

## Bioko and Corisco Islands EQUATORIAL GUINEA





**9 days** 11 - 19 January 2025 English speaking guide

#### The 'unforgettable' of the trip:

- The ascent to **Pico Basile**, a volcanic area from which to admire the entire island
- The remote **islands of Corisco, Elobey Grande and Elobey Chico**, between colonial vestiges and turquoise waters
- The town of **Bata** with its elegant promenade
- The pristine beaches, waterfalls and villages of the Bubi ethnic group on **Bioko** Island
- The trek along the beach from **Ureca** to **Moaba**, where you can admire sea turtles
- The Spanish colonial architecture of Malabo, including the Cathedral of Santa Isabel





## Day 1: Saturday 11 January Outward flight//Malabo (SSG)

Flight to Malabo.

# Day 2: Sunday 12 January

#### Malabo

Arrival in Malabo in the early afternoon, meet with Kanaga Africa Tours staff who will arrange transfer to Hotel Baia 2 or similar. Next, we will visit PICO BASILE, the highest point on Bioko Island, some 3,000 metres above sea level, from where we can enjoy a panoramic view of Malabo town and Mount Cameroon. Some stretches can be done on foot. Return to the city and overnight stay in double rooms with services.

## Day 3: Monday 13 January

### Malabo (SSG)/Domestic flight/Bata (BSG)/Cabo San Juan/Corisco Island

After breakfast, transfer to the airport in time for the flight to Bata, which is located in the continental part of Equatorial Guinea, and is the most populous city in the country. Once there, we depart for the long transfer south. We will cross the bridge at Mbini until we reach Cabo San Juan where we will take a motor boat to reach CORISCO (approx. 2/3 hours), which is 44 km from Cogo, close to the maritime border with Gabon. Once we arrive on the island, called Mandji by the locals, we can appreciate this corner of paradise with white beaches fringed with palm trees and turquoise waters, still off the world tourism routes (the airport has not yet been inaugurated). We will meet the local Benga and visit the tomb of the last king, Santiago Uganda (1906-1960), to pay homage to him and learn about his history. Accommodation at Complejo Turistico\*\* or similar and overnight stay in double rooms with services.

\*\* Accommodation in Corisco has intermittent electricity and water supply.





## Day 4: Tuesday 14 January Corisco Island

Breakfast at the hotel. A day dedicated to exploring CORISCO ISLAND: we visit the famous Arena Blanca beach, where we can swim and snorkel while admiring rays and fish in a crystal-clear sea; we meet the fishing communities, to observe traditional fishing activities, thatched houses and handicrafts; we admire the colonial ruins of the island, such as the Spanish mission and the Claretians' mission, built between 1885 and 1926, when more than 1.000 Europeans, including traders, soldiers and colonial authorities. Depending on the weather, it will be possible to organise an excursion to the islands of ELOBEY GRANDE and ELOBEY CHICO where, with a bit of luck, it will be possible to observe dolphins roaming the area (and, rarely, whales too). The two small islands are uninhabited (except for fishermen who seasonally build temporary huts there), but in the dense forest are scattered numerous colonial vestiges, not only Spanish but also German, Dutch and English. Overnight stay at the hotel.

## Day 5: Wednesday 15 January

#### Corisco/Cabo San Juan/Bata (BSG)/Flight/Malabo (SSG)

After breakfast, transfer by boat (about two to three hours) back to the mainland. Transfer to BATA where, weather permitting, we will take a city tour of the city: the Cathedral of Santiago, the clock square (Plaza de la Libertad), the obelisk commemorating the visit of Pope John Paul II, and the seafront (Paseo Maritimo) with the iconic Freedom Tower. Transfer to the airport in time for your flight to Malabo. On arrival, accommodation at Hotel Bahia 2 or similar and overnight stay in double rooms with services.





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#### Day 6: Thursday 16 January Malabo/Batete/Ureca/Moaba

Breakfast at the hotel and departure for BATETE and LUBA, two villages that preserve exceptional colonial vestiges, such as the Gothic church of San Antonio dei Claretani built entirely of wood, the Salesian girls' school and the late 19th century Hotel Jones. Continuation to URECA, a small village of the Bubi tribe located in the south of the island, famous for being one of the places in the world to receive the most rainfall (10,450 millimetres of rain per year). Arriving on the coast, we will discover a magnificent waterfall which, at high tide, plunges directly into the waters of the Atlantic Ocean, where it creates a natural pool where we can bathe. Lunch box (sandwiches and fruit). We will then go on an easy trek (about 3 hours) in which we will immerse ourselves in the beauty of the tropical landscape, observing a wide variety of flora and, with a bit of luck, fauna. We will walk along the black volcanic sand beach, ford a few rivers on foot (one with the help of a rope), make stops to admire impressive waterfalls, and arrive at MOABA. This beach is famous for the fact that during the dry season (November-February) four types of sea turtles come to these shores to lay their eggs: the Atlantic green turtle, the loggerhead turtle, the olive stick turtle and the hawksbill turtle. Accommodation in a permanent tented camp within the sea turtle research centre. Simple dinner at the camp and, at night, a trip to the beach to watch - with a bit of luck - turtles lay their eggs. Overnight stay in double igloo tents.





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### Day 7: Friday 17 January Moaba/Arena Blanca/Malabo (SSG)

Simple breakfast at the camp and time for a swim at the Moaba Falls. Returning on foot to Ureka where our vehicles await us, we transfer to ARENA BLANCA, the country's most popular beach, which, as its name indicates, is not volcanic but white in colour. Time to relax at the beach. Return to Malabo in the late afternoon, accommodation at Hotel Bahia 2 or similar. Possibility of an evening stroll through the streets of the city centre, which come alive with the arrival of the weekend. Overnight stay in double rooms with services.

### Day 8: Saturday 18 January

#### Malabo (SSG)

Breakfast at the hotel and city tour of MALABO, with its splendid colonial architecture including the Santa Isabel Cathedral, built between 1887 and 1916, in a Gothic revival style with two 40-metre high towers and three naves, and the Semu food market, a sight not for the faint-hearted, as the vendors' foodstuffs include pythons, monkeys, bats and white forest rats. Transfer to the airport in time for your flight to Malabo, connecting with your international flight. END OF SERVICES.

## Day 9: Sunday 19 January

#### **Return flight**

Arrival at the destination airport.

\* The order of visits may be reversed depending on the actual operation of the Malabo/Bata/Malabo domestic flights.







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Individual participation fee in double room (min. 6 - max. 16 pax)



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#### Supplements per person:

- Enrollment fee: **free**
- Single room: **210 €**
- Exc. to Elobey Grande and Chico: **60€/pax** (min. 6 pax)
- eVisa service: **130** €

#### The fee includes:

- English speaking tour leader;
- Spanish-speaking local guides;
- Visits and excursions as scheduled;
- Admission and activities mentioned;
- All transfers by minibus/car depending on the size of the group, including drivers, diesel and taxes/fees;
- 1 lunch box in Ureca;
- Malabo/Bata/Malabo domestic flights;
- 7 nights in a hotel with breakfast.

#### The fee does not include:

- The visa for Equatorial Guinea;
- Insurance for cancellation, health, luggage;
- International air flights;
- The boat excursion to Elobey Grande and Chico;
- Airport transfers with companies other than the one indicated;
- All lunches and dinners (except D6);
- Mineral water and beverages;
- Tips and expenses of a personal nature;
- Everything mentioned in 'supplements';
- Anything not expressly mentioned in 'the fee includes'.

