



SETTE CAMA

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PRE-TRIP INFORMATION DOCUMENT



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YOUR TRIP ITINERARY

Your Itinerary Breakdown:

- 7 nights in Sette Cama
- 2 nights in Libreville (*depending on International Flights*)
- 6 and 1/2 full fishing days
- We advise guests to arrive in Libreville on the Wednesday before their tour starts
- Guests can book return flights from Libreville either on Thursday evening with Air France or on Friday morning with other airlines
Please see Flight Options Document. We highly recommend using Jane from Hilton Travel - jane@hiltontravel.co.za

Summary Of Standard 7 Night Itinerary:

DAY 1 - WEDNESDAY

- Arrive in Libreville where you will be met by a camp representative and transferred to your chosen hotel. Please refer to the notes on hotel choices in this pre-trip document
 - You are required to have a valid yellow fever vaccination certificate that was issued at least 10 days prior to your arrival in Gabon. They will check this on arrival.
 - For guests who require a visa, please refer to the attached visa information document for key details. Be sure to print your visa entry authorisation and bring it with you on your trip.

DAY 2 - THURSDAY

- Early Breakfast
- **07H00** - Transfer from hotel to airport. The transfer from the hotel to the airport will be arranged on your behalf by African Waters.
- **08H00** - Check in to charter flight. *Note: The departure time for the charter flight may fluctuate, and we will communicate any changes to you as soon as possible. Please understand that factors such as weather conditions may be out of our control, and we ask for your patience in such situations.*
- **09h30** - As per the itinerary, you will depart from Libreville to Sette Cama on a charter flight. The flight time is approximately 2 hours.
- **11H45** – Arrive at Gamba. Upon landing at Gamba, you will be met by the camp staff and transferred to the camp by boat.
- **13h00** – Upon arriving at the camp, guests will receive a camp orientation, room allocation, and then proceed to have lunch while setting up their fishing gear. Evening fishing session.

DAY 3 TO DAY 8 - FRIDAY TO WEDNESDAY

- Full day fishing the surf/estuary

DAY 9 - THURSDAY

- On the morning of your departure from camp, there will be some administrative tasks to take care of, such as settling any outstanding bills and packing your belongings. After that, you will board a charter flight back to Libreville.
- **14h00** - Upon your arrival in Libreville you will be transferred to your hotel of choice
 - Note that payment for hotels is typically settled in cash upon arrival.



Endless jungle and winding waterways en route to Sette Cama.

Accommodation in Libreville options:

You'll need to select one of the hotel options listed below for your one or two nights in Libreville. We'll handle the booking on your behalf and include the reference number on your tour voucher. Please note, hotel payment must be made in cash upon arrival.

WE KINDLY ASK that no other hotels are booked outside of the recommended list. These specific hotels have been chosen to ensure easy and reliable transfers between the airport and accommodation. Booking a hotel outside this zone can lead to complications due to the distance and heavy traffic, which can disrupt essential logistics in Libreville.

HOTEL DU PHARE:

A beautiful beachfront hotel located just a few kilometers from the airport. It boasts one of the best restaurants in Libreville, part of which extends to a lovely deck on the beach.

- Standard Room: 154 Euro p/night (100 000CFA)
- Luxury Room: 200 Euro p/night (170 000CFA)

<http://www.residencehoteliereduphare.com>

FLY HOTEL LIBREVILLE:

This hotel is conveniently located within walking distance of the airport and offers great rooms and excellent service. It is also possible to book a twin room with two single beds, making it a good option for friends or fishing partners traveling together.

- Standard Room – 206 Euro p/night (135 000CFA) (229Euro per night for sharing room)
- Junior Suite – 245 Euro p/night (160 000CFA) (267Euro per night for sharing room)

<https://www.flyhotelgabon.com>

HOTEL TROPICANA:

This is the cheapest option that we can recommend. If anyone stays at the Hotel Tropicana, they must understand that the rooms are extremely basic and that, in terms of hotel accommodation in Libreville, this is one of the cheapest options available. Please only choose this option if you are comfortable with a low level of accommodation..

However, although the Hotel Tropicana has a much lower level of accommodation, it makes up for it with an amazing setting, atmosphere, beach bar, and great food. For the African Waters staff, the Tropicana is our favorite place to stay.

- Standard room – 62Euro p/night (40 000 CFA)
- Large room - 92 Euro p/night (60 000 CFA)

For guests staying at other accommodations, we recommend visiting the Tropicana for dinner as it offers a great atmosphere, stunning bay views, and delicious meals with cold beers.





IMPORTANT TRIP INFO:

Important contact numbers – these, plus others, will be included on your tour voucher.

