



CLASSIC PORTFOLIO

Kamba African Rainforest Experiences

REPUBLIC OF CONGO

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GENERAL INFORMATION

CLASSIFICATION	CLASSIC / EXPEDITION: 3 lodges & 1 expedition. Privately owned. Open dates: All year.
LAND RELATIONSHIP	The only tourism concession in 3.35 million acres Odzala-Kokoua National Park. Managed by African Parks.
OVERVIEW	Kamba offers the only opportunity to discover the Congo Basin with a variety of life-changing, easy to book journeys across 3 unique lodges in Odzala-Kokoua National Park. For those seeking a truly unique safari, choose from a 7, 10, or 11-night immersive discovery filled with gorilla tracking, game drives, boating, kayaking, forest walking, and river wading.
IMPACT OF YOUR STAY	LOW MEDIUM HIGH <u>VERY HIGH</u> Kamba collaborates with Sabine Plattner African Charities (SPAC) to establish sustainable, low-impact tourism ventures aimed at safeguarding pristine natural regions and uniting communities, through research-based science and under the umbrella of conservation. Every guests' stay contributes through various fees allocated for park conservation, gorilla research, community development, wildlife monitoring, and the sustainable operation of the remote lodges.
ACCESS	Maya Maya International Airport (BZV) Brazzaville – 2 hour scheduled seat-in charter flight (Mon & Thu) between Brazzaville and Odzala Airstrip. There is no road access to the lodges.
LODGE & VILLAS	Ngaga, Lango & Mboko – 6 rooms each. Per person rate. 7-, 10-, and 11-night Journeys inclusive of lodges and scheduled flights.
CHILDREN	15+ years.
HEALTH	Malaria area – seek advice from your health professional. Proof of yellow fever vaccination is required. For gorilla viewing, a medical requirements form must be completed by the guest's doctor to confirm that they are free from measles, polio, and tuberculosis, and in good health. A COVID vaccination certificate is required as well rapid PCR tests prior to departing Brazzaville for the lodges, and prior to guests' first gorilla track.

WEATHER

The Congo Basin experiences typical weather patterns related to a rainforest: wet and less wet. But being situated along the equator there is also little temperature fluctuation making this an exceptional year-round destination, not only for guests, but also for the wildlife that inhabit the Congo.

JANUARY – MARCH

20 – 33 °C | 68 – 91 °F

The “dry season” brings gentle rain with low humidity. This drop in water brings increased wildlife to the baïs.

APRIL – JUNE

21 – 33 °C | 70 - 91 °F

Short heavy rains throughout the day and a rise in temperatures. Dramatic skies and lush scenery is everywhere.

JULY – SEPTEMBER

19 - 31 °C | 66 - 88 °F

The coolest and least wet part of the year, signalling the start of more rain and higher temperatures on their way.

OCTOBER – DECEMBER

21 - 30 °C | 70 - 86 °F

The second rainy season with short bursts throughout the day and a rise in temperatures.

NEED TO KNOW

ELECTRICITY	220V mains with limited solar
WI-FI & MOBILE SIGNAL	Limited Wi-Fi in main areas. No mobile signal.
CREDIT CARDS	No.
SECURITY	Unfenced.
MAKE AN IMPACT	Village visit and conservation talks at Ngaga.
GYM / KEEP FIT	Through daily activities.
SPA	Massages at Mboko
FOOD & WINE	Fully inclusive: all meals & drinks. No Halaal / Kosher.
OTHER FACILITIES	Ngaga – star deck, fire pit, and river deck. Lango – star deck and fire pit. Mboko – star deck, fire pit, river deck.
ACTIVITIES	Gorilla tracking, day & night game drives, boating, kayaking, bai walks, adventure walks.



