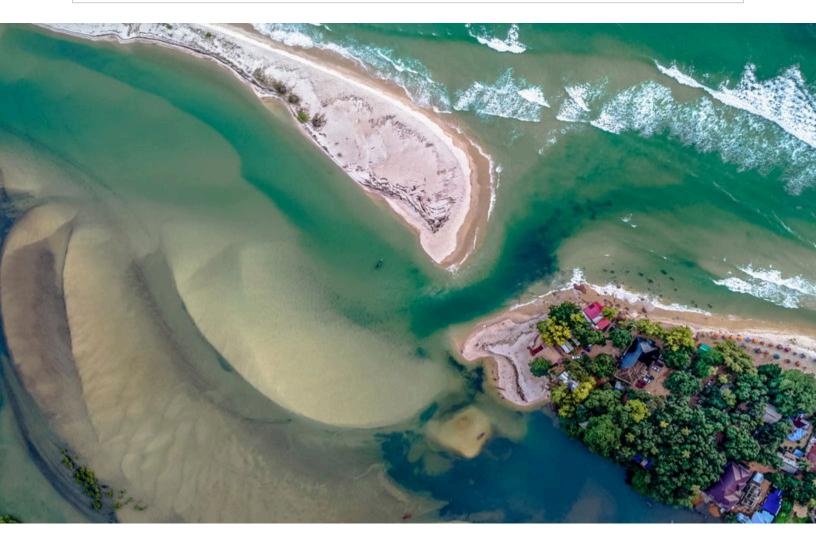


## **Ultimate Sierra Leone**

Trip Code: PXSL

Version: PXSL Ultimate Sierra Leone





#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Ascend to the upper reaches of Mount Bintumani (1,945m), the highest mountain in West Africa.
- Trek through the rainforest to Tiwai Island reserve on the banks of the river Moa, home to the elusive pygmy hippo, chimps and endangered monkeys.
- Pay a visit to the Tacugama Chimpanzee Sanctuary and stay on site in chalets within the rainforest.
- Relax on some of the most beautiful beaches in the world, including River No.2 beach at Tokeh and

camp under the stars on the Banana Islands.

#### AT A GLANCE

#### **ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS**

- 14 days touring and sightseeing with some short 14 Breakfasts rainforest walks and four hill walking days
- Max altitude 1945m
- Join at Freetown (Lungi) International Airport
- 13 Lunches
- 14 Dinners
- 1 nights Guesthouse
- 2 nights Ecocamp
- 7 nights Hotel
- 2 nights Camping
- 1 nights Tented Camp
- 1 nights Ecolodge

VIEW DATES, PRICES & BOOK YOUR HOLIDAY HERE

## Introduction

We'll spend two weeks discovering the real Sierra Leone, far beyond the news headlines that have hampered the progress of this beautiful country in the past. We'll discover how the vibrant and bustling capital city of Freetown got its name, and spend some time uncovering its fascinating history. The true heart of this trip is during our time spent inland where we'll get to meet village chiefs and join in with daily life activities of the villagers, including weaving, cooking, dancing and other rituals. A real highlight of this authentic adventure experience.

We'll be guided on a hike to the higher reaches of West Africa's highest peak, Mt. Bintumani, and we'll climb a hill in the Wara Wara Mountains to admire the views of the many and varied shapely hills that are typical of this region. There is a dark colonial past here too, that we aim to face head on, with visits to the once fortified British slave islands of Bunce and Tasso.

## Is this holiday for you?

This is an active discovery tour. Most days will include a walk, with a few days more strenuous exercise including four days in hilly and occasionally mountainous terrain. There will be considerable time spent in a bus and 4x4s as we travel between destinations and we have four different boat rides built into the tour too. We won't be sitting still for long. This holiday will be packed full of new discoveries and fascinating West African culture, spending much of our time off the beaten track in functional accommodation, including hotels and guesthouses in built up areas, to campsites and tents in the interior, and on Banana island. Naturally, being a tropical destination, we'll be surrounded by exotic flora and fauna most days, so if you're comfortable with a few bugs and bats and would love to spend time amongst the charismatic chimpanzees in their natural habitat, then this is the adventure for you.

