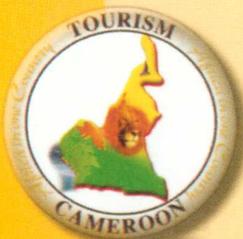


CAMEROON

NORTH

With its three National Parks, Bénoué, Boubandjida and Faro, covering a total of 730.000 ha (1,803,830 acres), the region of the North is the area of Cameroon with the highest concentration of the most representative species of African wildlife: be they large mammals, primates, reptiles or birds.



THE NORTH REGION



These rich resources in wildlife have produced the following forms of tourism:

- observation and photo safari tourism with 600 km (375 miles) of trails open all the year round;
- hunting tourism: for big game and fishing in specially adapted areas spread around the National Parks, most of which is conducted by professional hunting guides.

The Lagdo Dam and its marvellous Damam reservoir is also one of the main tourist attractions in this area. With its International Airport, Garoua is one of the main gateways to Cameroon, together with Douala and Yaoundé.

The Division of Mayo Louti

MOUNTAINS AND ROCKS

The Kola Gorges

5 km (3 miles) from the town of Guider
A magnificent canyon formed inside a rock creating a gully that is 20 m (60 ft) deep in places and over a kilometer (half a mile) long.

The Archeological Marble of Bidzar

An expanse of land scattered with marble rocks on some of which figurines are engraved dating back to Prehistoric times.

LAKE

Kala Kafinarou Lake

Situated in the Mayo Louti, 120 km (75 miles) from Garoua
Hollow created by the Mayo Louti and the Mayo Kebbi.
Site of interest to tourists.

The Division of Bénoué

LAMIDATS AND VILLAGES

The Demsa Lamidat

15 km (9.5 miles) from the city of Garoua, in the sub-division of Demsa
Home of the cultural festivities characterised by its Grand Fantasia. These horsemen very often take part in important official, traditional or religious ceremonies.

The Garoua Lamidat

In the city of Garoua
Rich in traditional colour.

