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11 Nights | Republic of the Congo & Central African Republic

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Be prepared to delve deep, discover more and be enthralled by stories of passion and purpose in the African rainforest.

ABOUT THIS JOURNEY:

The Congo Conservation Company (CCC) takes an innovative approach to pioneering low-impact tourism in Republic of the Congo, Central African Republic and broader Congo Basin. With this 11-night special Discovery, guests will have the once in a lifetime opportunity to be guided by the visionaries who are the custodians of this remote region in the central heart of Africa. Each a scientist in their own right, Paul Telfer and Rod Cassidy will share their insight and passion, and impart their knowledge of the Congo Basin.

This journey is ideally suited to guests who have been to the region before, those with an understanding of the region looking to expand their own knowledge or for guests wishing to experience an intellectual journey where research, science, community and nature are explored together.

In addition to your specialist hosts, guests will have even more access to and time with: primatologist and world-authority on western lowland gorillas, Magdalena Bermejo; the African Parks team; the pangolin research centre and researchers at Sangha Lodge; Dzanga Bai research platform; role players in the region.



PAUL TELFER, Ph.D.

Paul's interest in conservation began when he started working in Africa as a primate specialist in Sierra Leone and Gabon in 1990s. While investigating primate viruses and the origins of the HIV epidemic, Paul pioneered non-invasive sampling techniques for wild primates. Since July 2008 Paul has been the Country Director for the WCS-Congo Program and is the CEO of Congo Conservation Company which champions low-impact tourism development in the Congo Basin with a foundation in research, community and conservation.

ROD CASSIDY

A renowned ornithologist from South Africa, Rod first entered the rainforests of Africa in 1999. In 2008 he purchased Sangha Lodge and began with a refurbishment, welcoming his first guests in September 2009. Sangha Lodge is now home to a rehabilitation centre for local wildlife as well as the pangolin research project spotlighted in the recently released 'Eye of the Pangolin' documentary. To date, Rod and his team have rehabilitated over 70 pangolins, seven blue duikers, one brush-tailed porcupine and one servaline genet.

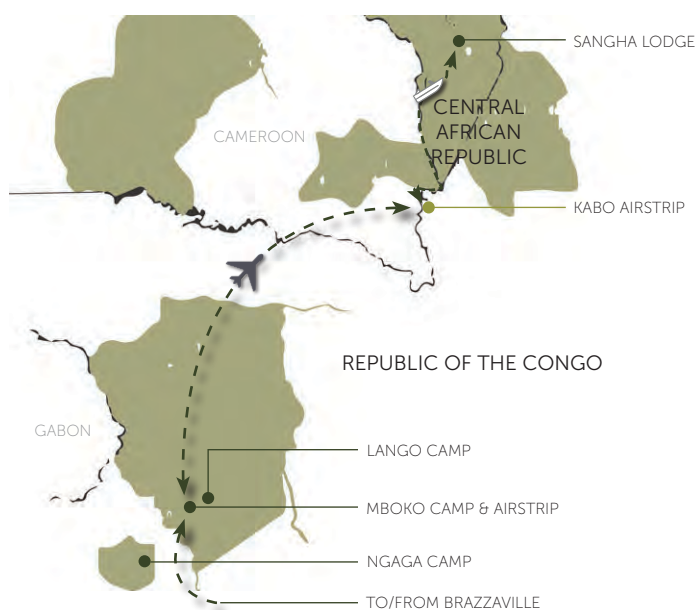




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Congo Conservation Discovery at a Glance

Day	Wake up at...	Adventures...	Go to bed at...
1	Brazzaville	Charter flight to Mboko (ROC) + transfer to Ngaga + Gorilla tracking briefing with research team	Ngaga Camp
2	Ngaga Camp	Gorilla tracking + forest walk	Ngaga Camp
3	Ngaga Camp	Gorilla tracking + forest walk + night forest walk	Ngaga Camp
4	Ngaga Camp	Mbomo village morning + Lunch with African Parks + Mboko transfer onward to Lango via kayak	Lango Camp
5	Lango Camp	Guided bai walks + forest walk + leisurely afternoon	Lango Camp
6	Lango Camp	Bai walk + Mboko transfer + forest walk/river cruise	Mboko Camp
7	Mboko Camp	Breakfast + charter flight to Kabo + boat journey to Sangha Lodge (CAR)	Sangha Lodge
8	Sangha Lodge	Dzanga Bai + full day on the research platform	Sangha Lodge
9	Sangha Lodge	Forest walk + net hunting with Ba'Aka community + time with pangolin researchers + night walk	Sangha Lodge
10	Sangha Lodge	Valley of the Giants + waterfalls hike/forest walk	Sangha Lodge
11	Sangha Lodge	Boat transfer to Kabo (ROC) + charter flight to Mboko + sunset river cruise at Mboko	Mboko Camp
12	Mboko Camp	Charter flight to Brazzaville (ROC)	Brazzaville