## **Itinerary**

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DAY 1

# Meet at the group hotel in Freetown, a single transfer from Lungi International Airport via water taxi is provided.

Arrival at Lungi International Airport, and then transfer to Freetown arriving in style. We will board a water taxi to take us on a half hour journey from the port at Lungi into the centre of Freetown across the natural harbour of Tagrin Bay. A bus will then meet us to transfer us through the bustling streets of Freetown to our accommodation for our next three nights. We'll have time to freshen up before dinner, an introduction to our guides and the epic journey that lies ahead.

Meals: D



Accommodation

Hotel

DAY 2

# City tour of Freetown, the vibrant capital city of Sierra Leone and your home for the first three nights.

Today we embark on a full exploration of the capital city of Sierra Leone. The tour will include visits to the railway museum, Old Fourah Bay College, The Peace and Cultural Museum, and the gateway to the King's Yard, amongst other highlights. We'll also seek out the remains of the symbolic cotton tree, blown down in a recent storm. Despite this it remains a symbol of freedom, shelter and the founding point of Freetown hundreds of years ago, when freed slaves returned to their hometown to claim this place, rightfully as their own. We'll be hopping on and off our bus throughout our busy day visiting sites across the city and learning all about the epicentre of this fascinating country. After a busy day's exploration, we'll retire to the comfortable surrounds of our hotel in the hilly suburbs of Freetown.

US (toll-free): 1-888-630-4415

Meals: **B L D** 



Accommodation

Hotel

DAY 3

# A sightseeing tour of Bunce and Tasso Islands, the former of which was once a British slave fort, now partly reclaimed by the island's trees.

We head out on a boat ride today, bound for an island that symbolises a low point of British colonial rule. Today will be a sombre day of exploration and reflection. Bunce Island was once home to the largest British slave fortress on the west coast of Africa. Founded in the 17th Century, on the site of an even older Portuguese slave fort, Bunce Island exported tens of thousands of African captives up until 1807 when the British government finally abolished the trading of slaves. The buildings, left to dilapidate since that time, are now partially reclaimed by the forest that surrounds it, perhaps symbolic of Sierra Leonians' reclamation of their land, and people, as their own. Our boat then departs for the neighbouring Tasso Island, a larger island in Tagrin Bay. We return to Freetown for another night in this vibrant city.

Meals: **BLD** 



#### Accommodation

Hotel

DAY 4

### Free day in Freetown to explore or relax at the hotel.

A day to settle into West African life after a couple of jam packed days getting under the skin of Freetown. Take time to relax in our comfortable hotel here in the hilly suburbs, take a dip in the pool or perhaps take time to explore your surroundings. This will be the perfect time to rest after a couple of busy days deep diving into the chequered history of this country before the adventure continues tomorrow.

Meals: BLD



#### Accommodation

Hotel

DAY 5

# Walk to the top of Sugar Loaf, the mountain that watches over Freetown, before an afternoon at the Tacugama Chimpanzee Sanctuary.

Our first walk in Sierra Leone begins just outside of the city of Freetown. We head to the base of the small but impressively formed Sugar Loaf Mountain (727m) on the outskirts of Freetown. From here we'll stride out for the summit through patchy forest on good but rocky paths. From the top we will have great views of the sprawling Freetown with the beautiful coastline beyond. After a steady descent we make a short onward journey to the Tacugama Chimpanzee Sanctuary. This afternoon we'll have a tour of the sanctuary and learn all about the incredible work this community does to rescue and rehabilitate orphaned and previously abandoned chimps. We'll have an initial tour of the sanctuary, and then some

free time to explore independently. We are staying at chalets within the sanctuary tonight, so you may choose to retire to your room for an hour or two, or alternatively there is the possibility to join a guided walk around the sanctuary's 100 acre reserve. Many species of plants, animals and bird life live within this sanctuary, but it is the chimpanzees who take centre stage. Listen out for troops of chimps crashing through the trees and calling to each other through this wide expanse of rainforest. You'll certainly hear them before you see them! This evening we will stay on site in the small and functional chalets nestled in the rainforest and be treated to a meal by the staff who run the accommodation here.

