

## 14 days Jungle Pygmy and Congo River Trip



### **Day 01: Transfer to Mbandaka by plane**

*You will be arrived in Mbandaka for a night at the hotel and a day of rest. Mbandaka, - Locational capital of the province of the equator, formerly Coquilathville, founded by Henry Morton Stanley in 1883, the city is located at the crossing of the River Congo and Ruki River. The city retains some fine houses of colonial architecture that hold to this day. The town is inhabited by the tribute Mongo who live in harmony with the Pygmies. According to geographers, the city is level with the equator. A fat stone is placed 5 km from the city center to mark the passage of the line. A visit in the area The Eala Botanical Garden and the Catholic mission Bamanya. The Botanical Garden of Eala was established February 3, 1900 by the Belgian botanist Emile Laurent. It was also the headquarters of the National Institute for Agronomic Studies of the Belgian Congo. The garden is full 3,200 species of trees and plants, 12,000 seagrasses, and several fruit trees. EALA was one of the largest gardens in Africa, which aims to preserve the botanical diversity of Africa and study the agronomic species. Each time, although it is a botanical garden, we reported the presence of a crocodile captured since 1953 and who lives to this day inside.*

### **Day 02 .Trip to Samba, Buya ... the pygmies' villages.**

*After breakfast we leave by 8:00am for a thrilling trip to Samba. On the Road we stop in Buya, where we visit a small village with pygmies. Here we have the opportunity to view their traditional clothes and wooden sculptures. Overnight stay in Samba, with local pygmies and the chief of the village. (B, L, D) Overnight in tents .*



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**Day 03:** After breakfast we take a canoe to Nkake (5 hours paddling) and take the time to admire the vegetation in the old and hugely biodiverse tropical jungle. Enjoy fresh fruit, vegetables, and other specialties to taste. Day 05: Bikoro Paddling in Ntumba Lake .

**Day 04** After breakfast we leave for Bikoro , we have two hours paddling by pirogue on the serene Congo River tributary) on Lake Ntumba. We visit forest pygmies here of another tribe and family. (B, L, D) Overnight Bikoro

**Day 5:** After breakfast, a visit to the city (Musse popular market), the Eala Botanical Garden, Catholic mission Bamanya and Night Hotel

**Days 6, 7; 8:** Boat trip Mbandaka - Bolobo (505 km) or we will temporarily leave the boat for the visit of Bonobos in the reserve Malebo in the course visited the villages such as: Irrebi: commando training center of the Congolese navy to meet the Chief Lolo and learn about the history and adventures of the Congo River Navy. Ngomnbe, Lukolela (capital territory Lukolele) Tchumbiri and numerous encampments of fishermen

**Day 9:** arrive in Bolobo, free evening and overnight at the inn for Catholic priests

**Day 10 :** Transfer town Nkala (Malebo reserve), courtesy visit to the village chief, and some dance steps will be observed with the folklore group Teke 'Ekoulbalow' Stay overnight in tents at the farm Mbomou -Tour

**Day 11:** Morning out in the woods with the trackers to follow the Bonobos. Back to the Villages around 12:00. After lunch, transfer from Tchumbiri town to join our boat and follow the descent to Kinshasa.

**Day 12 :** Following the descent, visit of the town -Ndombe Bac Mai and meet the traditional chief of the Teke tribe who considers himself an Emperor. Overnight in tents in the village.

**Day 13:** After breakfast we continue the descent for about 2 hours, when we will at last enter our Kinshasa and we finally leave the boat and crew.

Transfer Downtown, free evening and overnight at the hotel.

A special dinner buffet with Congolese cuisine.

