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- People X
- Phones X
- Internet X
- Mammals ✓
- Birds ✓
- Insects ✓

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Chinko lies in the east of the Central African Republic covering an area of around 18 000 square kilometres (think the size of Wales) within a wider area of wilderness reserve of around 40 000 square kilometres making up a total protected area the size of Ireland.

Geographically the reserve is cut off from the outside world for months at a time - Roads remain impassable for more than half the year and washed out bridges, insecurity and staggering distances keep the outside at bay.

Chinko is home to a remarkable variety of flora and fauna - its unique position on the continent results in full rainforest to the south with savannah woodlands and open savannah to the north. The pristine drainage itself provides habitat for all of the Congo river species from fish to water cobras and crustaceans to jelly fish !

There are Forest and Savannah elephants here (only a shadow of the former numbers) , Lord Derby's Eland, Bongo, Roan Antelope, Duikers of all descriptions, Water Chevrotains, Forest and River hogs, Lion, leopard, golden cat, wild dogs , Chimps, a plethora of monkeys , forest and savannah Buffalo , Hippos and Crocodiles and more.

Wildlife numbers are recovering thanks to improved security under the management of conservation non-profit African Parks in partnership with the Gov of CAR The wild inhabitants together with the unique geographical situation make the Chinko reserve one of the most important conservation endeavours on the continent.

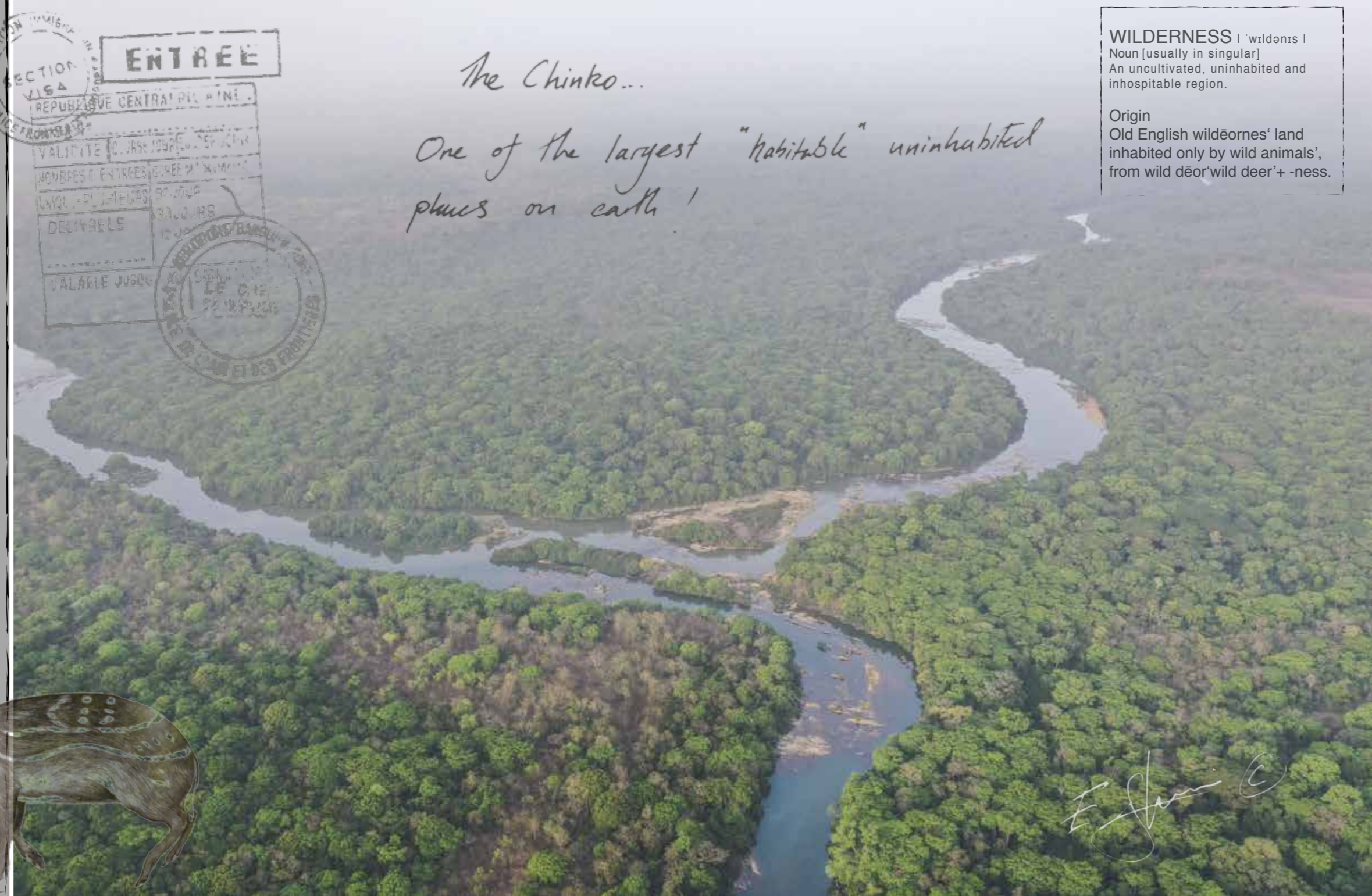
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The Chinko...
One of the largest "habitable" uninhabited
places on earth!