Meals: BLD



**Accommodation** Ecolodge



Ascent 300M



Descent 300M



**Time** 1-2 hrs walking



Distance 4KM

DAY 6

# Heading into the heart of the country to reach the town of Makeni, then on to Rogbonko.

Heading East today we embark on a drive through the heart of the country headed for the town of Makeni. We'll stop here to stretch our legs before travelling on to Rogbonko to meet and pay homage to the chief of the village. We'll be introduced to the village community who will encourage us to join in with their day to day activities including basket making and cooking. After an hour or two we will bid a fond farewell to the locals and return to Makeni for our evening meal and overnight stay in a comfortable but basic hotel. Drive time to Makeni: 2h 30mins. Makeni to Rogbonko: 30mins each way.

Meals: BLD



Accommodation

Hotel

DAY 7

## Heading North to Kabala and a hill walk on Albitaya in the Wara Wara Mountains.

Another drive of a couple of hours today, this time North heading to Kabala where we'll have chance to explore the shapely Wara Wara Mountains. These hills lie close to the heart of many Sierra Leoneans, gathering here every year on New Year's Day, from far and wide to climb to the top of these hills to celebrate and socialise. Our walk will take in one of the subsidiary peaks of this range, Albitaya (755m). We'll gain the tor-like summit, initially through forest paths and then open hillside, to reach our top, typical of many others in the range for its bare igneous rock formations. The paths are well trodden here, and our guides will ensure safe passage to the higher reaches of the hill, affording great views of the other numerous nearby tops, as well as the sprawling community of Kabala. We'll return to the base of the hill, and on to a local cotton weaver who will show us how to weave, and we may have a chance to participate. We'll retire to a local and comfortable guesthouse for the evening, here in Kabala.

#### Meals: **BLD**



**Accommodation**Guesthouse



Ascent 300M



Descent 300M



**Time** 2 hrs walking



Distance 4KM

#### DAY 8

### Into the Loma Mountains and a night under canvas in Sinikoro.

We start the day with a drive this time in 4x4s on unmade roads towards Mount Bintumani, the highest mountain in Sierra Leone, and indeed, West Africa at 1,945 metres asl. This journey will take around three hours through increasingly impressive scenery as we reach the foothills of the Loma range. We will round out our day with a short walk into the remote village of Sinikoro, deep within the rainforest and our overnight camp in the foothills of the Loma Mountains. The walk will be flat but may be muddy, and potentially on rather busy muddy tracks. The locals use motorbikes to get around round here, so be prepared to dodge the infrequent traffic. Upon arrival we make sure to pay homage to the chief of Sinikoro and then gather around the campfire to enjoy some folklore by firelight. This evening is our first night under canvas on this trip, with the background crackle of a dwindling fire, a brightly lit star filled sky, and the sounds of the rainforest lulling us off to sleep.

Meals: BLD



**Accommodation** Camping



**Time**1 hr walking



Distance 2KM

#### DAY 9

## Mount Bintumani West Africa's highest mountain (1,945m).

We start out early today, eager to cover some ground before the heat of the day, heading first to camp one through rainforest, emerging at around 770m. This forest is home to a wide array of wildlife including deer, buffalo and chimpanzees, and we may be lucky enough to spot these, or hear them as we progress through this wild and untamed jungle. We then continue on to camp two (1350m), emerging from the trees on a high rocky plateau. The remainder of the hike will be in open grassland with far reaching views of the extensive wilderness surrounding the mountains. Keep eyes to the skies here for vultures and eagles who catch and soar on the thermals created by the shoulders of this vast landscape. We reach our high point of the day, a col of the mountain just underneath the rocky monolith summit, where we will make camp finding shelter from the breeze and bed down for another night under the stars.

Meals: **BLD** 



**Accommodation** Camping



Ascent 1450M



**Time** 8 hrs walking



**Distance** 10KM **DAY 10** 

# A morning descending Mount Bintumani before continuing on to Sierra Leone's second largest city, Bo.

Today we complete our mountain route descending the way we climbed up the day before, back down from the plateau, into the tree line and through the forest to return to our awaiting transfer. We'll then make our onward journey south to Bo, Sierra Leone's second largest city. The hustle and bustle of this city will feel a world away from the wilderness and wild camping of the last two days. There will be time to explore Bo and it's vibrant market, and a visit to a Gari making site (a west African style tapioca pudding) before retiring to our hotel for the night in the quieter outskirts of Bo. Driving time: 2 hrs.

