

# \*Expedition to the Biodiversity Reserve of Dja

« Ecotourism - Culture - Nature - Meeting the populations »

Located in the south of Cameroon and declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1987, the DJA reserve covers an area of 5260 km2 and has more than 1500 plant species. As for the fauna, it counts more than 107 mammals and 320 species of birds scattered inside and around the reserve. This fauna includes elephants, gorillas and chimpanzees. Ideal for eco tourism lovers. In the Dja Biodiversity Reserve, you will live a unique experience in the company of the pygmies, the first inhabitants of the equatorial forest, who will initiate you to hunting, fishing and traditional medicine and to the traditional gathering of honey. At night, the whole tribe will perform their dance for you around a large wood fire.

## **OVERVIEW PROGRAM**

#### Day 1 : NSIMALEN YAOUNDE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

Meet & greet at the Yaoundé Nsimalen International Airport upon your arrival. Your guide will be waiting for you at the waiting hall with a sign board with one of your names written on it Arrival and welcome at Yaoundé International Airport. Transfer to Yaoundé. Arrival and installation at the Hotel. Briefing. Dinner and night.

### Day 2 : YAOUNDE-SOMALOMO-THE DJA.

Early wake up. Breakfast and departure for the Dja reserve by somalomo, direction the city, breakfast of Dja by Somalomo, arrival and continuation to the biodiversity reserve of Dja, breakfast en route, Ayos then continuation to Messamana, arrival, lunch. Formalities of entry in the reserve; Departure for the reserve in company of the carriers, of an ecoguard and the cook; Arrival and Installation at the camp. Night under tent



#### Day 3 : SOMALOMO-CAMPING-ROCHER CHOUAM.

Breakfast and departure for the Chouam Rock ; trekking, hiking and discovery, 16 km to reach the Rock. Arrival; installation and observation (photo safari) of buffalos, sitantuga, monkeys, antelopes, butterflies, birds; flora etc. Night in tent on the rock.

### Day 4 : CHOUAM ROCK - SOMALOMO.

Early wake up and breakfast. Hike and return to Somalomo. All along the way, observation of various animals and flora, picking of forest fruits, night at the Auberge de Barthelemy. »

#### Day 5. SOMALOMO-PYGMEE MAMA CAMP.

Early wake up and departure for the pygmy camp. Arrival and installation at the pygmy camp, handing over of the gifts and beginning of the activities of hunting, fishing and gathering of wild honey, gathering of forest fruits, traditional drawing of water, gathering of raffia wine, traditional lighting of the fire, etc.

Initiation to traditional medicine. At nightfall, organization of dance by all the village around a big fire of wood Dinner and night under tent at the pygmy camp.

#### Day 6. PYGMEE MAMA CAMP.

Wake up early in the morning to the sounds of animals, birds, insects etc. Breakfast. Continuation of the activities of the pygmies ; hunting, fishing and gathering of wild honey, gathering of forest fruits, traditional drawing of water, harvesting of raffia wine, traditional lighting of the fire, etc. Initiation to traditional medicine. At night all ; organization of a dance by the whole village around a large wood fire Dinner and night under tent at the pygmy camp.



### DAY 7. PYGMY CAMP-THE VILLAGE-SOMALOMO-YAOUNDE.

Early wake up, breakfast, continuation and end of the activities. Return by pirogue on the Dja river. Arrival at the village and return to Yaounde. Arrival in Yaounde, installation at the **hotel. Dinner** in a restaurant ; discovery of the local gastronomy, return to the hotel and night. End of the stay.

# PRICE & PARAMETRES:

## This price included:

- All transfers as mentioned:

- Private vehicle (4X4) with driver (gasoline, road taxes, parking, vehicle and driver insurance, accommodation and meals for the latter)

- the services of a professional guide throughout the tour, local guides with knowledge of local languages, the habits and customs of the regions to visit.

- Entrance to the Dja biodiversity reserve.

-The services of an eco guard, 03 porters, a cook

-traveling by canoe on the Dja River

-Hunting, fishing, wild honey gathering, introduction to traditional medicine -Cultural activities: organization of traditional dances among the pygmies

- Meals on the menu mentioned in the program.

-Full board

- Accommodation in a single room in the accommodation mentioned in the program (Hotel\*\* Foyer des Marins in Douala and Hotel in the urban area, Inn and nights in tents with the pygmies.

-Plane ticket and airport transfer Douala/Yaoundé/Douala (A/R)

-Our 24/7 on-site assistance

# Not Included:

- International flights.
- Airport taxes (international)
- - Visa fees



- Repatriation/insurance assistance
- Drinks and personal expenses
- Tips

# The highlights of your stay at the Dja biodiversity reserve

-Pirogue ride on the river on the Dja river
-Discovery of fauna and flora of Dja, heritage of humanity
-Your stay and night in a tent with the pygmies, in the middle of the equatorial forest

-activities among the pygmies (hunting, fishing, picking palm wine, harvesting honey), introduction to traditional medicine, construction of the pygmy hut -Cultural evening with the pygmies (dance, stories; legends of the forest) Discovery of Cameroonian gastronomy Meeting with the local population.

Discovery of Cameroon, "Africa in miniature"