ACCESS INFORMATION

FROM	TO	DAY
Brazzaville	Mboko	Thursday
Mboko	Kabo	Wednesday
Kabo	Sangha	
Sangha	Kabo	Sunday
Kabo	Mboko	
Mboko	Brazzaville	Monday

Brazzaville - Mboko: 2-hour scheduled charter
 Mboko - Kabo: 40-minute scheduled charter
 Kabo - Sangha Lodge: 4 to 6-hour boat journey
 ←-----→ Transfer pathway (estimated)



SUGGESTED OUTLINE. THIS DISCOVERY WILL BE TAILORED BY PAUL & ROD THROUGHOUT BASED ON INTERESTS & POSSIBILITIES

Day 1

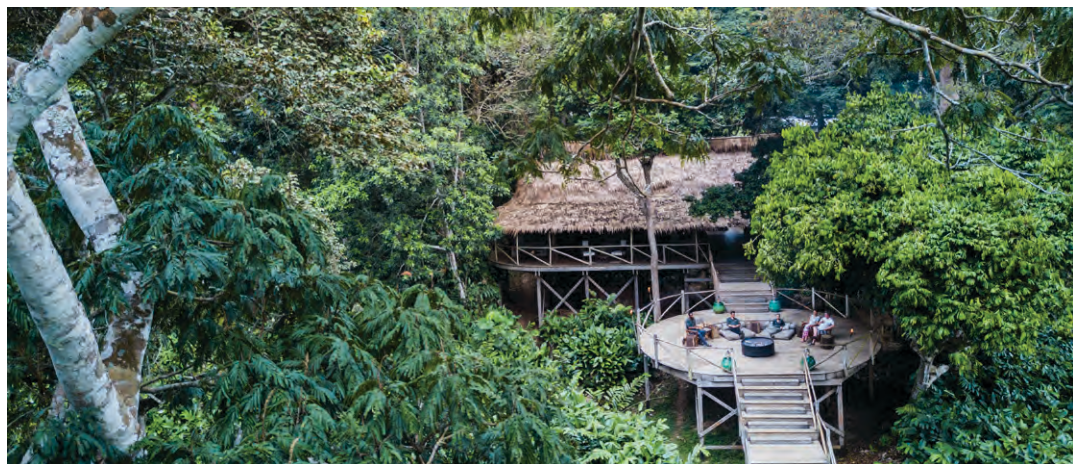
- Airport assistance at Maya Maya Airport (Brazzaville)
- Congo Conservation Company's charter flight: departs Brazzaville at 1pm, arrives Odzala at 3pm (2 hours), landing at Mboko
- Road transfer from airstrip to Ngaga Camp (3-hour drive through the Odzala-Kokoua National Park)
- Meet and spend time with the gorilla research team headed by Magdalena Bermejo, followed by dinner
- Overnight Ngaga Camp in a luxury en-suite forest room

Day 2

- Gorilla tracking in the morning with a guide and tracker from our team
- Lunch at Ngaga Camp and debrief of the first gorilla observation with Paul and the research team
- Afternoon relaxation followed by a forest walk for bird watching and discovery of forest life and river sundowners
- Viewing of camera-trap footage for gorillas in the region and insight from the research team
- Overnight Ngaga Camp in a luxury en-suite forest room

Day 3

- Gorilla tracking in the morning with a guide and tracker from our team
- Lunch at Ngaga Camp and debrief of the second observation with Paul and the research team
- Afternoon time with the gorilla research team, forest walk and a night walk to view nocturnal forest life
- Overnight Ngaga Camp in a luxury en-suite forest room