Meals: BLD



Accommodation Hotel



Descent 1450M



**Time** 5 hrs walking



Distance 10KM

**DAY 11** 

## Meet the woman chief of Boma village on Nainiati Island and learn the ways of the inhabitants here.

Our destination for today is a village on the banks of the river Moa. Boma is one of eight villages that form the Tiwai Island heritage trail. In its entirety it's a multi day trail encompassing the nationally protected nature reserve of Tiwai Island, home to the elusive pygmy hippo. We'll pay our respects to the chief here, and join in with their dances and rituals. We'll visit the mysterious grave of a giant and learn of the folklore that surrounds it. Then on to the village's cotton tree, the only one for miles around, and learn how it protects and shelters the village and its inhabitants from storms and strong winds. Tonight we'll bed down in the adjoining eco-camp enveloped by the sounds of the rainforest and the rushing of the nearby river that surrounds this remote and peaceful village.

Meals: BLD



Accommodation Ecocamp

**DAY 12** 

#### Walk to Nainiahun before a boat ride to Tiwai Island.

This morning we head out on foot, for the neighbouring village of Nainiahun. Walking on single-track paths through this semi wild landscape of native bush and cultivated crops of rice, cocoa and kola nut plantations, we will learn about the farming practices of the locals as we walk. Upon reaching Nainiahun, the literal translation being 'sand village,' where there are a high propensity of diamonds within the earth and surrounding wetlands. We'll learn about the mining practices here and may even be able to see

locals panning for diamonds as we pass through. We will then be shown into a local cave, used as a hiding place by community members during the tribal wars. We're asked to remove our shoes here, as a sign of respect, before entering. The elders of the village may share mythical stories of elves and invisibility spells before carrying out a libation pouring ceremony said to protect us on our onward journey. We will have chance to rest here and have a light lunch under the shade of the rainforest trees before continuing on to find the banks of the river Moa. This afternoon we take a boat ride across the river to Tiwai Island where we'll delve deeper into the heart of the rainforest. This reserve is home to endangered animal species including colobus and diana monkeys and chimpanzees, as well as hundreds of species of birds and insects. Look out for village weaver birds who create beautiful spherical shaped nests hanging from the trees like baubles, and look up to canopy to find hornbills using their huge beaks to prise open tough hulled fruits to feast on. This evening we'll spend another night at the eco-camp adjacent to the village.

Meals: **BLD** 



**Accommodation** Ecocamp



Ascent 40M



Descent 40M



**Time** 7 hrs walking



Distance 15KM

**DAY 13** 

# Morning at Tiwai before a drive to the coast to board a boat bound for the Banana Islands.

This morning we say good bye to our hosts at Tiwai and head back out to the coast at Tokeh to board a boat. We'll head out across the breakers of the Atlantic on a short crossing to the idyllic Banana Islands. Once a slave island, this place is now transformed into a tranquil island retreat, with glamping tents and a laidback lifestyle. You'll have the afternoon to unwind after nearly two weeks of exploring in this little corner of paradise. Take a stroll along the beach, enjoy some watersports, or just relax in the hammocks before an evening sun downer admiring the sunset across the waves. Tonight we'll stay in secluded beach side glamping bell tents. Under inky black and star filled skies the only sound we'll hear will be the gentle hush of waves lapping against the shore.

Meals: **BLD** 



Accommodation

Tented Camp

**DAY 14** 

## Return from Banana Island to spend the day resting on River Number 2 beach.

After a slow morning of coffee and breakfast at our tents, we'll depart the island and return to Tokeh and River No.2 Beach, near to where we began our journey in Freetown. We'll have another day at leisure here, relaxing on this incredible stretch of beach or swimming in the bath warm Atlantic Ocean. You

might choose to take a walk along the beach, or perhaps partake in some surfing. The locals recommend this and neighbouring Bureh beach as two excellent destinations to catch a wave. Or simply relax, unwind and soak up the sunshine in this tropical idyll. This evening we'll stay at a beachfront resort, with views out over the Atlantic, a peaceful and beautiful end to your two weeks exploring Sierra Leone.