WILDERNESS | 'wɪldənɪs |
Noun [usually in singular]
An uncultivated, uninhabited and inhospitable region.

Origin
Old English wildēornes' land inhabited only by wild animals', from wild dēor 'wild deer'+ -ness.



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This wilderness is not for everyone. It is difficult and expensive to get to, there are basically no roads within the reserve resulting in one needing to walk , boat and helicopter. Chinko is wild and rugged and needs to be explored slowly. Its inhabitants are shy and elusive requiring patience and skill in the bush to observe them.

We believe strongly that a wilderness as pristine as this should be treated with respect and care and we endeavour to leave as small a footprint as possible. We do not believe in using cement, trash must be removed and disposed of correctly (no easy task when only 200km from the Africa's pole of inaccessibility) and our camp is designed to be comfortable but simple and as low impact as possible... No big generators and AC units here.

We operate a simple seasonal camp in which you will be accommodated comfortably in traditional Teddy Roosevelt style safari tents which have an en-suite loo and open air safari shower attached to them. The camp has an insect proof mess tent where we can have meals and relax when we are not outside or under the stars.

There is a solar system in camp that allows for charging of cameras and running the fridges and freezers .

There 6 boats which will be located on various parts of the river as well as a Helicopter to enable us to reach remote parts of the park easily. Should you wish to stay out with a fly camp we have all the equipment for this ready to go.

The concept of our operation in Chinko is that you leave a few footprints on a faraway river bank, take some great memories of this place away with you , have a wild adventure (the likes of which where last had on this continent 100 years ago) AND crucially by doing so play a valuable role in ensuring that our children and grandchildren will one day have the opportunity to visit such a place and feel like they too are the first humans to have set foot within it.

ITINERARY | COSTS | 4 guests sharing

3 nights (Monday - Friday with Tuesday early flight to Chinko)
8270 \$ per person

6 nights (Monday - Monday with Tuesday early flight to Chinko)
13220 \$ per person

10 nights (Monday - Friday with Tuesday early flight to Chinko)
19820 \$ per person

