



## EcoTur – Safaris – Angola

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### Luanda – Massangano – Cabuta - (Kwanza or Xixila?) - Cambambe

(3 Days) – For dates and pricing please contact us.

Includes – transport in fully equipped air conditioned 4x4 vehicles (satellite phones, VHF Radio, 1<sup>st</sup> aid kits, recovery equipment etc) with English / Portuguese speaking driver guides, accommodation and meals as indicated, all park fees and tolls.

#### Day 1: Luanda – Massangano – Dondo – Calulo - Cabuta

This trip is designed to optimize a relaxing time in the picturesque rural environment of the Libolo / Calulo region of Kwanza Sul and we will stay two nights at the very comfortable Cabuta Farm resort. We depart from Luanda at 6:00am and travel towards Dondo. After some 250kms we turn right towards Massangano. Like Luanda, Massangano was also founded by Paulo Dias de Novais. The fortress at Massangano was built in 1583 and is one of the oldest in Angola. The city was used as a base for the Portuguese during their expeditions to the interior of the country to capture slaves. In the 17<sup>th</sup> century it became the temporary capital of Angola when the Dutch occupied Luanda from 1641 to 1648. Paulo Dias passed away in 1589 and he was laid to rest in Massangano, his tomb is still here.

We then move on passing through Dondo where we stop briefly to appreciate the Kwanza River which is very broad at this point. Here we start to climb and then continue south and east passing through the charming town of Calulo famous for its coffee farms, its fort and views. After a short off road stint we reach our main destination on this trip - Cabuta Farm. We will enjoy our evening meal and sleep here in the charming bungalows of the “Sanzala”.

Accommodation: Cabuta Farm

Meals included – snack lunch and dinner



Kwanza River at Massangano



Church “Our Lady Victoria” rejuvenated!



Ruins at Massangano



Cabuta farm Entrance (“Palm Avenue”)



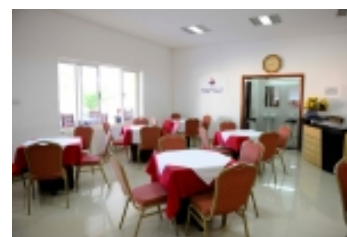
Main Farmhouse and reception at Cabuta



Comfortable air conditioned new bungalows



Restaurant at Cabuta



Restaurant interior at Cabuta

## Day 2: Cabuta – “Magic Forest” – River Kwanza - (or Xixila Wine farm) – Cabuta

After breakfast, We can enjoy the spectacular vistas, and can further explore the farm , it's forest walks and fantastic views and buildings. For the energetic amongst us there is the challenge of climbing “Balloon Rock” ! We will then have a guided tour of the coffee farm and witness firsthand the beginning of the rebirth of the Angolan Coffee industry (as this is in fact a fully functioning coffee farm). Weather and road conditions permitting, we will take a trip to the north through “Magic Forest” to the River Kwanza and have a picnic lunch at the river beach near the “Filomena de Camara” bridge. Alternatively, we may visit the new vineyard / wine farm “Xixila” and have lunch there. We will return to Cabuta for the night and enjoy dinner at the farm restaurant.

Accommodation: Cabuta Farm.

Meals included – Breakfast, Picnic Lunch and Dinner.



Don't do it ! Being seduced by the amazing 300° views from the Coffee farm



Mmm those red beans we all love so much !



On the guided coffee tour



India (guide) atop Balloon Rock



Enjoying the picnic



Sunset at Filomena de Camara Bridge



Pretty village en route to the



Making friends



Sunset at the farm



Views of Xixila Wine Farm and surroundings

### Day 3: Cabuta - Calulo – Cambambe Dam – - Luanda

After breakfast we have some free time, then a “town tour” of Calulo and then start our journey back to Luanda through the rolling hills and mountains of Kwanza Sul via Cambambe Dam (the oldest dam on the River Kwanza) dating back to the late 50’s and still working with the original Swiss manufactured turbines. Here we will have a snack lunch and if we can obtain permission we will visit the dam wall. Here we will have a snack lunch before returning to Luanda via Dondo.



Church at Calulo



En route – spectacular Kwanza Sul scenery



Cambambe Dam reservoir



Cambambe Dam Wall



Views from Cambambe Dam



Interesting 50’s architecture at the old Pousada

Meals included Breakfast and Snack Lunch

#### **Package Excludes:**

Insurance.

Drinks and extras at hotels and restaurants.

Single room (supplement available)

**Confirmation of availability at the mentioned hotels and Lodges at the time of receiving your confirmation. Please confirm early as accommodation is at a premium.**

Cancellation Policy (following written or verbal confirmation from client);

30 to 15 days prior to trip - 50% refund

14 to 7 days prior to trip - 25% refund

Less than 7 days prior to trip 0% refund

No Shows will be charged in full