



## **Kinshasa – Basankusu – Lomako Park National (Private Party) 18-Days**

**Price:** Maximum 4 persons in 1 canoe

- 2 pax : 5.986,- euro per person
- 3 pax : 4.682.- euro per person
- 4 pax : 4.031,- euro per person

**Included:**

- All transfers as mentioned in the program
- Hotel in Kinshasa B&B
- “Full board” in the interior
- Crew: Technician/driver, cook, knight, guide
- 4 litre bottled water a day in the jungle
- “Trekking Permits”
- Gasoline
- Airport pick up and drop off in Kinshasa
- Tents
- All taxes



**Not Included:**

- Visa
- International flight
- Other drinks
- Lunch and diner in Kinshasa

**Program:**

Day 1	Saturday	Int. Arrival
Day 2	Sunday	Transfer Basankusu + Maringa
Day 3	Monday	Maringa -and Lomako River
Day 4	Tuesday	Maringa -and Lomako River
Day 5	Wednesday	Maringa -and Lomako River
Day 6	Thursday	Maringa -and Lomako River
Day 7	Friday	Lomako Reserve
Day 8	Saturday	Lomako Reserve
Day 9	Sunday	Lomako Reserve
Day 10	Monday	Lomako Reserve
Day 11	Tuesday	Lomako River + Maringa
Day 12	Wednesday	Lomako River + Maringa
Day 13	Thursday	Lomako River + Maringa
Day 14	Friday	Lomako River + Maringa



Day 15	Saturday	Basankusu visit
Day 16	Sunday	Transfer Kinshasa
Day 17	Monday	City visit
Day 18	Tuesday	Int. departure

### **Day 1**

Arrival in Kinshasa, airport assistance, transfer hotel and briefing

### **Day 2**

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for our flight to Basankusu. We travel with "Filair" in a LET 410 UVPE with a Belgian pilot.

Because there are no good hotels in Basankusu, we prefer to stay the night in tents. Inspection of the equipment and preparation of the trip.

### **Day 3,4,5,6**

In total, we have to travel between 30 and 40 hours on the water. We leave early in the morning, after breakfast, have a small break at noon for lunch and we'll stop around +/- 4 pm for our camp and to prepare our diner. We stay overnight in small villages, with the agreement of the chief and buy our food on the local markets.

The Maringa River is between 100 and 200 meter wide and has a lot of sandbanks. The Lomako River is between 5 and 15 meter wide, forest everywhere on both sides a fast water flow and a lot of obstacles. Here we have to be careful. Normally, at the end of the 6<sup>th</sup> day, we arrive at destination.



### Day 7,8,9,10

Now we enter into the forest. To find the Bonobos, we'll have to leave the camp at night, to arrive early in the morning where they passed the night, high in the trees and we'll stay till they awake.

Except the Bonobos, we also can find:  
 Dryas Monkey (*Cercopithecus Dryas*)  
 Tholan's Red Colobus (*Piliocolobus Tholloni*)  
 Golden-Bellied Mangabey (*Cercocebus Chrysogaster*)

Black Mangabey (*Lophocebus Aterrimus*)

Allen's Swamp Monkey (*Allenopithecus Nigroviridis*)

Angolan Colobus (*Colobus Angolensis*)

Elephant (*Loxodonta Africana*)

Buffalo (*Syncerus Caffer*)

Bongo (*Tragelaphus Euryceros*)

African Golden Cat (*Felis Aurata*)

Leopard (*Panthera Pardus*)

For birding, the region has more than 400 different species with a high density of the "Congo peafowl" (*Afropavo Congensis*)



### Day 11,12,13,14

Return to Basankusu. The people from the villages we meet on the way, are from the Mongo tribes. The last years, there is a migration of people from the Ngombe tribe, really good hunters. Luckily for the wildlife, ammunition isn't easy to find.

### Day 15

In Basankusu, a day off, a day of rest, a day we'll visit the town and the office AWF, the NGO which created the park.



### Day 16

Flight to Kinshasa, Transfer to the Hotel.

### Day 17

Visit of Kinshasa: Mausoleum de Kabila, Marché des Voleurs (Art), Symphonie Des Arts, Rapids of Kinsuka, ect.

### Day 18

Visit of the Bonobo Sanctuary at Chute de Lukaya before noon, check-in of the luggage in town in the afternoon to avoid to much complications of the government services at the airport. Transfer to the airport.