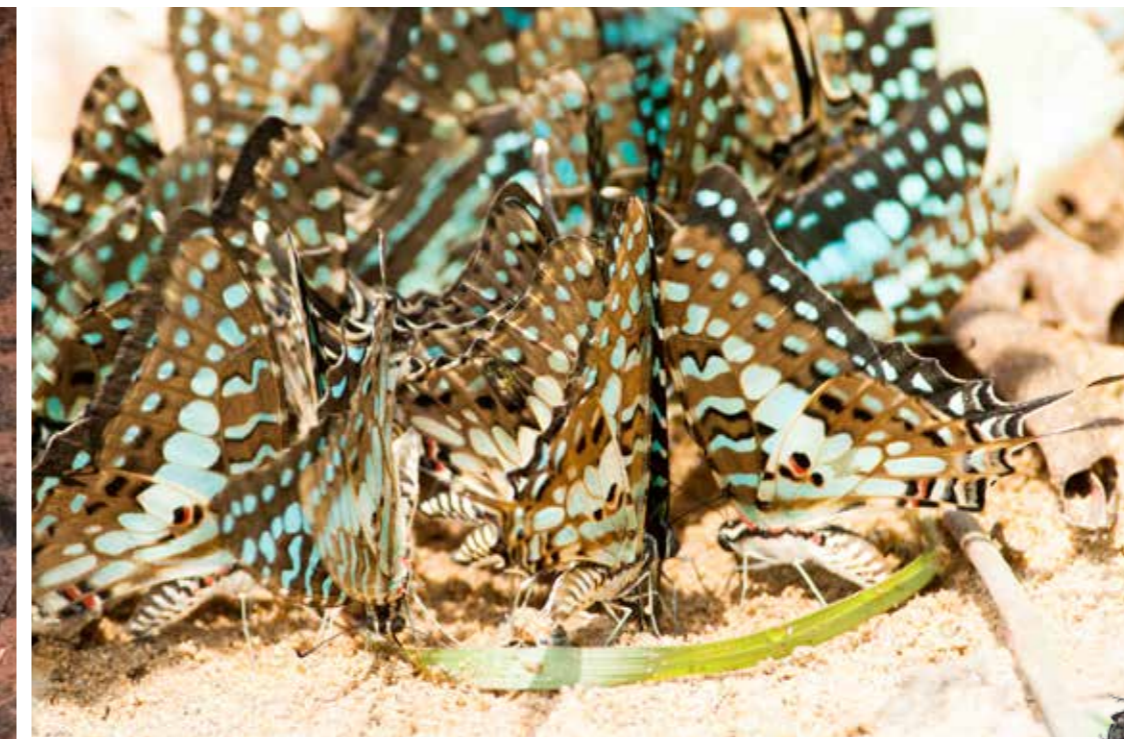
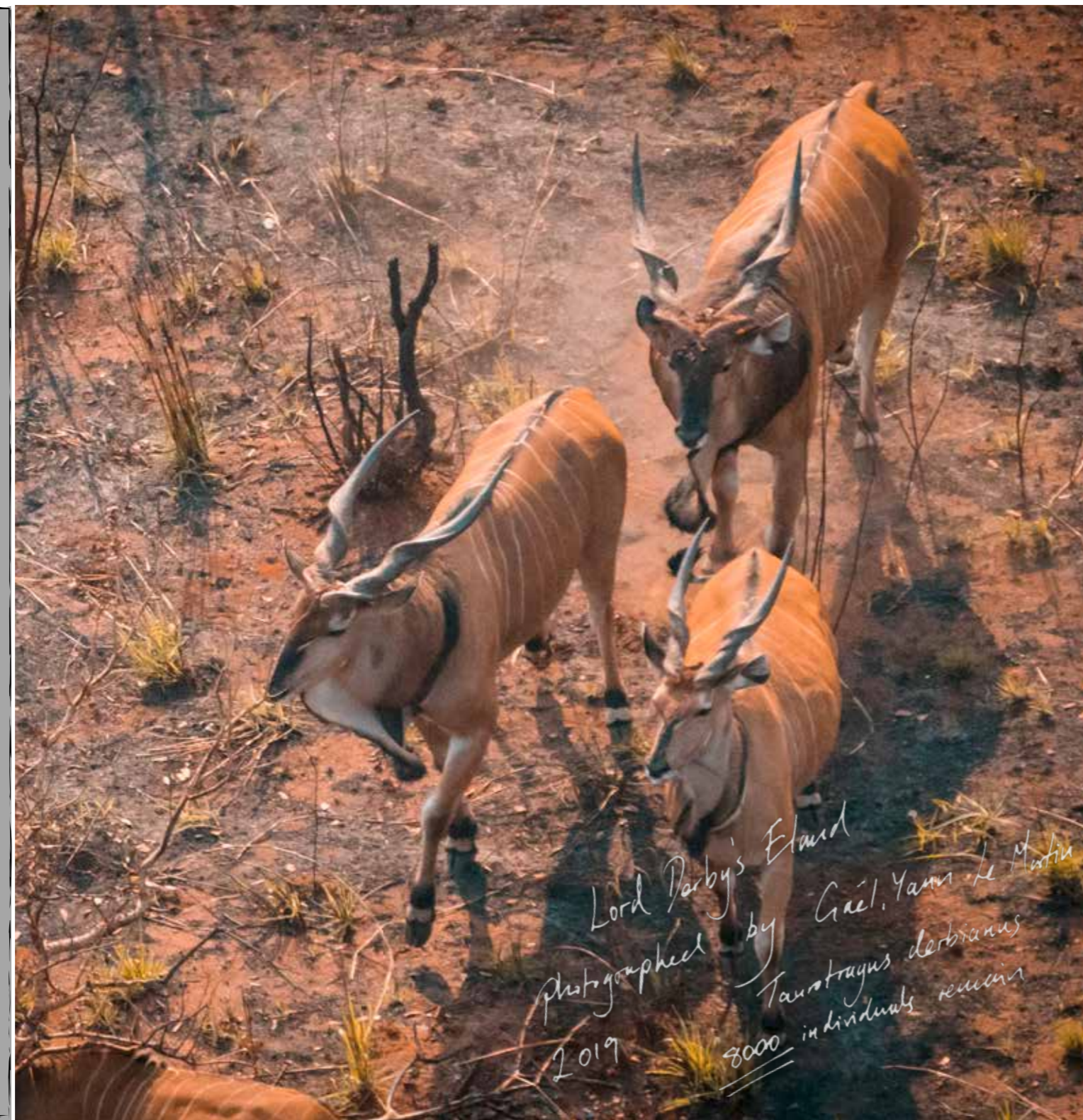
INCLUDED IN THE PRICE :

