

ANGOLA



For most people, Angola is one of Africa's last great travel mysteries. Despite its elemental landscapes and boom-bust oil-dependent economy, the country remains closed off to all but the most adventurous travellers.

Angola has the potential to be one of Africa's dazzling highlights. Lurking within its wild borders lies the continent's second-largest waterfall, scattered remnants of Portuguese colonial history, a handful of emerging national parks, beaches galore and a diverse and unbelievably stoic cross-section of people. The underdeveloped tourist industry has yet to spread its wings and take flight. The sooner the government tackles the country's nagging political issues, the quicker it can emerge from its protracted slumber and show the world what it's been missing.

This isolation made from this country, and within his coast and rivers, a paradise for sport fishing from the coast and from the boat, making reality a lot of every fisherman's dreams, with a healthy population of the mighty Cubera Snapper, some of the bigger Tarpon in the world, massive Threadfin, Jack Crevalles, Barracudas, Indian Mirror, African Pompano, Dorados, Sailfish, Marlin and more.

TARGET SPECIES



The main target species are the Tarpons, present here in massive numbers and in monstrous sizes. Also we can find Long-fin Jacks & Jack Crevalles, Indian Mirror-fish, Cubera Snappers, Giant African Threadfin, Marlin, Dorado or Mahi mahi, big Amberjacks, Leerfish or Garrick, Jewfish, Sailfish and much more, specially targeted mainly on artificial lures and live bait, from the boat. We can use baited rock-and-surfcasting between the boat sessions also.

Winter months, from July to August, are the best ones for Jacks, Mirror fish, Threadfin & Cubera Snapper, and the summer months, from December to February, are the best for massive Tarpon, Jacks, Snappers, Amberjack, Barracuda, Dorado, Sailfish & Marlin, despite you can almost catch everything all year around.

ACCOMODATION



The Kwanza Lodge is located right on the Kwanza River close to the river mouth, located 74km south of Luanda. They offer a heaven of peace and tranquility, away from the bustle of the city.

Comfortable air conditioned cabins, cleaning service and laundry, quality cuisine with local and international dishes, a fantastic swimming pool with charming views and a professional crew, will make your stay the perfect African escape.

Each bedroom has a large double bed and another single bed, with a complete bathroom with hot water.

The Internet is available in all the Lodge.

BOAT



Our boats are perfect to mix days out fishing between the open sea, inshore spots, and the river, which is literally only a few meters from the dock.

Those boats are equipped with all electronics, rod holders, security gear, nice motors and efficient crew that will make the most of every day.

This trip consists mainly of fishing from the boat, but we will also practice some lures casting from the shore, depending on the tides and time of the day.

SURROUNDINGS



Angola is situated on the west coast of South-central Africa. The country has a varied terrain encompassing tropical Atlantic beaches, a labyrinthine system of rivers and Sub-Saharan desert that extends across the border into Namibia.

The Kissama National Park is Angola's most important wildlife reserve, just two hours south of Luanda, and home to elephants, wildebeest, giraffes, and zebras. The park covers an area of 9,960sq km, and is situated between the Atlantic Coast to the east, the Cuznza River to the north, and the Longa River to the south. The majority of the park consists of savannah grasslands, dense vegetation, and Baobab forests. Kissama is the only park that is currently operating as a national park, mostly because of the collaborative effort from Botswana and South Africa known as Noah's Ark. This project served as the world's largest animal transplant creating an opportunity for the park to return closer to its original status. Where the park is not as deep in mammalian species, it is a bird lover's heaven.

For those not going fishing, the Kwanza Lodge is located on the Kwanza River bar, one of the largest rivers in Angola and the African continent. With about 900 kilometers, the Kwanza River is known internationally by fans of sport fishing, and also provides a boat safari, where it is possible to observe the most varied species of birds such as the kingfisher, the vultures of palm trees, or the magnificent fishing eagle, and discover other biodiversity, which also includes the Varanos do nile, the ornate monitor lizards, the blue monkeys, among other species.

OTHER ACTIVITIES



The city of Luanda is the Angolan capital and enjoys a tropical climate with two seasons, with the rainy season (summer) between September and May and the dry season (Cacimbo) between May and August. The Luzaya takes a tour in the center of the City, exploring all the points, we made several stops to take photos. The tour includes "door to door" transportation and a bilingual Tourist Guide. Discover the history and culture of these people and the tourist spots of the beautiful city of Luanda.

