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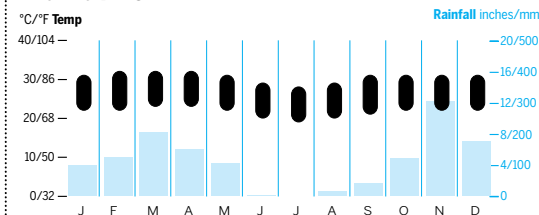
Why Go?

A land of steamy jungles hiding half the world's lowland gorillas, masses of forest elephants, and hooting, swinging troops of chimpanzees; the Congo (not to be confused with the Democratic Republic of Congo across the Congo River) is on the cusp of becoming one of the finest ecotourism destinations in Africa. Parc National Nouabalé-Ndoki and Parc National d'Odzala are two of the most pristine forest reserves on the continent and between them they are arguably the highlight of the whole of Central Africa.

Despite this impressive resume the Congo remains an unknown quantity to most outsiders and currently receives very few visitors. But for those ready to heed the call of the wild, and not afraid of adventure, the Congo awaits.

When to Go

Brazzaville



Jun–Dec The best overall time to travel in Congo.

Oct–Jan The easiest time to see wildlife in the northern forest parks.

Dec–Feb Sea turtles nest on beaches of Parc National Konkouati-Douli.



Congo Highlights

- 1** Visit **Parc National Nouabalé-Ndoki** (p491), one of the world's great wildernesses.
- 2** Let a guide lead you to a family of gorillas in **Parc National d'Odzala** (p491).
- 3** Explore beach, savannah and jungle all on the same day

in **Parc National Konkouati-Douli** (p490).

- 4** Journey for the sake of the journey and travel by **barge** (p495).
- 5** Relax in **Brazzaville** (p485), a big city with a small-town feel.

6 Search for the legendary monster of the mysterious **Lac Télé** (p491).

7 Munch seafood in the Congolese 'Riviera' of **Pointe-Noire** (p489).