Meals: BLD



Accommodation

Hotel

**DAY 15** 

### Departure day. Return to Freetown and take the sea coach to Lungi Airport.

This morning we leave the white sand beaches of Tokeh behind and head by transfer to Aberdeen. We'll catch the sea coach across the natural harbour to Lungi to continue our onward journeys from Lungi International Airport.

Meals: B

## **Holiday Information**

#### What's Included

- A professional and qualified tour leader
- A single timed airport transfer on arrival & departure
- All accommodation as described, including tents and sleeping mats
- Meals as described in the Meal Plan
- All land transfers required by the itinerary on private vehicle or boat
- Visits to all attractions and accompanying tips including villages / reserves / museums / islands and the chimpanzee sanctuary.

#### What's not Included

- Travel insurance
- Visas
- Airport transfers other than group transfers
- Bedding and/or sleeping bags on camping nights
- Any additional activities/excursions indicated as optional
- Tips for guides / porters etc Miscellaneous personal expenditure drinks and souvenirs etc

#### Meal Plan

All meals included throughout.

#### Food & Water

Expect lots of rice. Sierra Leonians often report that a meal isn't complete without it. Jollof rice, a stewed rice dish with meat, and various tomatoes, onions, spices and vegetables, is common. As is cassava, and when compounded into a meal with cocoyam and plantains is known as 'fufu.' You may also find Gari, a kind of West African tapioca pudding. Other common staples include peanuts, palm oil, and a wide range of tropical fruit: bananas, papaya, lemons, avocado, guava, watermelon, mangoes and pineapples. Meat dishes are often centred around goat, chicken or beef.

It is not recommended to drink untreated water from the taps. If you are on a trekking or cycling holiday, water is supplied to fill up your individual bottles. This will be boiled, filtered or provided in large jerry cans or 5 litre bottles. Additionally you should take purification tablets or a filter bottle (such as a Water-To-Go bottle) to treat your water when in towns or where water is not supplied. We do not encourage the purchasing of single use plastic bottles.

## **Special Diets**

Whilst we can cater for vegetarians, albeit sometimes with a more limited choice, we cannot always provide for special diets. Due to the nature of some of the trips that we operate and the countries in which we operate them, it can be very hard (and sometimes impossible) to cater for a wide range of dietary choices and you may have to supplement your meals with food/snacks from home. If you have specific dietary requirements please do speak to our sales team and they will be able to advise you whether or not we will be able to offer your specific choice. Please note that we are unable to provide separate menus and cannot accept liability for any problems arising from special dietary requirements or intolerances.

#### **Accommodation**

The accommodation on this trip ranges greatly from the comfortable and functional hotels within the cities and towns along the way, to the tents and permanent campsites found elsewhere.

In Freetown, Bo and Tokeh Beach you will be in comfortable, independently run hotels with pools, wifi and air conditioning among other conveniences. In more remote locations, services become more limited. At Makeni, the Royal Hotel is more basic, but clean and comfortable. Tacugama Eco-lodge is a very basic collection of characterful and comfortable thatched or tin-roof chalets within the rainforest. Weindays Guesthouse at Kabala, is again comfortable and basic, with minimal amenities. Many accommodations, particularly away from Freetown, rely on generators for electricity, usually at night, as power surges are frequent and therefore make the mains electricity unreliable. These usually run through the night between 7pm and 7am, but sometimes for some of the time during the day also.

At Sinikoro and Tiwai, we will camp in a permanent campsite, with tents on a concrete platform and underneath a permanent shelter. At banana Island we will be in permanent safari tents, most of which are on the fringe between forest and beach, in secluded locations within the site. On our two day trek on Mount Bintumani, we will sleep in lightweight tents and on sleeping mats which will be carried by porters, sleeping bags/bedding is not provided. Ablutions within all of these campsites, permanent or otherwise will be very basic.

### **Spending Money**

The Leone is the currency of Sierra Leone and is used as cash in most places. USD are also accepted in most places, but you should carry the local currency as first option. Most tips have been taken care of and should therefore be paid by the guide whilst you are on trip, but approximately £200 per person (or equivalent in US dollars or Euros) in Leones, should be allowed for tips, soft drinks, snacks and miscellaneous expenses. Alcoholic drinks, souvenirs and optional activities are additional so you may wish to budget for these.