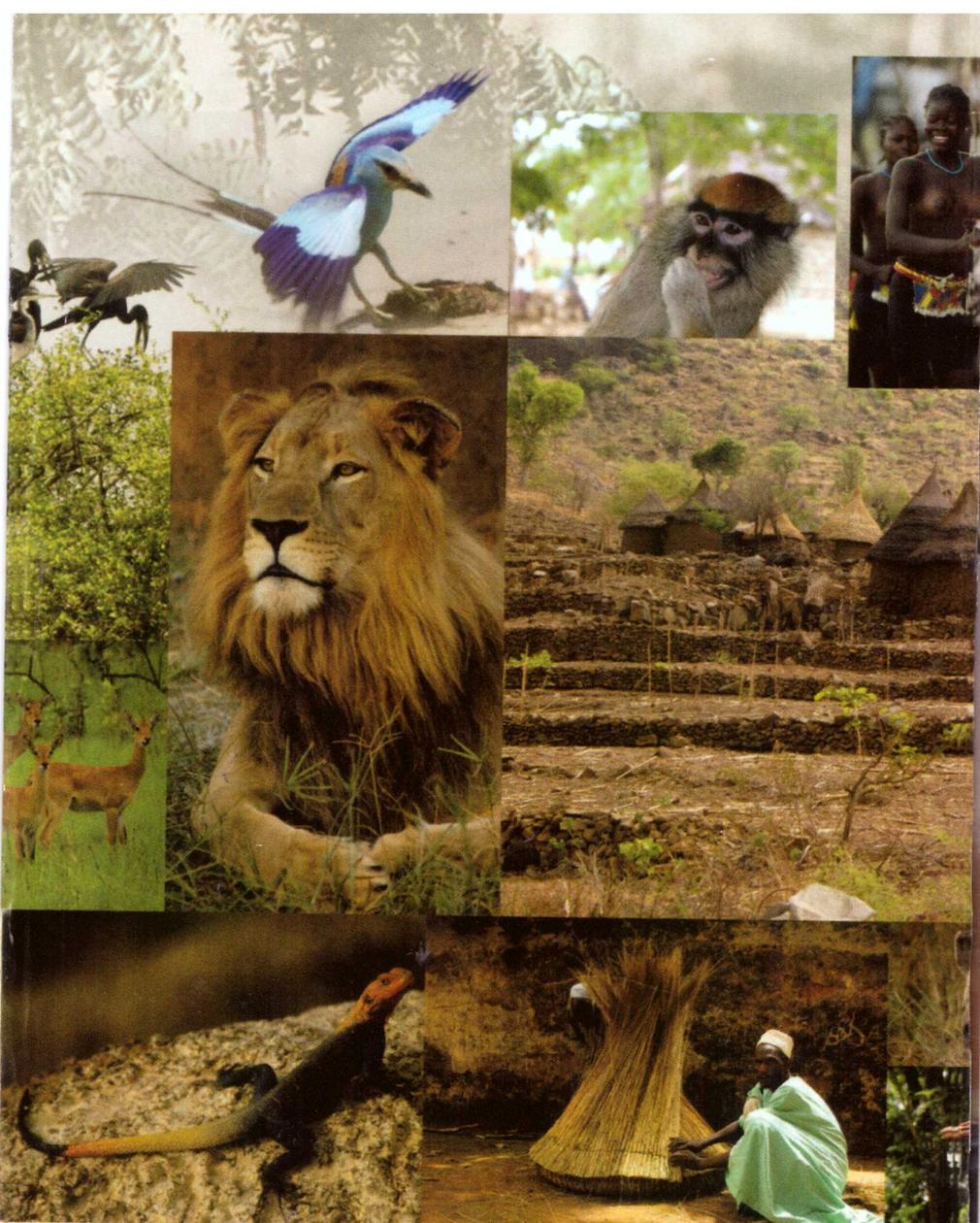
Toro Village

43 km (27 miles) from Garoua in the lamidat of Demsa
The picturesque village of Falis Goutchoumi whose population remain totally impervious to modern civilisation.

MOUNTAINS AND PEAKS

The Tinguelin Mountains

10 km (6 miles) from Garoua on the N°1 road to Maroua
Picturesque mountains overlooking the city of Garoua. Ideal for walking, hiking and climbing.



LAKES AND RIVERS

The Banks of the Bénoué River

In the city of Garoua
Ideal for the creation of a leisure centre.

OTHER SITES

The Pitoa Market

In the sub-district of Pitoa
Rich in local colour.

The Craft Centre at Garoua

In the city of Garoua
Rich in handicrafts.

The Division of Mayo Rey

LAMIDATS

The Rey Bouba Lamidat

In the sub-division of Rey Bouba
Traditional and very powerful chiefdom.

LAKES

The Lagdo Dam

In the sub-division of Lagdo
Very picturesque construction built with the cooperation of the Chinese. Forms a reservoir on the River Bénoué, upstream teeming with

fish and downstream inhabited by a large herd of hippos.

RESERVES AND NATIONAL PARKS

The Bénoué National Park

Situated 170 km (106 miles) from Garoua on the N°1 road to Ngaoundéré
Covers an area of 180,000 ha (444,780 acres). Rich in animal species. Biosphere reserve.

The Boubandjiba National Park

270 km (17 miles) from Garoua in the sub-division of Mayo Rey
Covering 220,000 ha (543,620 acres), very rich in wildlife. The park has hunting areas designated around it.

OTHER SITES

Traces of Dinosaurs

In the Lamidat of Rey Bouba, in the village of Manaya
50 dinosaur footprints of great scientific interest and of interest to tourists have been found. Left by dinosaurs more than 120 million years ago, these prints are widely used in international scientific forums.



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RESERVES AND NATIONAL PARKS

The Faro National Park

225 km (140 miles) from Garoua and

60 km (37.5 miles) from Poff

330.000 ha (815.100 acres) rich in animal resources.

MOUNTAINS

The Alantika Mountains

181 km (113 miles) south-west of Garoua

Very picturesque mountain range that forms the backbone of Cameroon.

The neighbouring population has remained very primitive.



Tours and excursions

Tour "Safari in the Boubandjida National Park" (3 day trip)

Departure point: Garoua

Day 1

6h: Breakfast in the La Bénoué Hotel (3*).

7h: Departure for the Boubandjida National Park via the Lagdo Dam and the Rey Bouba Lamidat.

8h: Visit of the dam (30 mins) and continue towards Rey Bouba on untarred road, 80 km (50 miles)

10h: Arrival in Rey Bouba and visit of the Palace of Lamido (1 hr).

