

Kinshasa Bonobos Encounter
8 days - 7 nights
Kinshasa, Zongo, Kisantu
Ecology, Culture, History

This program may be operated for individual or for small groups
This is a suggested itinerary – Please call us to customize

Immerse yourself in central Africa's largest city. Tour the river-side capital of Kinshasa, and witness the highlights of its surrounding area. Visit famous sights, landmarks, natural wonders that have wowed all the famous African explorers and pioneers, and learn about the deep history of this high-energy city and the important natural and political region in which it sits.

Day 1: Kinshasa

After immigration and customs at the airport, our representative will greet and drive you to your hotel. After you comfortably check-in and rest until dinner at the hotel. In the evening you have the option of taking a guided drive to see Kinshasa's night life or continue to rest after a briefing with your guide. [D]

Day 2: Kinshasa (Congo River Cruise)

After breakfast, enjoy an unforgettable day on the Congo River using a speed boat with a powerful engine (200-hp). Cruise from Kinshasa to Maloukou, seeing the wide-spanning Malebo Pool, the Congo River rapids, and Brazzaville, capital of the Republic of the Congo on the way, until you arrive at Maluku, a picturesque fisherman's village. You will have the opportunity to share a great time with local people living on banks of the Congo River, crossing expansive and endlessly beautiful jungle! [B/L/D]

Day 3: Kinshasa (Bonobo Sanctuary, Lukaya, Ma Vallée Lake)

Today, your guide drives you to the Bonobo Sanctuary (Lola Ya Bonobo) to visit our close cousin. One of the great apes with 99% genetic similarity with human beings, you can find Bonobos only in the DR Congo. Bonobos are victims of hunting, forest devastation, and are living under the risk of extinction. Bonobos are also chased for meat and the babies kept as pets. Around the site there are small waterfalls and a green lake offering a good time for the whole family in DRC's most family-friendly attraction; you can taste local and traditional food under a smooth red-orange sunset. You will really enjoy ecotourism at its very finest and most responsible on the way to meet your fascinating relatives, the Bonobo's! Overnight at the hotel in Kinshasa. [B/L/D]

Day 4: Kinshasa, Zongo

This morning we drive to Zongo waterfalls, an amazing and natural wonder located in the forest of Bas-Congo. Enjoy the spectacle of a 213-foot high waterfall that produces natural 33 feet high jets, and have a natural bath if you wish! A really unforgettable moment for any adventurous spirit! Follow the guide and visit an electrical dam nearby, a small village, and discover where the Congo River meets the Inkisi River. Discover a small natural water pool in Etaka around Zongo. Overnight at the hotel. [B/L/D]

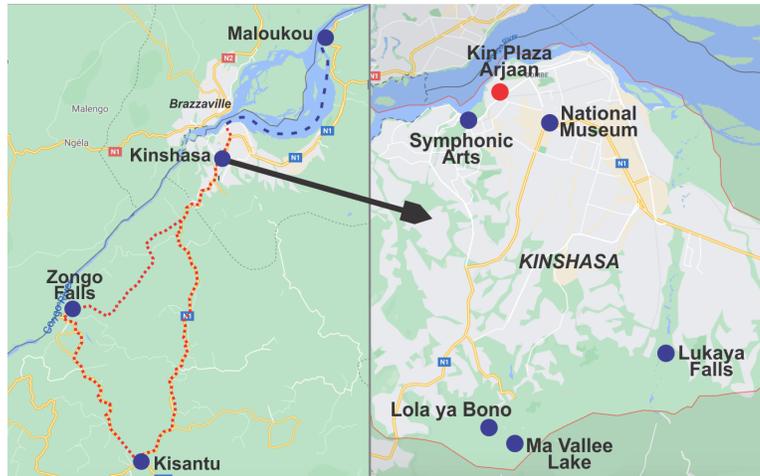
Day 5: Zongo, Kisantu, Kinshasa

After breakfast, drive to the Botanical garden of Kisantu. There's an arboretum inside the garden with about 200 species. You will find many unique plants and trees from everywhere in the world, some of which are medicinal and often with mysterious properties. The Inkisi River crosses the garden and offers majestic spectacles. The entire garden has natural plants and trees collected for one of nature and science's biggest treasure troves of species. Enjoy a unique time in Kisantu and its surroundings. Later drive to back Kinshasa for an overnight rest. [B/L/D]