- 2 hrs. in R44 per day
- All conservation fees
- All meals and drinks whilst in camp
- All activities and guide fees
- Shared charter from and to Bangui
- Transfers within the park

NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE:

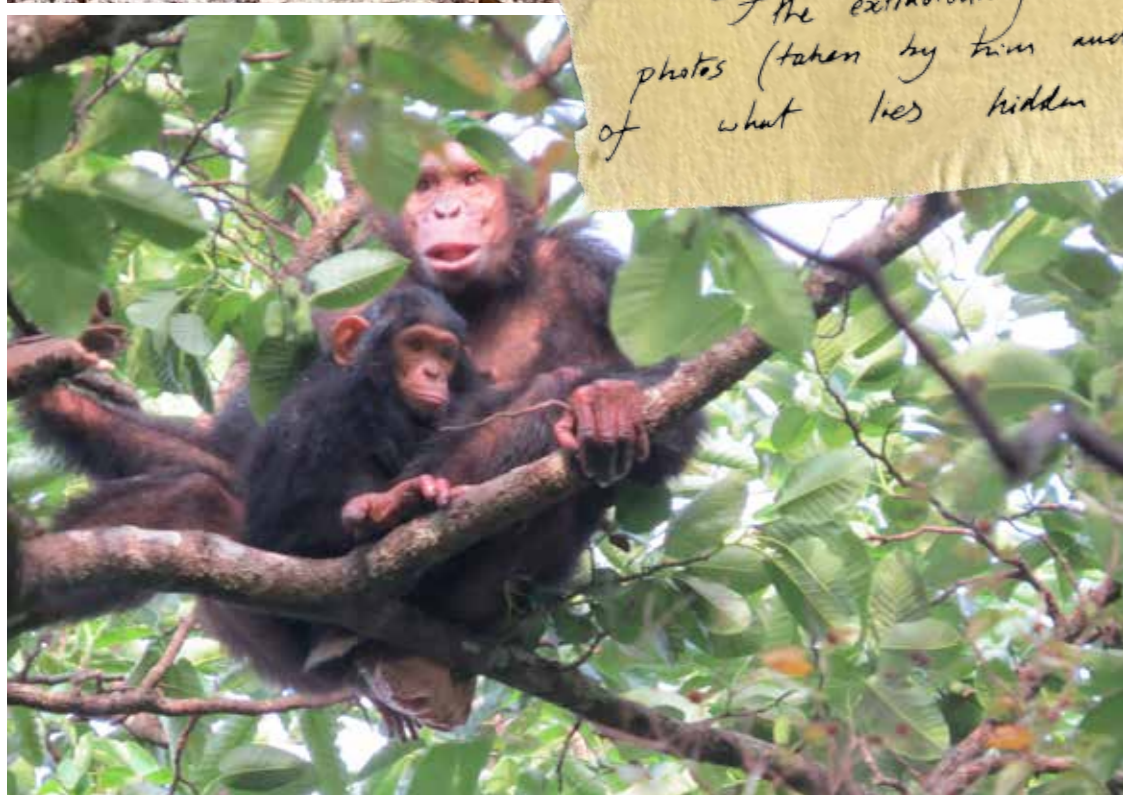
- Overnight in Bangui
- Taxis in Bangui except too and from airport
- Gratuities
- International flights
- Visa on arrival