11h: Departure for Tcholliré, 35 km (22 miles) track
Carry on for 24 km (15 miles) to reach the Manaya Village.

13h: Picnic in Manaya.

16h30: Arrival at the camp, welcome and installation.

Opportunity to observe the animals which come down to the Mayo Godi water-hole near the camp.

19h: Dinner and the night in the campsite.

Day 2

7h: Breakfast at the Boubandjida camp.

8h: Visit of the park.

12h: Picnic.

13h30: Continuation of the visit.

16h: Return to camp.

19h: Dinner and the night.

Day 3

6h: Return to Manaya – breakfast.

8h30: Visit of the dinosaur traces.

9h30: Departure to Manaya via Tcholliré, Tapara and Guidjiba on the N°1 road. Picnic.

12h30: Return to Garoua.

14h: Arrival and visit of the city (market, craft centre and mosque etc.).

18h30: End of tour.

Comment:

The following animals may be observed during this trip: rhinos, lions, elephants, pythons and hartebeest herds, etc.



Tour "Safari in the Bénoué National Park" (2 day trip)

Departure point: Garoua

Day 1

6h: Departure from Garoua to the Bénoué National Park on the N°1 road, 80 km (50 miles) of tarred road (1 hr) then an untarred road between Boki and the Grand Captain campsite, 80 km (50 miles) - 2 hours drive.

Breakfast during the journey. Opportunity for observing hippos along the Bénoué river and its tributaries.

11h: Arrival at Grand Captain camp, welcome, lunch and supplies of food and drink.

11h-14h: Visit of the park.

14h: Light repast during the journey.

15h: Departure for the Buffle Noir camp (Black Buffalo), 24 km (15 miles) of untarred road through the park to reach Guidjiba on the N°1.

The journey continues from Guidjiba on the N°1 towards Ngaouandéré as far as Banda, 30 km (18.75 miles)

At Banda take a left turn for 35 km (22 miles) of untarred road to reach the Black Buffalo camp (2h30).

17h30: Arrival at camp, welcome, installation, meal and the night.

Day 2

6h: Breakfast in the camp.

7h: Visit of the park for 2 hours in the company of a guide and a tracker.

10h: Departure from the camp for the N°1 and continuation of journey along tarred road to Garoua, 165 km (103 miles) for 2 hours.

12h: Arrival in Garoua via the Ring Road. Lunch at the Tourist Motel (3*).

15h: Visit of the city (market, craft centre, mosque, Sodocoton and Cicam textile mills).

18h: End of tour.

Comment:

The Bénoué National Park is teeming with all kinds of wildlife: buffalos, hippos, Giant eland, hyenas, Colobus monkeys and water buck.



Excursion "Trekking on Mount Tinguelin" (1 day trip)

Departure point: Garoua

7h: Departure from Garoua for Mount Tinguelin via the N°1 tarred road for 8 km (5 miles) then take left fork for 2.5 km (1.5 miles) of track.

Continue for 500 m (half a mile) on a footpath to the foot of Mount Tinguelin and climb for 1h30 to reach the summit.

12h: Picnic on the mountain top.

16h: Return to Garoua.

18h: Arrival in Garoua and end of excursion.



Excursion "Garoua-Guider" (1 day trip)

Departure point: Garoua

6h: Departure from Garoua for Bidzar on N°1, tarred road for 128 km (80 miles) via Pitoa, Figuil.

8h: Arrival in Bidzar. Visit of the archeological site (1h).

10h: Departure from Bidzar for the Kola Gorges via Guider on tarred road for 10 km (6 miles) and untarred road for 4 km (2.5 miles).

10h30: Visit of the Kola Gorges (2h30) and return to Guider.

13h: Arrival at Guider and lunch.

14h: Departure from Guider for Garoua on tarred road, 100 km (62.5 miles) via Sorawel.

16h30: Arrival in Garoua and visit of the city (market, craft centre, mosque, the banks of the river Bénoué and the Lamido Palace).

18h30: End of excursion.

Further Information:

- The archeological site is made up of rocks on which can be found a collection of drawings which prove the existence of Prehistoric man in this part of Africa.

- The Kola Gorges are formed by a huge rock fault which reaches 20 m (60 ft) deep and contains many galleries in the sides of the rockface.

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- 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.