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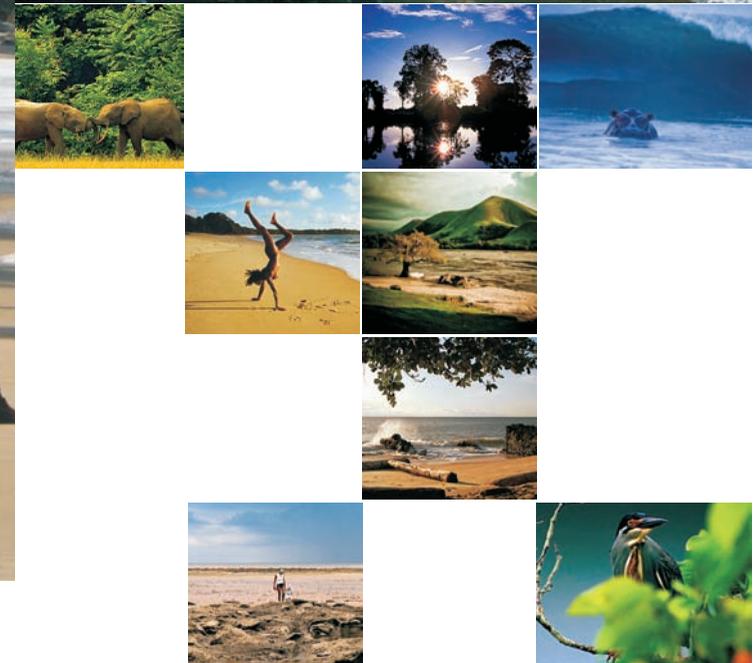
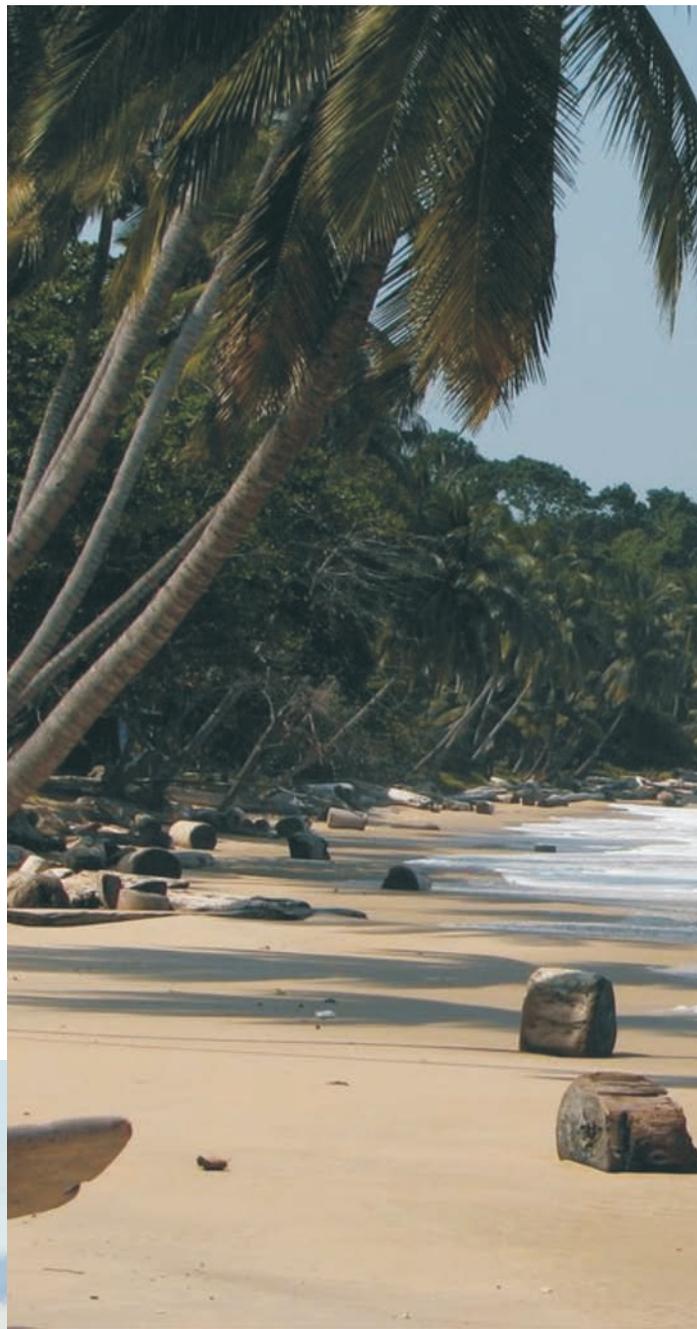
Libreville Léon M'ba International Airport is the main airport of Gabon, well-connected for both national and international flights.

For commuting within the country and between cities, private car services are the best option. There are also minibuses and inter-city buses readily available to move within cities.

The SETRAG-Gabon Railway is another viable option.

WHEN TO VISIT GABON

Gabon is hot all around the year. However, it also has a long stretched rainy season. The best time to visit the country is around December-January and May-September, if you want to enjoy the sun and heat. To experience the fun of whale watching, the months from July-October are more suitable. The months between November-March are the ones with an active wildlife. Every month has something to offer in Gabon depending upon the traveler's interests.