Cabo Ledo offers good waves for surfing, beautiful beaches, and amazing landscapes of eroded red limestone combined with the sea view. The magnificent Miradouro da Lua is a landscape that sits around 40 kilometres outside of the city. It is famous for its moon-like surface, giving visitors the feeling that they are actually on the moon. Translated to 'Moon Valley Viewpoint', Miradouro da Lua was formed by cliffs with sharp pinnacles that have been eroded from the wind and the sea. This gives it its moon-like surface. It is an impressive site and one of the top attractions outside of Luanda. The spot also offers good swimming and snorkeling. Decent tourist infrastructure makes this spot a popular family vacation place, with waterfront restaurants serving up fresh seafood.

Ilha do Mussulo. Mussulo is a good place to get away from the city, just south of Luanda. Is known for its beach, not only popular for Luandans, but also for tourists. The peninsula is 30 kilometres long and 3 kilometres wide, boasting a lovely beach that offers great views of the city. There are beach huts and restaurants lined along it, as well as a few hotels and resorts.

Shop for local handicrafts in the Benfica Market, by far the best place in Luanda. It is just south of the city centre and it's best visited with a guide to ensure that you get the best deals imaginable. The market has all kinds of handicrafts, including paintings, jewellery, textiles and baskets. It is also, unfortunately, known for its ivory trade. Bargaining is key here if you want to snag the best deals.

USEFUL INFORMATION



Our stay and boats have basic insurance included, anyway it's recommended to have your own travel and medical insurance, including medical evacuation. Make sure you are up-to-date on all routine vaccines before every trip, beside this, the Yellow Fever vaccine is mandatory for travelers going to Angola. Malaria is rare, but precautions are essential. Avoid mosquito bites where possible by covering up with clothing such as long sleeves and long trousers, especially after sunset, using insect repellents on exposed skin and, when necessary, sleeping under a mosquito net.

The climate is tropical, with a rainy season that runs from mid-October to mid-May. Rainfall exceeds 1,000 millimeters per annum everywhere. The average temperature drops to around 21/22 °C in the austral winter, from June to August, while it remains around 25/26 °C for a long period (October to May). Very hot days are rare and usually, the temperature does not exceed 34/35 °C.

The current population of Angola is 33 million habitants, and the median age is 16.7 years. The Angolan Kwanza (AOA) is the currency currently used in Angola since 1999.

The Portuguese spoken in Angola since colonial times is still peppered with black African expressions, which are part of the Bantu experience and only exist in Angola's national languages. Despite this, we will always have english speaking crew close to us.

In Angola the power plugs and sockets are of type C. The standard voltage is 220 V and the standard frequency is 50 Hz. Wifi will be available at the Lodge and working well, normally. You need a Pre-Arrival Authorization (eVisa) to enter the country. We can help you to get this document for you, anyway it's easy and can be done in a few minutes. Some citizens like SA passport holders do not require a visa.

WHAT TO BRING



- All your top fishing gear for popping, jigging, live bait and shore casting setups and replacement gear
- All your fishing apparel, fishing shoes, etc...
- Your beach clothes, hat, sunscreen, sunglasses, etc
- Insect repellent & your medicines (malaria prophylactics included)
- Passport with more than 6 months of validity
- Vaccination card (Yellow Fever vaccine mandatory)
- Camera
- Cash in € or USD
- Visa or MasterCard

MEDIA & GUIDING



As a Professional Freelance Audiovisual Producer & Fishing / Spearfishing Guide, my job is to promote the best trips around the world, operated by the best companies I work with, always offering the best quality and compromise. I will, simply, bring you the best destinations, personally known, that offer you all the guarantees and adapts to your necessities. If you are a group, great! If you are alone, don't worry, I will find more people to join you! Whatever you want, from hardcore fishing to family holiday, I will provide Expert Coaching, advice & knowledge in the field, to make you catch that "one in a life-time" fish, that sometimes can be so elusive and challenging.

I know where & when to find them, and how to get you on them!

I'm also a professional cinematographer & photographer, and I will be capturing footage of your experience so you can have high quality content of memories that will last a lifetime.

My gear allows me to film from the sky, underwater and outside, with the best quality, so forget about the videos & photos, I will be there to capture every moment while in the water.

WHAT'S INCLUDED & WHAT'S NOT



Included

- 8 days, 7 nights accommodation in double room in shared occupancy basis (single occupancy available upon request), with all meals and plain drinks included
- 5 full days of fishing from the boat (inshore & offshore), and 1 day of shore fishing from the beach, with all meals and drinks included
- Transfers from and to Luanda / Kwanza
- Expert guiding and media coverage
- All fishing gear
- Basic insurance
- Assistance 24/7

Not included

- International Flights
- Day trips not included in the program (available upon request)
- Visa (mandatory, and easy to do online)
- Other meals and alcoholic beverages not included in the plan
- Tips