**Day 14:** Free day. At last, transfer to the airport to head out of the Congo.

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*Departure Date: All year The Congo River Cruise includes visa invitations Includes food on the boat and during the cruise. NOT in the cities before and after. Includes 3 star hotel accommodation in Kinshasa, Kisangani, and Mbandaka, and tented accommodation during the water voyage. Includes all sightseeing as indicated on the day-by-day program in the previous itinerary sent, and current on the website. Includes airport transfers in Kinshasa and Kisangani. Includes French and English speaking guides. Japanese/Chinese/Spanish/or Portugese guide can be arranged at an additional cost (and advance notice) for clarity, the tour does include hotel in Kinshasa the night before the tour, and the night after the tour. It does not include food at this hotel.*

*1. Hotels Kinshasa: The Release \*\*\*\* hotel (downtown Gombe) Kisangani: Palme Beach \*\*\**

*-Mbandaka: Nina river and Bamanya \*\*\* (tent)*

## *2. Boat*

*Our boat has a capacity of 10 people. 18 m long and 2.30 m wide and equipped with:*

- 2 motors*
- Sanitaryware (WC)*
- Freezer*
- Electricity*
- Rescue Gillet*
- Internet connection and PC (on request)*
- 3 crew + guide, cook and coordinator*

## *3 Villages:*

*The villages we will stay in the accommodation listed on the itinerary (see program) for quality control and safety. We will also have security from our staff as well as locals.*

## *5 Tents:*

*We have brand new (Quechua brand) tents very spacious at 2m*

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## 6 Animals

*In this run, we do not have a lot of large animals to see, except: bonobos , the crocodiles in Ehala (Botanical Garden of Mbandaka) and many other surprises, but lots of birds, fish, and occasional mammals like monkeys, bats, cevette cats, etc. are to see outside the villages and markets while passing jungle.*

## 7 Food in the boat.

*Breakfast: tea, instant coffee, milk, yawning, margarine, chocolate, jam, egg omelette, cheese, bread*

*Lunch; choices: vegetables, rice, bread, but canned beans and tuna, carrots and mushrooms, plantain banana (starch), banana fruits (sweet), pineapples, oranges, sweet potatos, and many other fruits.*

*Dinner: the choices: chicken, meat, fish, vegetable, rice ... and plantain bananas, manioc/fufu (African food starch), chips and potato.*

## *Our menu in general:*

*Breakfast: Tea, coffee, sugar, milk, jam, chocolate, butter, egg omelette*

*Meals: chicken, meat, fish, vegetables, corned beef, sardines, tuna, crab.*

*Accompaniment: Rice, bread, chicken wings, sweet potato, banana Plantin chikwanges, fufu*

*Dessert: pineapple, fruit bananas, oranges, papayas and other wild fruits*

*\*We handle food and water during boating, except for Kinshasa*

*Beer Arrangement (enjoy!)*

*Drinks: coke, whiskey, wine ...as well.*

*Life Jackets/ River Rescues*

*We have more than 15 life jackets for river rescue : adult size maximum body weight of 100 KG. These are the life jackets we provide and you are welcome to bring additional.*

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## **Tent**

*We have 5 double and 5 single tents for this trip. We will put a person in each as we can, unless there are married couples, etc.*

*We also have a central tent, table, chairs for the meal! (You will love it.)*

*Usually we eat in the boat to avoid the looks of the villagers. Sometimes we eat in the main tent or in our host homestay. Even in the church with ex-Catholic priests ... It depends on circumstances and what will give the clients the most enjoyment and comfort.*

## **For luggage**

*We have no problem within reason to tow extra luggage on request for a surcharge, but CAA airline allows 30 kg checked and 10 kg in cabin hand luggage.*

*We accept max 60 kg of luggage per person in the boat free of charge.*

*It is also possible to leave luggage at the hotel if you will not need it during the trip.*

## **Items to bring**

- *Hat, sunscreen, mosquito repellent cream, anti sunglasses,*
- *Preventive treatment against malaria and other rescue medication*
- *Shoes bush shirt or Long Sleeve T-shirts to walk in the forest*

## **Our Price:**

*From \$ 3,999 / participant + 5.5% taxes and fees*

*\*Included in the price are all costs included in the national (domestic) transportation program, food and water on the ground except in Kinshasa and Mbandaka, taxes, accesses and permits, tourism, accommodation, comprehensive travel insurance, and visa support from Congo Tourist  
Not included in the price: Gratuities (Not mandatory)*

*This is our best value tour. Prices are totally non-negotiable. Please do not ask for discounts. We are keeping quality and safety first, and the guide is the absolute authority on tour and staff need resources to do their job well.*

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