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bodies that live at the mouth of the river). Legend has it that sailors mistook these sea creatures for mermaids.

#### The Beaches at Mouanko

Situated about 25 km (15 miles) from the town of Mouanko

Splendid, unspoiled beaches, part of the resources of the Douala Edéa Reserve.

#### Yoyo Beach

Approximately 25 km (15 miles) from the town of Mouanko

A beautiful, fine sandy beach, complete with a fishing village of many different nationalities. There are plans for a large tourist complex here.

#### RESERVES

#### The Douala-Edea Reserve

Accessible via Mouanko
160.000 ha (395,360 acres) of forestry
reserve that, together with the beaches at
Yoyo, represent the most important natural
resource for the favourable development of
ecotourism.

#### OTHER SITES

#### The Beaches at Sanaga

The town of Edéa
A place devoted to leisure and relaxation.

## The Catholic Mission at Mariemberg

In the sub-division of of Dizangué, in the village of Mariemberg, about 50 km (30 miles) from Edéa This is the first church built in Cameroon by the Palottin Fathers in the 19th century. It has a splendid view over the River Sanaga.

#### The Division of Wouri

### The Town of Douala

This town has many historic monuments such as the Palace of King Manga Bell, the castle of Prince Dika Akwa, the old castle of Maka, the monument to De Gaulle and an inscription stone.

One of the resources of the Kilum reserve.

#### The Market at Youpé

In the town of Douala Renowned for its fresh fish market and fishing village.

#### OTHER SITES

### The Islands of Manoka

In the sub-division of Douala, about 2 hours by motorised dugout from Youpé
Islands of great natural beauty with vast expanses of fine, white, sandy beaches.
Good prospects for future tourist development.



## Tours, trips and excursions



Departure point: Douala

-Kekem-Douala"

(3 day trip)

"Douala-

Nkongsamba

7h30: Breakfast at the Sawa Hotel (5\*) and departure for Dibombari situated 24 km (15 miles) from Douala, on 16 km (10 miles) of tarred road and 8 km (5 miles) of ntarred road.

8h30: Arrival in Dibombari. Visit of the old castle of Maka with its tower, 30m (90 ft)

Visit of the Dibombari Tunnel, 300 m (330 yards) long, which was used as a bunker by German soldiers during the First World War.

10h: Departure for the visit of the Socapalm palm oil mill in Nkapa 30 km (20 miles) from Douala.

10h30: Arrival in Nkapa, Visit of the Socapalm palm groves and oil mill.

11h30: Departure for the Tangui village near Mbanga, 60 km (37,5 miles) from Douala on the N5 main road

12h30: Arrival in the Tangui village. Visit of the fruit market of Djombé (tasting of local fruit and fruit juice) and continuation of the journey to Penja (travelling through a banana plantation on the

13h30: Lunch at the Venusta Hotel in Penja (1\*).

14h30: Departure for Nkongsamba via the towns of Loum and Manjo.

15h30: Arrival at the Moungo Hotel (1\*), settling in and rest for I hour.
16h30: Visit of the town of

Nkongsamba and its modern coffee plantations

18h: Return to the Moungo Hotel for rest, dinner and the night.

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7h: Breakfast at the Moungo Hotel and departure for Mount Manengoumba via the villages of Eboné, Doung and Ndimbeng Travelling in a 4X4 vehicle, 10 km (6 miles) of tarred track and 10 km miles) of untarred track. Visit of two crater lakes, photo safari and picnic with refreshments brought from gsamba.

Sple 12h: Departure from Mount Manengoumba for the Ekom-Nkam Falls driving along the untarred route between Mbamguem and Melong (2h). 13h30: Arrival and visit of the Ekom-Nkam Falls of a height of 80 m (240 ft) with a picturesque view. Descent to the lowest point of the falls a fis natic for photo safari. This site of natural beauty was used for the making of the film "Greystoke" (Tarzan) starring Christophe Lambert

15h30: Leave the falls to go to Nkongsamba travelling through the town of Melong Acce. and its coffee and various food crop plantations along a tarred road, 24 km (15 miles) rese 16h30: Arrival at the Moungo Hotel, refreshments Yoyc reso and rest

19h30: Dinner and the night.

7h: Breakfast in the hotel and departure in a 4X4 vehicle to climb Mount Nlonako, I.800 m (5,400 ft) high, via Barresmtou - 5 km (3 miles) to the foot of the mountain. 8h: Ascension.

9h: Arrival at the first summit, picnic and refreshments brought from Nkongsamba, photo safari of the town of Nkongsamba and the landscape viewed from the moun-

11h30: Descent and photo

12h30: Arrival at the Mounga Hotel, Lunch and rest. 15h: Return to Douala.

Tour "Discover the town of Douala and its

surroundings" (2 day trib)

Departure point: Douala

Day I

7h: Breakfast at the Sawa Hotel and departure for the following sites:

· The Palace of King Manga Bell aka the Pagoda in

The old Maka castle in Bonanjo; • The monument to General

Leclerc in Bonanjo;
• The small Naval building in Bonanjo;

• The Military medical centre; • The port of Douala and the naval base on the River

· The Catholic Cathedral of Saint Peter and Saint Paul in

· The Church of the Cente-

· The castle of Prince Dika Akwa in Akwa;

• The village hall in Akwa; • The Orthodox Cathedral at the crossroads of the two churches in Akwa;
• The Mosque in the central

market-place;

· The Mbopi, Deido and Central markets;

 The bridge over the Wouri; The station at Bonabéri 12-13h: Lunch with Came-

roonian specialities. 13h: Departure for the following sites:

· Visit to the Douala craft market;

· Visit to the sculptor Kanté L. Mohamed (ivory and wooden sculptures) in Akwa;

Visit to the fresh fish market;
Motorised dug-out trip to see the mangroves along the coast:

· Stroll along the beaches of the River Wouri and oppor-tunity for swimming and water sports.