## **Guidance on Tipping**

On this trip we have taken care of the majority of tips required to visit the villages, reserves, museums, islands and the chimpanzee sanctuary, however it is still considered regular practice to tip your local guides and drivers if you are happy with the services provided. You will be expected to do this at the end of your trip, but also be aware there will likely be supplementary drivers of 4x4s to reach the village prior to Mt. Bintumani climb, and then again to return to Bo.

We suggest you co-ordinate these tips as a group and as a rough guide we recommend each group member contributes around US\$80-100 per person. The exact amount should be determined by the group and the guide will give advice on the appropriate levels.

## **Baggage Allowance**

For this holiday you should take one piece of luggage, which should be a soft bag such as the KE kit bag, and a daypack. For international flights please check your baggage allowance with your airline.

### **Group Size & Holiday Status**

For each holiday there is a minimum number of participants required to enable it to go ahead. Once the minimum number is reached, the trip status will change from 'Available' to 'Guaranteed to run'. You can check the trip status for each departure in the 'Dates and Prices' table. Other than in exceptional circumstances, we will not cancel a trip once it has achieved this guaranteed to run status so you are free to proceed with your international flight booking and other travel arrangements.

### Joining instructions

The group will meet at the hotel in Freetown.

There will be a single group transfer from Lungi International Airport (Freetown).

Hotel contact details and an emergency number will be provided with your booking confirmation.

## **General Information**

### **Passport & Visas**

The information that we provide is for UK passport holders.

A passport with 6 months remaining validity at the end of your stay is generally required, and you should have at least 2 blank pages for each country that you visit.

For other nationalities, please refer to your own Government website for the latest information.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you have the correct travel documents including vaccinations and health certificates (see Health & Vaccinations below), and visas for your holiday. Please ensure that you check the FCDO for the latest advice for each country visited before travel.

#### **Health & Vaccinations**

VACCINATIONSYou should contact your doctor or travel clinic to check whether you specifically require any vaccinations or other preventive measures. You should be up to date with routine courses and boosters as recommended in the UK e.g. diphtheria-tetanus-polio and measles-mumps-rubella), along with hepatitis A and typhoid. Malarial prophylaxis are required. There is risk of yellow fever and you must carry a current vaccination certificate. On holidays to more remote areas you should also have a dentist check up. A good online resource is <u>Travel Health Pro</u>.

#### **Severe Allergies**

If you have a severe allergy please inform the KE office before you travel. We will do all we can to help, but we cannot guarantee an allergy free environment on KE trips. You will need to carry your own treatment for the allergy with you, as 'adrenaline auto-injectors' are not carried as standard by KE leaders and staff. You should inform your leader on arrival of your allergy, and let them know where you keep your adrenaline pen.

## Currency

The unit of currency in Sierra Leone is the Sierra Leonean Leone.

## Preparing for your Holiday

You should be aerobically fit and comfortable with walking 3 to 6 hours for consecutive days. Hill walking, with a good amount of ascent and descent, is the best training. Running, cycling and swimming are also good for developing cardiovascular fitness and stamina.

#### Climate

The climate is tropical and during our departure in late November, early December, the weather should be fairly stable, dry and warm particularly near the coast, although the forests of the interior will remain wet throughout. The main wet season is around August/September, and we may still experience a lingering shower. In the forests of the interior, expect humid and regularly wet conditions, although it will remain warm even during showers. As you climb to altitude on Mt Bintumani expect a cooler breeze, bring layers to protect from this particularly for our trekking and camping days.

### Single Use Plastic

KE do not encourage the use of single use plastic items. We are ensuring that our agents all over the world are working together to reduce the problem and educate those around them. We are leading by example in our KE office by reducing our plastic use.

#### **Books**

Sierra Leone, A Political History - David Harris (2020)

Free Slaves, Freetown, and the Sierra Leonean Civil War - Joseph Kaifala (2017)

#### **Travel Insurance**

It is an essential condition of joining a holiday with KE Adventure Travel that you have a valid travel insurance policy to cover the cost of medical treatment and to protect the value of your holiday in the event of cancellation. When taking out insurance please ensure the policy you choose covers you for the activities and altitude included in your itinerary.