*** terms and conditions apply and rates may vary depending on heli availabiltly and charter flight costs.***





Thierry Aebischer has worked since 2011 to document the extraordinary biodiversity in Okavango - these photos (taken by him and his team) give a taste of what lies hidden in this wilderness...



TRAVEL INFORMATION

AIR FRANCE flies Monday and Friday arriving at 16:00 leaving at 1800

There are daily Kenya Airways flights to Bangui giving more flexibility if you choose to fly in via Nairobi.

On arrival in Bangui you will be met by our Rep in the airport who will assist with customs and immigration and deliver you to the hotel for the night.

First thing on Tuesday morning you will be collected from the hotel and returned to the airport where our Rep will help you through the airport to waiting charter flight.

The flight can take up to 2 hrs. depending on the type of aircraft. You will land at Kocho (Chinko HQ) where we will either transfer by road or helicopter to the camp which is set up in the heart of the reserve on the banks of the Chinko river.

Each day will be spent exploring by heli, boat and on foot with options to carry picnics and also to camp out under the stars in mosquito nets. Chinko is a huge area and each day we will have the chance to explore new and interesting places. Each trip will be different and vary according to the groups interest and length of trip. ...

Departure day we will fly back to Bangui in the morning in time to clear immigration and catch the international flight,

SAFETY | INSURANCE | MEDICAL

C.A.R has been in state of perpetual civil unrest for several years however Bangui has a strong UN presence and the airport and centre of town are safe to use. The Chinko reserve is also secure and well patrolled by the African Parks team. We monitor the situation and will advise you if there is cause for concern.

It is recommended that adequate insurance to cover medivac and security related evacuation is sort (global rescue and Ripcord both offer this type of coverage)

Please consult your doctor before travelling to CAR . Malaria is present and we recommend a suitable antimalarial drug be taken and that guests dress appropriately to mitigate insect bites. All the normal vaccines associated with travel to remote African regions are recommended and yellow fever vaccination is a legal requirement. If you are allergic to BEE stings please inform us and carry the appropriate epipens and medication.



AFRICAN PARKS

For information about African Parks and their operations across Africa check out their website

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Email: info@africanparks.org

CHINKO PROJECT

For specific information about The Chinko Project

www.africanparks.org/the-parks/chinko


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GOLIATH EXPEDITIONS

If you would like to plan an adventure in Chinko then please get in touch with us on:

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An aerial photograph of a savanna landscape. The terrain is a mix of green grass and brown, dry earth. A herd of animals, likely antelope, is scattered across the field, with a denser group on the right side. A cluster of trees and shrubs is visible in the middle-right area. Handwritten coordinates and a signature are overlaid on the image.

$5^{\circ} 39' 12.15'' \text{ N}$
 $24^{\circ} 20' 24.35'' \text{ E}$

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