NGAGA, LANGO, & MBOKO				ODZALA JOURNEY DESCRIPTIONS							
ROOMS – CHILDREN 15+ YEARS				7 NIGHT DISCOVERY		10 NIGHT ODYSSEY		11 NIGHT IMMERSION			
# ROOMS	6 Max 12 guests	POOL	X	ARRIVE / DEPART		MON – MON or THURS – THURS		MON – FOLLOWING THURS		THURS – FOLLOWING MON	
EXTRA BEDS	X	IN-ROOM WIFI	X	ITINERARY		NGAGA x 3 nights (incl 2 gorilla permits)		NGAGA x 4 nights (incl 3 gorilla permits)		NGAGA x 4 nights (incl 3 gorilla permits)	
TWIN BEDS	✓ All	MINI BAR	X			LANGO x 2 nights		LANGO x 3 nights		LANGO x 4 nights	
BATHROOM	En-suite	AIR CON	X			MBOKO x 2 nights		MBOKO x 3 nights		MBOKO x 3 nights	
SHOWER	✓ Indoor only	FAN	✓ Ceiling and Standing	ADD-ONS							
BATH	X	MOZZIE NET	✓	BRAZZAVILLE	Airport meet and assist, transfers to / from Radisson Blu, and city tour including visit with the Sapuers. All bookable through Kamba.						
HAIRDRYER	X	LAUNDRY	✓ Included	SANGHA VENTURE	Privately-guided, expedition-style adventure to Sangha Lodge in Central African Republic, <i>available as an add-on to the 7 night Discovery</i> . 45-min charter flight to Kabo Airstrip from Mboko, then 4 – 6 hr boat journey (depending on water levels) up the Sangha River. Enjoy visits to Dzanga Bai in the Dzanga-Sangha Special Reserve, forest walks, and net hunting with the Ba’aka. Return to Mboko from Sangha in the same manner as you arrived. Spend one final night at Mboko before departing.						
ROOM SAFE	✓	DISABLED	X								
DIFFERENCES BETWEEN LODGES:					DRIVING / WALKING TIMES BETWEEN LODGES AND TO / FROM MBOKO AIRSTRIP						
NGAGA x 6	Nestled in the Ndezhi Concession on the western boundary just outside of Odzala-Kokoua National Park, Ngaga is lifted on stilts and offers 360° viewing walkways that connect the rooms to the main area, complete with dining room, lounge, bar area, a star deck for night gazing and a river deck for refreshing drinks after a day’s activities. <i>Key activity: Head out in search of the western lowland gorillas straight from the main deck.</i>				MBOKO AIRSTRIP	NGAGA	LANGO	MBOKO	MBOKO AIRSTRIP		
LANGO x 6	Lango is in the south-central part of Odzala-Kokoua National Park in the heart of the rainforest, surrounded by varying landscapes. The main area, with dining room, lounge and bar, as well as all the rooms, are built on stilts, suspended above Lango Bai. The star deck and fire pit are centrally located to enjoy sundowners while watching the wildlife congregate in the bai. <i>Key activity: Get a little muddy on bai and river walks.</i>				ROAD	3 – 4 hr	3 – 4 hr	20 min	15 min		
					KAYAK	N/A	30 – 40 min	N/A	N/A		
MBOKO x 6	Located in the southern half Odzala-Kokoua National Park, Mboko is at the intersection of savanna, forest, and the Likeni River. Each of the bungalows are perched over a babbling brook, while the spacious main area has a dining room, lounge, bar, and star deck with a fire pit all overlooking the wide-open grasslands. <i>Key activity: Cruising and kayaking down the river.</i>				WALK	N/A	30 – 40 min	20 min	N/A		

ACTIVITIES & EXPERIENCES

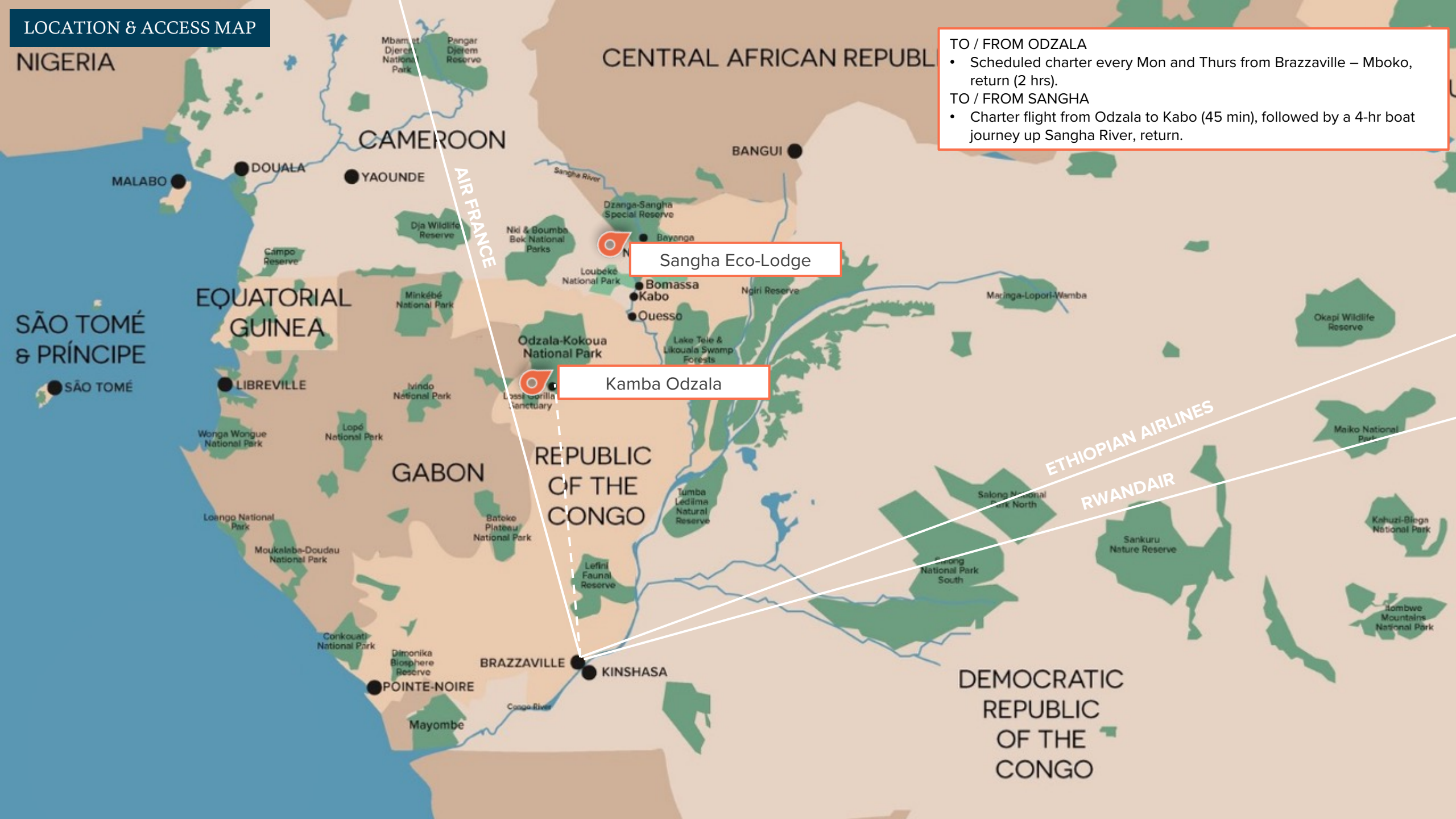
GORILLA TRACKING	At least 2 permits included. Straight out of Ngaga Lodge. Max 4 guests per group. Led by tracker and guide.
BOAT CRUISE	Available at Mboko Lodge. Explore the Lekoli River.
KAYAKING	Available at Mboko and Lango. Single or double kayaks. Guided, but not in each kayak.
FOREST WALKS	Guided. Available at each lodge.
BAÏ WALKS	Guided. Available at Lango. <i>Fast-dry clothes and water shoes recommended.</i>
NIGHT DRIVE & WALK	Guided experience from Ngaga.
COMMUNITY AND CULTURE	Visit Mbomo and Ombo Villages near Ngaga. <i>Book in advance.</i>
BRAZZAVILLE TOUR	Guided tour, including lunch. <i>Included in the Journeys.</i>
LETTER OF INVITATION, AIRPORT ASSISTANCE, ROAD TRANSFERS	Included in the Journey cost. Managed and handled by the Kamba team.



