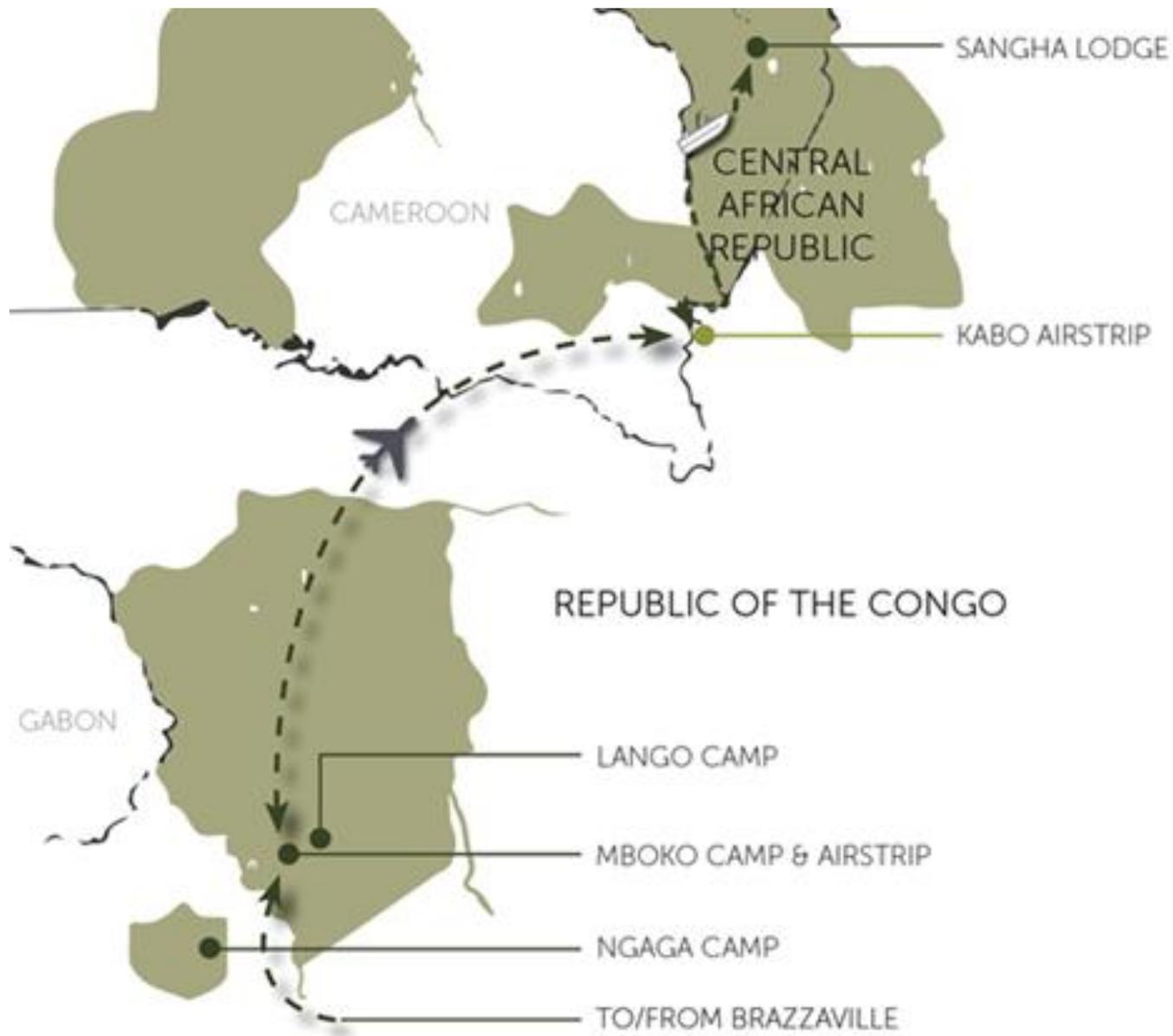
Included

- AE specialist expedition leader for the trip duration
- All accommodation on full board basis in Odzala and Sangha
- Charter flights as indicated,
- Gorilla tracking permits and all park/concession fees
- Road and boat transfers
- Medical evacuation cover, letters of invitation for visa applications



Excluded

- International flights
- Accommodation, transport or activities not mentioned in the itinerary
- Personal expenses
- Staff gratuities
- Travel Insurance (full comprehensive travel/medical insurance mandatory)
- Visa fees



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1, Republic of Congo

The Republic of the Congo, also called Congo-Brazzaville, is a central African nation with rainforest reserves that are habitats for gorillas. Its capital city, Brazzaville, lies across the Congo River from Kinshasa, the capital of neighboring Democratic Republic of the Congo. Brazzaville's highlights include traditional craft markets and great views of the mighty Congo River.

2, Central African Republic

The Central African Republic is a landlocked country in the center of Africa. The capital city is Bangui, founded as a French trading post in 1889, sprawls on the banks of the Ubangi River. The earliest inhabitants were the probable ancestors of today's Aka (Pygmy) peoples, who live in the western and southern forested regions of the country.



Richard Anderson

After university Richard was trained and subsequently guided in the Kruger National Park and in Northern Zululand in South Africa where his naturalist passions, including animal behaviour and birdwatching were developed. He spent time leading leopard research safaris and as a specialist private guide on various South African reserves. Pursuing his passion for exploring the bush on foot, Richard then trained and qualified as a walking trails guide and led multi-day walking safaris in the northern Pafuri region of the Kruger National Park.