18h30: Return to the Sawa

Hotel for a rest, dinner and the night.

7h: Breakfast and departure for the island of Manoka, 2h trip by dugout from Youpwé. 9h: Arrival, visit of the island, an earthly paradise with picturesque scenery and unspoiled, fine, sandy beaches.

11h: Strolls along beaches of the Atlantic Ocean, photo safari, swimming and picnic

15h: Return to Douala. 17h30: Arrival at the Sawa Hotel for a rest, dinner and the night. End of tour

Further information concerning the sites at Douala:

· The Palace of King Manga Bell aka The Pagoda in Bonanjo built in the Japanese style in 1905 by King Auguste Manga Ndoumbé is reputedly the most famous monument in Douala. In 1908 Rudolf Douala Manga Bell succeeded to the Bell

Chiefdom, on the death of his father, and took possession of the palace;

· The castle of Prince Dika in Akwa contains monuments from all the different provinces of Cameroon;

· The Mosque in the Central market is the first mosque to have been built in Douala; The Mbopi, Deido and Central markets are very colourful and overflowing with wares:

The small Naval building, in Bonanjo near the Post Office, nowadays used as a Police Station. It was here that Rudolf Douala Manga Bell was hanged;

• The military medical centre: Manga Bell and Ngosso were imprisoned here on the eve of their hanging;

• The village hall in Akwa, former native tribunal: this is where the first aeroplane landed flying in from French Equatorial Africa;

•The church of the Cente-nary - the first Christian church in Douala, built by the English missionary Alfred Saker;

· The station at Bonaberi the first railway station to be built in Douala.

"Douala -Nkongsamba -Douala" (3 day trip)

Departure point: Douala

7h30: Breakfast in the Sawa Hotel and departure for Dibombari, 24 km (15 miles) from Douala of which 16 km (10 miles) on tarred road and 8 km (5 miles) on untarred

8h30: Arrival in Dibombari Visit of the old castle of Maka and the tunnel.

Departure 10h: from Dibombari to visit the Socapalm palm grove at Nkapa 30 km (20 miles).

10h30: Arrival at Nkapa. Visit of the palm grove and oil mill. 11h30: Departure from Nkapa for the Tangui village near Mbanga, 60 km (37,5 miles) from Douala on the tarred N5 road.

12h30: Arrival in the Tangui village. Visit of the "Tangui" mineral water factory. Visit of the fruit market in Njombé (tasting of local fruit and fruit

13h30: Lunch in Djombé. 14h30: Continuation to Nkongsamba via the towns of Loum and Manjo. 15h30: Arrival and installa-

tion at the hotel.

16h30: Visit of the town of Nkongsamba and its modern coffee plantations.

18h: Return to the hotel for a rest, dinner and the night. Day 2

7h: Breakfast and departure for the ascension of Mount Mannengoumba via the villages of Eboné, Ndoungé and Ndimbeng, 10 km (6 miles) of tarred road and 10 km (6 miles) of untarred road. Visit of the two crater lakes

12h: Departure from Mount Manengoumba to the Ekom-Nkam Falls. 2 hour journey on untarred road between Mbamguem and Melong.

13h30: Arrrival at the falls at

there and picnic (cold meal) 3

a height of 80 m (240 ft). Visit with picturesque views then descent to the lower levels of the falls.

15h30: Return to Nkongsamba travelling through the town of Melong with its coffee and food crop plantations 24 km (15 miles) on tarred

16h30: Arrival back at the notel and rest.

19h30: Dinner and the night. Day 3

7h: Breakfast at the hotel and departure for Barresemtou, distance 5 km (3 miles), at the foot of the mountain, for the ascension of Mount Nlonako. 1.800 m (5,400 ft).

8h: Ascension, I hour. 9h: Arrival at the first sum-

mit. Picnic and panoramic views of the town of Nkong-

11h30: Return.

12h30: Arrival at the hotel.

15h: Return to Douala or continue towards Bafoussam

· The Batié Pass (panoramic view over a magnificent landscape scattered with dwellings and winding

paths);
• The town of Bandjoum (visit of the chieftainry - the largest one in the region whose museum has a large collection of objets d'art).

Comments:

• The old castle of Maka is a 30 m (90 ft) high tower;
• The tunnel of Dibombari is

300 m (330 yards) long and was used as a bunker by German soldiers during the First World War.

· The Ekom-Nkam falls were used in the making of the film "Greystoke" (Tarzan) starring Christophe Lambert:

· Access to the Manengoumba and Nlonako mountains is by 4X4 vehicle.



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Tourism in Cameroon fulfils tourists' desires and lives up to investors' expectations because of its vastly unexploited assets. It presents a low-risk capital investment in so much as the environment and certain prospects favour the rapid growth of the tourist industry. The following business opportunites are available:

the construction of large tourist complexes on the Atlantic coast: marinas, seaside resorts and holiday villages;

the construction of hotel facilities;

the creation of large theme parks;

the concession of vast amounts of territory, up to 50.000 ha (123,550 acres) for tourist sites;

the organisation of charter flights;

the setting up of facilities for the organisation of cruises on the main rivers and along the Atlantic coast;

the building of eco-lodges in national parks and nature reserves.