With its three National Parks, Bénoué, Boubanjida 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.
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 Daman 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 Garoua. 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 Garoua**

**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 (22 miles) from Garoua in the lamidat of Demsa. The picturesque village of Faxis Gourchoumi 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 chieftain.

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
210 km (132 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.
The Division of Faro

RESERVES AND NATIONAL PARKS

The Faro National Park
222 km (138 miles) from Garoua and
56 km (34.5 miles) from Pool
328,000 ha (815,000 acres) rich in
animal resources.

MOUNTAINS

The Alantika Mountains
80 km (49.5 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 Boubanjida National Park”
(3 day trip)

Departure point: Garoua

Day 1
6h: Breakfast in the La Bénoué Hotel (3*).
7h: Departure for the Boubanjida National Park via the Lagdo Dam and the Rey Boubou Laminat.
8h: Visit of the dam (30 mins) and continue towards Rey Boubou on an untarred road, 80 km (50 miles).
10h: Arrival in Rey Boubou and visit of the Palace of Lamido (1 hr).
11h: Departure for Techon, 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.

Day 2
3h: Breakfast at the Boubanjida camp.
8h: Visit of the park.
12h: Picnic.
13h30: Extension of the visit.
16h: Return to camp.
19h: Dininm and the night in the campsite.

Day 3
6h: Return to Manaya - breakfast.
8h30: Visit of the dinosaur traces.
9h30: Departure to Manaya via Techon, Tapa and Gudja on the N1 road. Picnic.
12h: Return to Garoua.
14h: Arrival and visit of the city (market, craft centre and mosque etc.).
18h: End of tour.

Comment:
The following animals may be observed during this trip: rhinos, lions, elephants, pythons and harte-beest herds, etc.

Excursion
“Trekking on Mount Tinguelin”
(1 day trip)

Departure point: Garoua

7h: Departure from Garoua for Mount Tinguelin via the N1 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.

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 N1 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 at the road. 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.
11h15h: Visit of the park.
14h: Light repast during the jour.
15h: Departure for the Buffal Noir camp (Black Buffalo), 24 km (15 miles) of untarred road through the park to reach Gudja on the N1.
The journey continues from Gudja on the N1 towards Ngouandié 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 N1 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, Sodèco, and CICC textile mills).18h: End of tour.

Comment:
The Bénoué National Park is teeming with all kinds of wildlife: buffaloes, hippos, giant eland, hyenas, colobuses monkeys and water buffalo.

Excursion
“Garoua-Guider”
(1 day trip)

Departure point: Garoua

6h: Departure from Garoua for Bidzar on N1, tarred road for 128 km (80 miles) via Pita, Figui.
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) then 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 Sorawal.
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.