Day 4

- Relaxed morning in camp
- Road transfer through Mbomo village and lunch with the African Parks team at their headquarters for an update on their findings and experiences in Odzala-Kokoua National Park
- Onward to Mboko for a transfer to Lango Camp and bai via a kayak trip on the Lekoli River
- Relaxed afternoon in camp or a discovery bai (wet) walk, followed by sundowners
- Overnight Lango Camp in an en-suite forest room

Day 5

- Guided morning wet walk through the bai
- Lunch followed by forest (dry) and bai (wet) walk, or bird watching from the camp deck
- Overnight Lango Camp in an en-suite forest room

Day 6

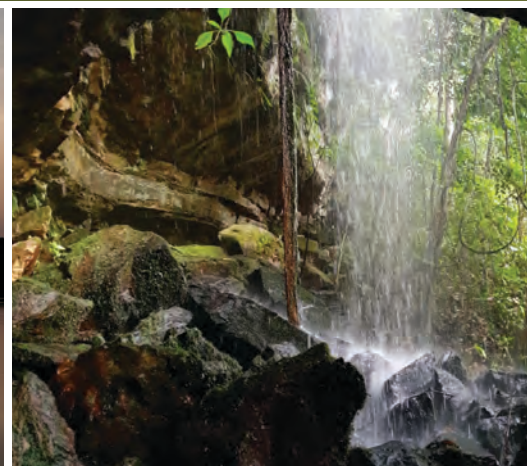
- Guided morning wet walk through the bai and breakfast overlooking the bai
- Scenic drive to the forest and a short walk along a wooden path amidst the trees to Mboko Camp
- Lunch and afternoon relaxation or a walk through the forest followed by a river cruise
- Overnight Mboko Camp in a luxury en-suite river room

Day 7

- Congo Conservation Company's charter flight: departs Odzala at 9am, arrives Kabo at 9:40am (40 mins), landing at Kabo Airstrip
- Road transfer to the boats where a 4 to 6-hour boat journey up the Sangha River begins and takes guests through the Sangha Tri-National Special Reserve (clear customs en-route at Bayanga)
- Arrive at Sangha Lodge nestled along the Sangha River for briefing with Rod and relaxed afternoon
- Overnight Sangha Lodge in an en-suite river room

Day 8

- Breakfast at the lodge before a road transfer (± 1.5 hours) and forest walk (2 km) to Dzanga Bai
- Spend the day on the research platform observing the diverse wildlife activity around the remote bai, enjoying a packed lunch and a debrief with Rod
- Overnight Sangha Lodge in an en-suite river room





Day 9

- Guided morning forest walk and net hunting with members of the Ba'Aka community with time to work on the building of huts or learning about medicinal plants
- Lunch in camp is followed by time with the pangolin researchers and protectors, and then sundowners followed by a night walk after dinner to explore the wonderful nocturnal life
- Overnight Sangha Lodge in an en-suite river room

Day 10

- Breakfast and boat transfer (15 mins) to the forest walk through the Valley of the Giants - spend the morning walking amongst some of the tallest trees in the Congo Basin and enjoy a packed lunch
- Afternoon hike to the waterfalls (boat transfer) or return to camp for lunch and enjoy a guided forest walk during the afternoon
- Overnight Sangha Lodge in an en-suite river room

Day 11

- Breakfast at the lodge and a 4 to 6-hour boat journey downstream the Sangha River via Bayanga to Kabo Airstrip in the Republic of Congo
- Congo Conservation Company's charter flight: departs Kabo at 1pm, arrives Odzala at 1:40pm (40 mins), landing at Mboko airstrip
- Afternoon guided forest walk followed by sundowners on the Lekoli River
- Overnight Mboko Camp in an en-suite river room

Day 12

- Breakfast at Mboko Camp
- Congo Conservation Company's charter flight: departs Odzala at 9am, arrives Brazzaville at 11am (2 hours), landing at Maya Maya Airport
- Connect with onward flight or stay in Brazzaville and soak up the city atmosphere

THIS IS A SUGGESTED OUTLINE AND IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON LOGISTICS, AVAILABILITY, WEATHER AND GUEST INTERESTS. ACTIVITIES MAY NOT BE EXPERIENCED IN THIS ORDER.