After time spent training guides in South America, Richard returned to Africa and established himself as a pan-African safari guide, leading specialist trips throughout southern and east Africa and as far afield as the Horn of Africa and the central, west region of the continent. He has led kayaking expeditions in Madagascar, walking trails in the Kruger Park, cultural expeditions to the Omo Valley, canoe trails on the Zambezi river and flying safaris on the Skeleton Coast. He regularly guides trips to Namibia, South Africa, Botswana, Rwanda, Tanzania and Kenya and has recently added Ethiopia and Chad to his repertoire.

Guests on a safari led by Richard described their experience with the following: *“Richard... it was by far the best travel experience we have ever had. Much of this was due to your expertise, vast and intricate knowledge, wonderful humour and your personal capacity to manage people, and create an exhilaratingly fun space in which we all felt safe and confident. Thank you for being our friend, such good company and for guiding us safely through areas where we could not go ourselves”.*





Fraser Gear

Fraser is an excellent naturalist, guide and explorer. He has spent the last 28 years leading wildlife, photographic and birding expeditions across the length and breadth of Africa, Madagascar, Middle East, Asia and into the neo-tropics. Fraser's interests and skills are as diverse as his explorations. He is a passionate birder, tracker, botanist and wildlife enthusiast, Fraser has a great love of the planet's wildest places and the adventure that comes with exploring these regions. Fraser is at his happiest when in the thick of things on foot in the African savanna, on a remote sea kayak expedition with his wife and best friend Sandra, or deep in a steamy jungle seeking out avian wonders. A sensitive and caring tour leader, a wonderful teacher with a passion for nature, a wicked sense of humor, a repertoire of incredible tales of challenge and a sharp intellect combine to make Fraser the exceptional expedition leader he is today.



Useful information



Travel Documents – please make copies of passports and visa documents and carry these with you



Time zone – Time zone in Congo and CAR is GMT+1 hours



Cash - be sure to have some cash for gratuities and incidental purchases.



Medical information – please seek professional medical advice from your local travel clinic prior to travel



Laundry – There are laundry services in all camps but no ironing.



Luggage restrictions – Luggage, including camera equipment and hand luggage is restricted to 15kg on the charter flight



Climate – expect hot and humid conditions with regular thunder showers.



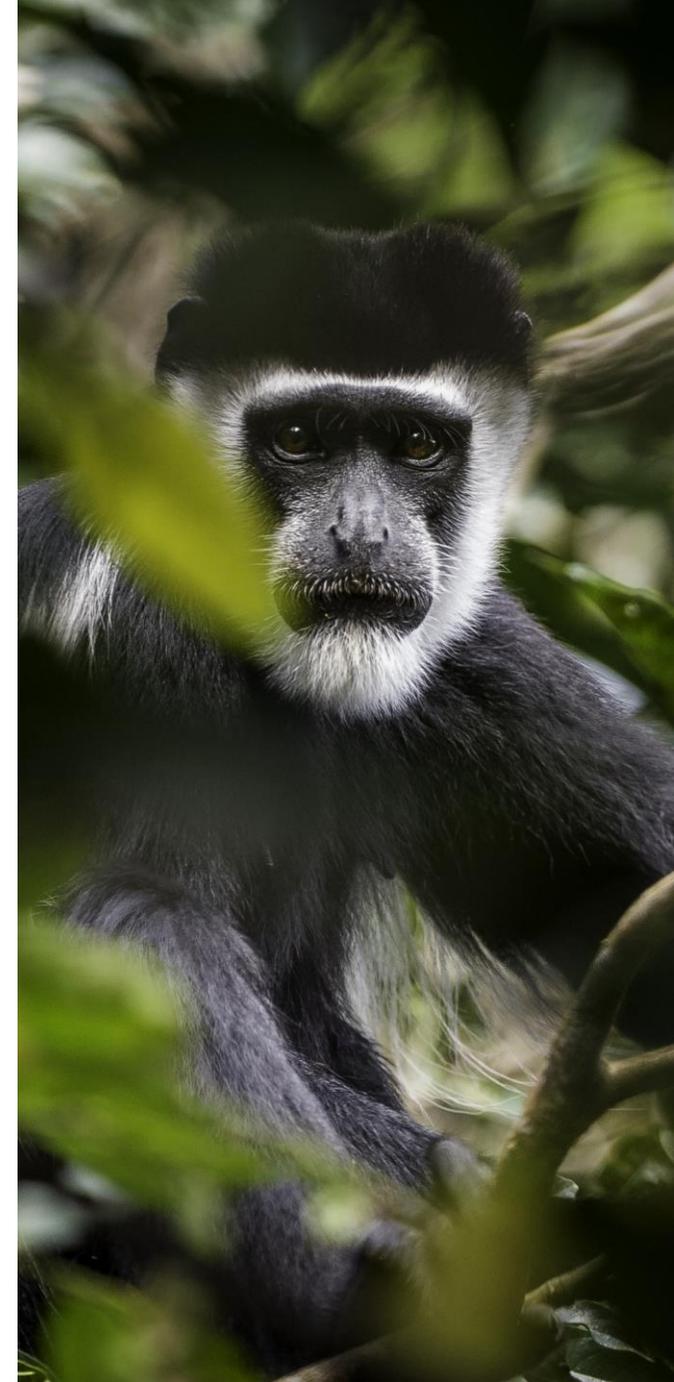
Don't forget your hat!



Binoculars – we strongly recommend that you travel with at least one pair of good binoculars



Wi-Fi connectivity – there is **limited** wifi at the Odzala Camps and Sangha Lodge



Enjoy your Expedition!

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