WILDLIFE SIGHTINGS

	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	DOES NOT OCCUR HERE
LION				X
LEOPARD			✓	
CHEETAH				X
ELEPHANT – FOREST	✓			
RHINO – WHITE & BLACK				X
BUFFALO – FOREST	✓			
GIRAFFE				X
ZEBRA				X
HIPPO			✓	
CROCODILE			✓	
WILD DOG				X
HYENA - SPOTTED	✓			
AARDVARK				X
MIGRATION				X
GENERAL ANTELOPE SPECIES		✓		
VARIETY OF BIRD LIFE	✓			
SPECIAL SIGHTING FOR THIS AREA	Western lowland gorilla, bongo, various monkey species, chimpanzee, red river hog, sitatunga, African grey parrot, and green pigeon.			
OTHER	Engage with the guides to learn more about the ongoing gorilla research.			

LOCATION & ACCESS MAP



- TO / FROM ODZALA
- Scheduled charter every Mon and Thurs from Brazzaville – Mboko, return (2 hrs).
- TO / FROM SANGHA
- Charter flight from Odzala to Kaba (45 min), followed by a 4-hr boat journey up Sangha River, return.

Sangha Eco-Lodge

Kamba Odzala



NGAGA



THE SAPEURS



GORILLA TRACKING



KAYAKING



FOREST ELEPHANT



EXPLORING THE BAİ



LANGO



MBOKO



SUNDOWNER CRUISE



BOATING



KAMBA AFRICAN RAINFOREST EXPERIENCES	NGAGA, MBOKO & LANGO
CLASSICS CLASSIFICATION	CLASSIC / EXPEDITION
IMPACT OF EACH GUEST STAY	VERY HIGH
CHILDREN (MINIMUM AGE)	15+
FAMILY ROOMS	X
EXCLUSIVE CAMP / VILLAS	X
HONEYMOON OFFER	X
LAND SAFARI	✓
WATER SAFARI	✓
SPECIAL ACTIVITIES	BAÏ EXPLORATION, GORILLA TRACKING, THE SAPEURS
GET INVOLVED – CONSERVATION	X
GET INVOLVED – COMMUNITIES	✓
EXPEDITION TRIPS	✓
WELLNESS & MASSAGE	X

CLASSIC CLASSIFICATIONS:

P – Premier: These camps/lodges feature luxurious amenities and are priced at a higher tier.

C – Classic: These camps/lodges offer a more down-to-earth experience and are priced at a mid-level rate.

E – Expedition: These experiences are best suited for small groups or trips led by private guides.

IMPACT OF EACH GUEST STAY:

L – Low

M – Medium

H – High

VH – Very High

Based on the following 4 considerations we look at the positive impact that each guest is making by staying here:

- Transferability: What percentage of the daily rates is allocated to conservation and community initiatives?
- Removability: What impact would arise if the property were absent? Are there alternative lodges in the vicinity that continue to make positive contributions?
- Responsibility: To what extent does the property handle management privately, and how much is overseen as a concession under a collaborative arrangement?
- Fragility: How vulnerable is the surrounding environment and community?

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