- **Keith Clover Cell:** +27 84 622 2272
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- **African Waters Office:** +27 33 342 2793
- **Camp Managers - Estelle:** +241 763 98788
- **Camp Managers - Jean Francios:** +241 045 07129

Medical Evacuation:

As per terms and conditions it is compulsory that all guests have 'from point of injury' medical insurance. We highly recommend you obtain this through Global Rescue - <https://ss.globalrescue.com/partner/africanwaters/> who are world leaders and are strongly linked with the fishing travel industry. You can sign up using the link provided or request a sign up form from admin@africanwaters.net.

Travel Insurance:

You are required to obtain travel insurance that covers any costs incurred due to flight or trip delays for any reason, lost or damaged luggage, and trip cancellation.

Professional Guides:

The full-time team of African Waters' professional guides will ensure that your trip is safe, memorable, and productive. All of our guides are passionate about conservation and sport fishing and possess a wealth of knowledge on all aspects of the fishery and wilderness. They are all native English speakers, qualified skippers, and have first aid experience.

Spending Money:

It is best to travel with small denomination Euros, as well as some CFA (Central African Francs). At the time of writing, 1 Euro is equivalent to 650 CFA. USD is also acceptable.

- All food and drink bills must be settled in Libreville
- Please note that accommodation in Libreville is not included in the tour costs and must be paid in cash
- Your drinks are not included in the tour costs and must be paid for in cash at Sette Cama
- Please note that any fishing tackle purchased at the camp must be paid for in cash
- For non-South African passport holders, the visa costs 85 euros if using the online e-visa system and must be paid in cash upon arrival in Libreville. If you're using the visa agent service, a fee of 100 euros is payable in cash at camp, and an additional 70-euro visa fee must be paid in cash on arrival in Libreville.
- Gratuities for the guide, boat drivers, and camp staff are not included in the tour costs and are at your discretion

Industry guidelines for gratuities for good service are as follows:

- 1. € 350 per person per week for your professional guide and camp management
- 2. € 100 per person per week for boat drivers and camp staff
- 3. € 10 per person for driver in LBV. Gratuities are by no means compulsory, and at the discretion of guests

Gabon wildlife taxes, fishing licenses, and Parc entry fees. 65EURO per day/person and is payable in cash in camp.

Duty Free Allowance:

Sette Cama has a licensed bar offering beers and soft drinks priced at €4 at the time of writing, and a range of wines and spirits. Guests are welcome to bring 1 bottle (750ml) of spirits and 1 bottle (750ml) of wine if they have a preferred selection. However, please note that guests are not allowed to bring their own beers, bottled water, or soft drinks into the camp.

There is also spring water available free of charge, and bottled water can be purchased at €8 per 1.5L bottle.

Weather:

Day temperatures can reach up to 35°C and can be very humid towards the end of the season (March/April). Evening temperatures drop down to the low twenties in the early parts of the season. Please note that the season runs through the rainy season, and it is strongly advised that each guest brings a good quality rain jacket. The annual rainfall during the fishing season is 3500-4000mm.

Drinks:

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Laundry Services:

Laundry can be done on a daily basis. Clothes may take longer to dry due to the humidity, but there is no extra charge.

Electricity:

The camp operates using a generator and inverter system 24/7. You can charge your tablets and cameras in your room using the power sockets, which are Type C. However, it is recommended that you bring your own international adapter kit to ensure you are covered.

Communications:

There is Wi-Fi in camp. A voucher can be bought from the camp manager at €20/week. There is limited cell reception at Sette Cama if you have roaming, or purchase a local SIM card in Libreville before departing to Gamba. The best local SIM card to get is Airtel and can be bought at the international airport in Libreville.

Luggage:

Please keep your checked luggage to be below 25 kilos for the charter flight. The 25kg includes your rod tube. Also, it is very important to note that your rod tube cannot exceed 1.8m! For your international flights, please check your luggage through to Libreville.

Yellow Fever Certificate:

N.B. Please ensure that you have a valid Yellow Fever Travel Certificate dated at least 10 days before departure, failing which you will be fined.

Malaria:

This is a malaria area, so please consult your doctor prior to travel.

Language:

This is a country where French is the primary language, and English is not widely spoken. It is advisable to carry a French phrase book.

Visa Requirements:

If you do not hold a South African passport, you will need a visa to enter Gabon. Please refer to the attached visa information document for full details. Please mail admin@africanwaters.net if you are unclear of what to submit.

Gabon Parc Fess & License:

We require the following to apply for your fishing license, park entry fees, and conservation fee.

- Clear scanned copy of your passport



TACKLE REQUIREMENTS:

Please refer to the tackle order form for detailed information on recommended gear and quantities. We strongly recommend using the African Waters pre-trip tackle order form to secure tackle specific to this destination. All items are carefully selected and sourced exclusively for this fishery, with flies professionally tied on the correct hooks using high-quality materials.