Day 6: Kinshasa

Today enjoy a historical exploration of Kinshasa, formerly called Leopoldville, from its most tyrannical menace, King Leopold II of Belgium. This now huge city was once just a fishermen's village called Insasa. This is a unique occasion for you to learn about Kinshasa's rich history. We visit the National

Institute Museum, handcraft markets, historical statues to know more about the old city, and the first locomotive made in 1889. Stop and rest under the stately and unique Insasa Baobab tree. Gaze at the first hotel built in 1890, as well as the first church in Congo. Pass “Marché des Valeurs” (Value Market) or Boboto Center, and buy some works of art and painted tables for your memories. Overnight at your Kinshasa hotel. [B/L/D]



Day 7: Kinshasa (Traditional Dance and Show)

Day at leisure to explore the city or complete your shopping. Later, discover traditional songs and dances with the spirit of magic. Congolese tradition is often given by song and dance from generation to generation. We offer to you a moment to experience the soul of Congo with a traditional demonstration. [B/L/D]

Day 8: Kinshasa, USA

You may have some time on your own, depending on your flight schedule. At the appointed time you'll be picked-up and transferred to the airport to board your connecting flight back-home. [B]

[B] = Breakfast | [D] = Dinner | [B/L/D] = Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Your Tours includes:

- Airfare between USA and Kinshasa
- Arrival and departure transfers
- 7 nights' accommodations:
 - Kinshasa 6 nights
 - Zongo Falls 1 night
- Meals:
 - Breakfast daily
 - 6 lunches
 - 7 dinners
- Congo River Cruise
- Bonobo Sanctuary
- Lukaya Falls
- Bonobo Experience
- Zongo Waterfalls
- Etaka natural pool

- Kintasu Botanical Gardens
- Kinshasa sightseeing
- Traditional Dance and Show
- Transportation in A/C 4x4 vehicle
- Daily bottled water in the car
- All local taxes

Tour does not include:

- Taxes or surcharges related to airline tickets
- Travel insurance
- Visa
- All alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks
- Other meals not mentioned in itinerary
- Extras and gratuities
- Early check-in, late check-out
- Expenses of personal nature

Hotels in your Tour:

Location	Accommodation Name	Tripadvisor
Deluxe		
Kinshasa	Kin Plaza Arjaan by Rotana	4.5
Zongo Falls	Seli Safari Resort	4.5

Hotels will be confirmed at time of booking

Tour Prices:

These programs can be customized for individuals and groups. Changes to this program may be requested by phone (1855-55-TOURS) or using the web FIT Quote Request

- **Airfare**

We also be glad to add the necessary airfare from your gateway so you take advantage of our special discounted leisure fares

- **Program**

You may add or remove;

- Trip days
- Cities and sites
- Meals

- **Other options**

- The program was designed with private services, however, we may substitute shared sight-seeing where available
- If you prefer deluxe services we may operate this program including private driver, private guide and concierge service.

- **Quotation**

Once we have designed the program the way you want we'll give you a quote within 2 business days.

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Options:

- Lunches and dinners can be arranged for individuals, families and groups at top restaurants or any restaurant requested by you.
- We can revise the itinerary to spend more time and provide more depth in those areas that you are interested on.
- Any other changes to the itinerary will be accommodated depending on the facilities available in the area.

Group Quotations

- If you wish to use these programs for your group or as the basis for a customized journey please either call us (1-855-55-TOURS or use the web Group Quote Request.
- In either case our specialists will work with to refine all the details and they will get you a quote with 2 business days. Quotes may be obtained for the air and land portions of just for the land journey.
- Booking both air and land with us will represent savings for you because of our buying power and longtime relationship with the airlines.

We will also may have the choice between regular fares and special leisure fares not available to the public.