For appropriate insurance cover we recommend Campbell Irvine Direct. Please go to our <u>Travel Insurance</u> page for further information and to get a quote.

## **Equipment Information**

## **Equipment List**

Please try to keep the weight of your baggage to a minimum. See the 'baggage allowance' section for further details.

#### You should bring the following items:

- Lightweight hiking boots
- Trainers or sandals

■ Underwear
■ Socks
■ Trekking trousers
■ Lightweight waterproof jacket
■ Lightweight waterproof overtrousers
■ Wicking base layer shirts
■ Loose-fitting, long-sleeved shirts
■ T-shirts
■ Fleece jacket or warm jumper
■ Bedding and/or 1-2 season sleeping bag for camping nights
■ Sunhat (wide brimmed)
■ Warm hat
■ Sunglasses
■ Daypack 30 litres
<ul> <li>Headtorch and spare batteries</li> </ul>
■ Water bottles 1 litre x2 (we encourage re-filling water bottles rather than single use plastic)
■ Water purification tablets or filter water bottle such as Water to Go
■ Antibacterial handwash
■ Washbag and toiletries

Basic First Aid Kit; insect repellent (DEET); antiseptic cream; throat lozenges; diarrhoea treatment (Diocalm or Immodium); painkillers; plasters and blister treatment; and re-hydration salts (Dioralite).

#### The following items are optional:

- Binoculars
- Swimwear
- Trekking poles (highly recommended)
- Camera
- Pen-knife (remember to pack sharp objects in hold baggage)
- Repair kit (eg. needle, thread, duct tape)
- Umbrella and/or Poncho
- Reusable cloth bag for shopping (to avoid plastic bags)

## **Land Only Information**

Please refer to the 'Joining Arrangements & Transfers' within Holiday Information for further details.

Flights and other transport to your destination should not be booked until you have received your booking confirmation and the departure is showing 'Guaranteed to Run' or 'Limited'.

## **Land Only Information**

The LAND ONLY dates and prices are for the itinerary joining in Freetown. For clients making their own flight arrangements, Freetown (Lungi) International Airport is the most convenient for transfers to the group hotel.

### Flight Inclusive Information

Limited seats are available at the advertised flight price, please book as early as you can. If we are unable to secure seats at the price shown, or you have requested regional departures and/or upgrades, we will provide you with an alternative quote. It is likely that flight payment will be in advance of your final holiday balance. Booking a flight inclusive package means you will benefit from full financial protection, eases your holiday planning, and leaves us to deal with airlines and schedule changes. If you book flights through KE Adventure Travel we will offset the carbon of your flight.

Regional departures and/or alternative carriers are available on request.

## Flight Inclusive Information

The FLIGHT INCLUSIVE dates and prices are based on UK flights from London Heathrow to Freetown (Lungi) International Airport with Brussels Air via Brussels. Outbound flights will depart from the UK in the morning arriving in the early evening of day 1 of the itinerary. Return flights will depart Freetown (Lungi) International Airport in the evening of the last day of the itinerary, arriving in the UK Brussles the following morning, before a connecting flight back to Heathrow for mid morning. Regional departures and/or alternative carriers may be available on request.

Please be aware that there are often only a limited number of seats available at the advertised price. To avoid paying flight supplements, we recommend that you book as early as possible, especially during peak times. If we are unable to secure seats at the price shown, or you have requested regional departures, we will contact you with an alternative quote. Please note that you may be asked to pay for your flights in advance of your final holiday balance. Note that if you book a package including flights with KE you will benefit from full financial protection.

## Why Choose KE

## Why KE

Trust KE to bring you new and exciting destinations for you to discover. Our trip takes you further than the beaches and islands that surround Freetown, into the heart of the country. We'll meet village chiefs, climb the country's highest mountain and delve deep into the rainforests of this intriguing country in search of playful primates and elusive hippos. In true KE spirit, we'll push further and higher than other operators, to give you the best impression of this emerging adventure travel destination, and leave you with indelible memories of this incredible place for years to come.

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