We also offer a rod and reel rental service. Camp rental gear includes Echo fly rods paired with Shilton reels, and Assassin spinning rods with Shimano and Penn reels.

If you would like to discuss this in more detail, please contact Mark Murray: mark@africanwaters.net

FLY FISHING				
GEAR	SURF/SEA FISHING		ESTUARY/LAGOON FISHING	
	ITEM	NOTES	ITEM	NOTES
Rods	9'0" 12wt Fast Action rod. We prefer the ECHO EPR or ECHO BOOST BLUE rods.	Bring one spare.	9'0" 9wt Fast Action rod. We prefer the ECHO EPR or ECHO BOOST BLUE rods.	Bring two as you will need to have both rigged.
Reels	Matching reel with solid drag. We use the Shilton SL12 reel.	Reels must be loaded with 80lb high abrasion-resistant braid backing to handle the harsh conditions and structure in this fishery.	Matching reel with solid drag. We use the Shilton SL9 reel.	
Lines	SA Sonar Titan GT 450grain Intermediate line.	Bring one spare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SA Mastery Jungle Titan WF9F line. SA Sonar Saltwater Intermediate WF9I line. 	You will switch between these lines during a single session.
Leader	1.14mm diameter Hard Monofilament. We use the SA Hard Mono and Triple Fish Fluoro.	This is a critical part of the setup. Please ensure you use this leader material!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0.8mm Monofilament 0.5mm Monofilament 	
Flies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Andino Deceivers Style Patters (Black&Purple, Tan&White, Chartrouse&white, Orange&white, White) Brush fly (Tan, Black&Purple, Chartrouse,) 	<p>All flies to be tied on Gamakatsu SC15S #3/0 & #4/0 OR Owner Aki #4/0 & #6/0 for the surf.</p> <p><u><i>If you need more info about the flies, please dont hesitate to speak to us.</i></u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clouser Minnow(Chartrouse/White, Yellow/White, Tan/White) Steve Farrar & EP Baitfish (White&Yellow, Chartrouse, Olive, tan) Poppers and Sliders 	<p>All flies to be tied on Gamakatsu SC15S #1/0 & #2/0 hooks for the estuary.</p> <p><u><i>If you need more info about the flies, please dont hesitate to speak to us.</i></u></p>

SPIN FISHING				
GEAR	SURF/SEA FISHING		ESTUARY/LAGOON FISHING	
	ITEM	NOTES	ITEM	NOTES
Rods	11ft heavy surf spinning rods with a casting weight of 70–120 grams.	A great option is the Assassin Zero Amia Kob Special XXH.	7-8ft Medium Heavy Spinning rods with 14-56g casting weight.	The Assassin Duel Spin is a good option for this fishery.
Reels	A 14000-size reel is ideal for this style of fishing.	Good options include the Shimano Stella or Twinpower, Daiwa Certate, and Penn Slammer 7500.	A 6000-size reel is ideal for this style of fishing.	Good options include the Shimano Stella or Twinpower, Daiwa Certate, Penn Slammer 3500.
Line	50-65lb Braid. We prefer the JDB DNA braid	Soft braids are not suitable for this fishery. You'll need a braid that offers high abrasion resistance, as the sandbars are often lined with sharp shells and rough structure.	20-40lb Braid. We prefer the JDB DNA braid	
Leader	1.14mm diameter Hard Monofilament. We use the SA Hard Mono and Triple Fish Fluoro.		0.8mm Monofilament.	
Lures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bucktail Jigs + Paddle Tail Plastics on 1,5 - 3oz lead heads • Casting Spoons 2 - 3oz • Floating Stickbaits maximum size 160mm(<i>Only pack a handfull</i>) • Sinking Stickbaits maximum size 160mm, 120grams • Tremblers maximum size 130mm. (<i>Halco Max 130</i>) • Diving Lures eg Rapala Shadrap model SSR14 / Halco Sorcerer 150 • Casting Poppers not bigger than 160mm. • 6 Inch Paddletail & 7 inch Jerk Shad plastics 	<p>Lure Parameters: Max Length: 160mm. Weight: 56 - 100gram / 2-3oz.</p> <p><u>Sinlge Barbless hooks ONLY</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small bucktail jigs & plastics 1/2 - 1oz weight • Poppers 80 - 120mm • Diving Minnows & Tremblers 8 - 15cm • Walking Stickbaits eg Spooks • 5 Inch Paddletail & 5 inch Jerk Shad plastics 	<u>Sinlge Barbless hooks ONLY</u>

