

CABINDA EXTENSION

A SEMI AUTONOMOUS ENCLAVE OF ANGOLA

June 14 - June 16, 2025

Led by Local Guide

Tiny Cabinda is a place you have only heard of if you are an offshore driller or follow soccer. It is located north of Angola and between a sliver of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and the Republic of Congo. It was only added to the Travelers Century Club (TCC) recently. The city of Cabinda itself is not much to talk about - the main attractions are the church and the enormous statue of Pope John Paul II along the beachfront. Although quite pleasant, once you leave the city and head north, it becomes much prettier in the smaller towns, and there is little traffic. Chevron owns Cabinda, which has the richest oil deposits in Africa, and about one-third of the entire enclave is fenced off. This is positive and a negative, of course. It is yet another example of the West exploiting Africa. Still, in doing so, it provides jobs to many locals who would otherwise be working menial jobs in agriculture, if that. Another feature is a soccer stadium built in 2010 to host some African Cup of Nations games. A colossal waste of money, the stadium will likely be used only sparingly, if at all again, but it's something to see. Geographically, Cabinda is mainly a tropical forest with some scenic lakes. A one-day excursion is plenty of time to explore this little-known enclave.

Ihab Zaki
Managing Director

Saturday, June 14

Luanda



You will be spending the night at *Thomson Art House* or *similar* in Luanda after you have ended your Angola tour.

Sunday, June 15

Luanda - Cabinda - Luanda



Transfer to the airport in the early morning for our flight to **Cabinda**, an exclave of Angola. Enjoy breakfast at a local

restaurant, and then spend some time covering the major city sites. Visit **Tchizo** to meet the mysterious **Bakama**, a secret religious group that performs **masked dances** for events such as the installation of chiefs, funerals, purification rituals, etc. The dancers wear large elaborate masks and intricate costumes made of dried banana leaves that are burned after the performance. Also, visit the **Mayombe forest**, an area covered by secondary dense tropical rainforests and home to western lowland gorillas,

chimpanzees, forest elephants, African grey parrots, etc. Later, transfer to the airport for our evening flight back to Luanda and upon arrival, transfer to *son Art House* or similar for check-in and overnight. **(B,L)**

Monday, June 16

Luanda



After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flights back to the US. **(B)**



Tour Cost (Land Only): \$895.00
Per person sharing in double occupancy

Single Supplement: \$100.00

Price based on group size minimum of 4 participants and maximum of 6 participants

Trip Grade: II Lodging Level: ***

Tour Includes:

- Airport/Hotel/Airport transfers.
- Luanda - Cabinda - Luanda flight.
- Accommodation for 2 nights in Luanda Hotel (4*).
- Meals as mentioned in the itinerary (B: Breakfast, L: Lunch and D: Dinner).
- English-speaking local guides.
- Transportation in 4x4 vehicles or A/C minibus.
- Bottled water while on tours.
- All park fees and entrance fees to places mentioned in the program including museums and sites.

Tour does not include:

- International air USA - Luanda - USA.
- **Angola** Visa (not required for tourists - subject to change).
- Vaccinations and required immunizations - **Yellow Fever vaccine is required for entry.**
- Beverages with or without meals.
- Items of a personal nature (camera fees, laundry, excess luggage, etc.).
- Transfers if not arriving/departing on tour dates.
- Dayroom/overnights necessitated by changes in airline schedules or misconnections.
- Trip surcharge to operate below required minimum participants.
- Gratuities to guides, drivers, etc.
- Travel insurance (**HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**).

Trip Grade

II Active: Some hikes, slightly more demanding walks at or to sites, few elevations, comfortable but busy schedule and some long rides.

Lodging Level:

***** Superior:** Lodges and hotels with additional amenities, refined service, and comfort level acceptable to the western standards. (3 or 4 stars)