



Experience Benin

4 days North: the lion's trace

The North of Benin is the place to go if you feel like setting out on a safari in search of lions, elephants, hippos and other animals. For good reason the park is often referred to as the best National Park in West Africa. In 2017 the park was granted a UNESCO world heritage listing.

Itinerary

Day 1

Morning departure from Cotonou for the journey up North. Lunch is eaten in Dassa, town surrounded by 41 sacred hills. In times past the hills were used as a hide-away by people fleeing slave hunters and hostile tribes.

The road is lined with market stalls selling manioc, tapioca and other cereals.

Late afternoon arrival expected in Natitingou.

Day 2

After breakfast departure for Pendjari Park. Flyers, maps and cards of the park are for sale at the information desk at the park's entrance. Pendjari park is known as the best park in West Africa. Herds of elephants, baboons, buffalos, warthogs, multiple types of antelopes, lions and leopards as well as crocodiles, hippos and hundreds of bird species can be spotted. The guide takes you on a tour through the park along several of the viewpoints. The late afternoon is used for a second game drive. Ask your guide if it's possible to take a seat on the roof for a different perspective on the park.

Day 3

An early morning game drive offers the chance to explore more of the park or to return to some of your favorite spots from yesterday's game drives.

With a bit of luck you see some animals you have not yet seen yesterday, such as the leopard, who is a master in hiding, and the lions, who are rarely seen two days on a row.

Afternoon departure from the park with stop in Tanougou village for a visit to the Tanougou falls, an excellent place to enjoy a refreshing swim.

Continue to Natitingou in the late afternoon.



Day 4

The day is dedicated to the journey back to Cotonou. Do not hesitate to ask your driver to stop to buy some of the local products along the way. Lunch stop in Dassa. Arrival in Cotonou expected in the late afternoon. Drop-off at your accommodation.

Explore West Arica's best National Park !

Duration

4 days

Best visiting time

Pendjari Park is open year around. Best chances to spot wildlife are from November to July. During the rainy season grasses are higher and animals are more difficult to spot.

Dates

Depending on your itinerary and the availability of guides and drivers.

Prices

Available upon request.