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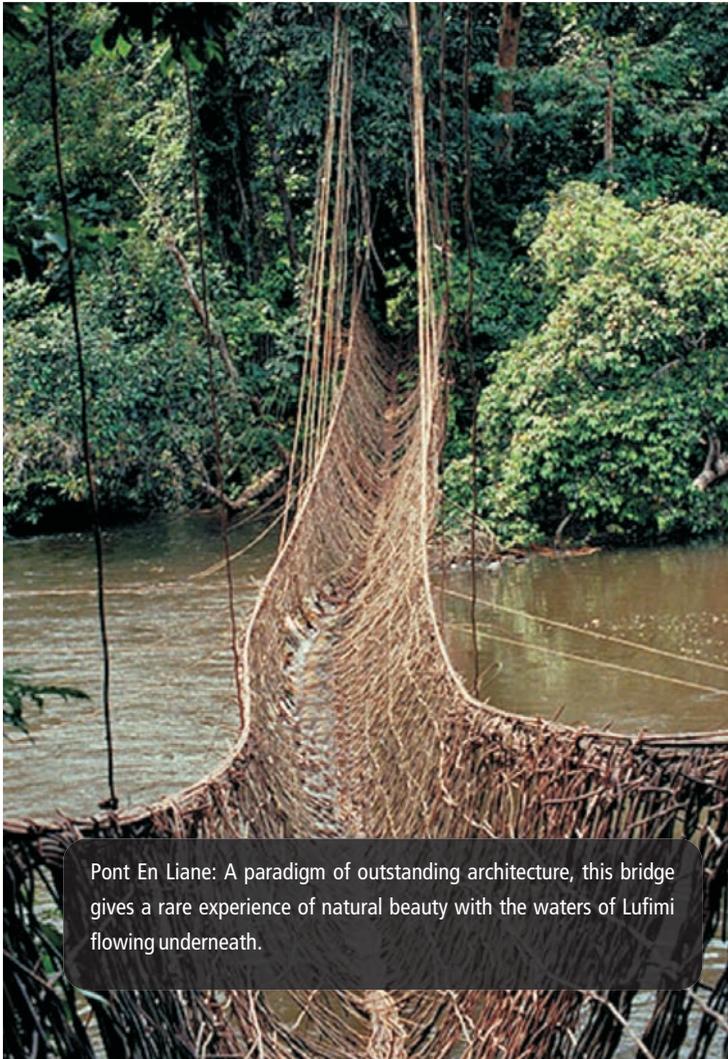
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A JOURNEY THROUGH NATURE'S HEART

Traveling to Gabon is like going straight to the heart of nature, where natural beauty is in its most divine form. A paradise on earth, Gabon is a mesmerizing experience for all nature and wildlife lovers. The vast Gabonese rainforest is full of life and rich in diverse flora and fauna.

The eco tourism potential of the country is tremendous. The government is concentrating hard on developing this sector by letting the world know of its exceptional biodiversity. Discovering fascinating places in Gabon can be fun and adventure for a tourist from any part of the world.



Pont En Liane: A paradigm of outstanding architecture, this bridge gives a rare experience of natural beauty with the waters of Lufimi flowing underneath.



PLACES OF INTEREST

- 1. Franceville:** It is one of the largest cities in Gabon that lies on River Mpassa. It boasts of architectural brilliance and scenic beauty. The city is famous for St Hilaire's Church which was built in 1899, a large statue of President Omar Bongo and its beautiful waterfalls.
- 2. Libreville:** This is the capital city of Gabon, well developed with all kinds of facilities and comforts for tourists. The city boasts some of the most interesting spots for travelers.

Presidential Palace: The Presidential Palace is an architectural masterpiece rising from the low-lying land of the city. It was built in 1970.

National Museum of Arts and Tradition: A visit to the museum gives an insight to the cultural brilliance of Gabon.

Cathedral of St Michael: The cathedral has 31 unusual wooden columns that portray various biblical scenes. It is said that these columns were carved by a blind Gabonese craftsman.

Mont-Bouët Market: Mont-Bouët market is Libreville's largest market which offers a lot of variety for the travelers.

- 3. Loango National Park:** This is home to a huge collection of wildlife especially wild mammals that include elephants strolling along the sandy beaches and diverse species of whales and dolphins in the clear waters.

- 4. Lopé National Park:** There are elephants, buffaloes, and hogs found in this park in abundance. Travelers can also get a look of colorful mandrills here.
- 5. Mayumba:** Located near the Congolese border, it may not be easy to reach this place, but for the travelers who are able to get here, it is a fascinating experience. Sandy, white beaches brim with life with whales swimming in the sea and turtles resting in the sand.
- 6. Canyon de Léconi:** This is a beautiful, circular, red rock canyon which looks stunning in the waning sunlight. Camping is an option here.
- 7. Bateke Plateau National Park:** This area is full of elephants, lions, gorillas, and other animals.
- 8. Cap Estérias:** An hour's drive from Libreville, this is a perfect spot for both relaxation and water sports.
- 9. Pointe Denis Beach:** One of the most versatile beaches, Pointe Denis is perfect for daytime as well as for the night.

LIST OF NATIONAL PARKS IN GABON

- Akanda National Park
- Batéké Plateau National Park
- Birougou National Park
- Crystal Mountains National Park
- Ivindo National Park
- Loango National Park
- Lopé National Park
- Mayumba National Park
- Minkébé National Park
- Moukalaba-Doudou National Park
- Mwangné National Park
- Pongara National Park
- Waka National Park