GEAR	SURF BAITFISHING		ESTUARY MICRO JIG FISHING	
	ITEM	NOTES	ITEM	NOTES
Rods	14-16ft Surf Rods. We prefer the Assassin Horizon Zero 7 rod.	This rod casts a 6-8oz sinker which is ideal for the strong current.	7 ft Medium action rod with light tip. Assassin Tempest 7ft Medium.	If you need more info about this facet, please dont hesitate to speak to us.
Reels	14000-18000 size reel. Shimano Twinpower/ Saragossa, Daiwa Certate, Penn Slammer 7500 is perfect.		3000 size reel. Shimano Stella/Sustain, Daiwa BG MQ are all good options.	
Lines	50-65lb Braid. We prefer the JDB DNA braid	Soft braids are not suitable for this fishery. You'll need a braid that offers high abrasion resistance, as the sand-bars are often lined with sharp shells and rough structure.	20lb braid. We use the JDB DNA Braid.	
Leader	100lb Braid leader. JDB Surf Leader is great.		20-25lb fluorocarbon. We prefer the SA Absolute Fluoro Carbon	
Lures	N/A		10-20 gram micro jigs	

Waterproof Bag:

A small roll top bag is great for keeping camera equipment and tackle dry. Your guides will carry all other gear.

Footwear:

Most fishing is done off the beach into the surf, and many guests prefer to fish barefoot. Sandals are advised for the boat when fishing in the estuary as the deck can become really hot, especially towards the end of the season (March-April).

Polarized Sunglasses:

We suggest Amber, Bronze Mirror or Green Mirror lenses for this location.

Splitring Pliers:

Your professional guides will carry one, but it's advisable to bring your own along. It's important that it is a [heavy-duty ring plier](#) made for bigger rings.

Rain Jacket:

It is essential that you have a [very good quality rain jacket](#)

Headlamp:

Good quality headlamps are essential. We cannot stress enough the importance of this piece of equipment. We have tried many lamps in Gabon, and the [Jetbeam HR25](#) is the guide team's workhorse. They are rechargeable and have an IPX6 water/weatherproof rating, which is crucial for Sette Cama, especially when fishing during the rainy season. You can order them in your pre-trip order form or buy one in camp. They come with a red filter for the beam, which is essential to avoid scaring off fish in the shallows at night. See tackle order form.



Casting & Stripping Gloves or Finger Tape:

You can use either hand for casting, whichever you're more comfortable with. We recommend wearing a good quality casting glove for lure fishing, as the braid can damage your fingers. Make sure to plan accordingly.

Fly Fishing:

Make sure the protection of the stripping gloves extends past the last crease on your finger. Many brands are too short. We recommend using self-adhesive medical tape, which you can reapply during the day as needed

Recommended Clothing List:

- 3 x Sunshade Shirts ([African Waters Sun Shade Hoody](#) is our go to)
- 1 x [Pullover/Fleece for colder evenings after storms](#)
- 1 x Quick Dry long pants (Zip off bottom legs)
- 2 x [Quick dry shorts](#)
- 1 x [Quality rain jacket](#)
- 1 x [Fishing hat](#)
- 2 x Buffs
- 2 x Polarized Sunglasses (1 spare)
- 1 x Safety Glasses(for night fishing)
- 1 x [headlight with batteries](#)
- 1 x SPF 30 to 50 Sunscreen
- 1 x Toiletries and personal medication
- 1 x Pack travel tissues for cleaning/drying sunglasses
- 1 x Mozzie spray
- 1 x Fishing snacks to carry with you between meals (Energy bars, sweets, nuts etc)
- 1 x Central West Africa Bird and Mammal Field Guide Books



The beautiful coastline of the Loango National Park.

TRAVEL ESSENTIALS:

Key Documents:

- **Passport**
Please ensure your passport is valid for at least 6 months beyond your travel dates.
- **Visa (Non-SA passport holders)**
If required, we will provide an electronic entry authorisation (eVisa) for your travel.
- **Yellow Fever Vaccination Card**
Mandatory for entry into Gabon. Ensure it's dated at least 2 weeks before your departure. It will be checked on arrival.
- **Tour Voucher**
This will be sent to you directly from the African Waters office.
- **Flight & Hotel Info**
Bring a printed copy of your international flight tickets and hotel reservations (if you've booked accommodation before arrival in Gabon).
- **Insurance**
We strongly recommend both Global Rescue (for medical/security evacuation) and standard travel insurance (for trip cancellation, lost baggage, etc.). Carry your policy documents with you.
- **Luggage Limits for Charter Flight**
 - Checked baggage: 25kg (includes rod tube)
 - Hand luggage: 6kg
 - Soft duffel bags are recommended.
 - Excess luggage can be safely stored at your Libreville hotel, but will not be allowed on the charter flight.
- **Other Essentials**
 - Cash (for visa, hotel, etc.)
 - Pen and notebook

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