

Some regulations to observe

To ensure a safe visit and to preserve the quietude of the animals, please keep in mind the following regulations:

- ⇒ Do not drive faster than 40 Km/h!
- ⇒ Do not honk your horn!
- ⇒ Do not get out of your vehicle except in designated areas!
- ⇒ Do not deviate from designated roads!
- ⇒ Do not drive during the night!
- ⇒ Always put trash in the trash cans or take it with you out of the park!
- ⇒ Do not feed the animals!

To discourage begging in villages surrounding the park, we ask you to refrain from giving out money, pens, or candy directly to children. If you would like to make such donations, we recommend you do so to the administration of local schools.

Your suggestions

Your suggestions and ideas to improve our services are greatly appreciated! Please fill out the questionnaires which can be found at the park entrances.

Each season has its strengths and its weaknesses concerning park visits:

Season		Characteristics
Dry season	mid-October to mid-December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • optimal weather conditions • burnt landscape caused by early fires • difficult to observe wildlife due to the dusty Harmattan and the availability of water holes
	mid-December to mid-May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • excellent conditions for observing wildlife around the lakes • excellent visibility • high temperatures
Rainy season	mid-May to mid-August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • green landscape • good observation conditions • difficult access due to muddy roads
	mid-August to mid-October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • green landscape • difficult to observe wildlife due to tall vegetation • difficult access due to muddy roads

Other information and souvenirs

Various souvenirs as well as documents with in-depth information on the Park can be found at the park entrances and information centres.

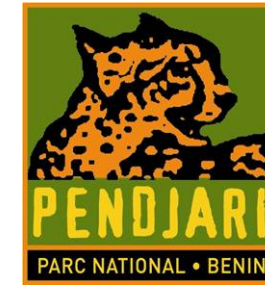
Selected products	Price
Pendjari postcard	350 FCFA
Tourist map of Pendjari National Park	500 FCFA
Pendjari Magazine	500 FCFA
Pendjari honey	1,000 FCFA
Pendjari key holder	1,000 FCFA
Pendjari bottle opener	1,500 FCFA
Guide booklet of Pendjari National Park	2,000 FCFA
Pendjari T-Shirt	2,000 FCFA
Pendjari notepad	2,000 FCFA
Pendjari cap	3,500 FCFA
Pendjari pocket knife	5,000 FCFA
Book of birds of the WAP Complex	15,000 FCFA
Book of mammals of the WAP Complex	15,000 FCFA

For more information on the Park and organizing your visit, check out our website at:

www.pendjari.net

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Welcome to the Pendjari National Park!



Practical information for your visit



Ecotourism at Pendjari N.P.

The goal of ecotourism at Pendjari is to contribute to the preservation of natural resources. Considering that local communities will not be motivated to protect the resources in the park unless they benefit directly from its utilization, part of the revenues from tourism are used to improve the quality of life of the local population.

Some figures	
Surface area of Pendjari National Park	275,000 ha
Surface area of hunting zones	205,000 ha
Creation of Pendjari Wildlife Reserve	1954
Creation of Pendjari National Park	1961
Acknowledgement as a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve	1986
Number of visitors in season 2007-2008	6,500
Revenue from tourism in season 2007-2008	151,000,000 FCFA
⇒ Cynegetic tourism (hunting and fishing within the cynegetic zones)	62%
⇒ Wildlife safari tourism	38%

Therefore, the Pendjari National Park Administration (DPNP) established a system of co-management with the associations of the park bordering population (AVIGREF) that enables the sustainable utilization of resources.

30% of the revenues from hunting are given directly to AVIGREF to support investments in infrastructures or training measures beneficial to the villagers. In 2007, the remaining revenues covered 30% of the expenses related to park management. Complementary to the subsidy of the State and the installation of a trust fund, the park strives to cover by 2011 34% of the management expenses with its own revenues. Until 2013, the objective is to achieve 10.000 visitors.

As we can not attain this goal without offering satisfactory service to our visitors, we work everyday to improve our services. We wish you a pleasant stay in the Pendjari National Park!

Park hours

Pendjari National Park is open for wildlife safari everyday from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. all year long. During the dry season, you can choose between 4 park entrances. During the rainy season, especially between August and October, route choices are limited, only the entrance of Batia is accessible, and a 4x4 car is essential.



Preparing your visit

Before entering the Park, we ask you to consider the following recommendations:

- ⇒ Always carry sufficient drinking water and some snacks with you.
- ⇒ Do not forget a first-aid kit for cases of emergency.
- ⇒ Prepare two spare tires, as there are no auto repair services in the park.
- ⇒ Prepare sufficient fuel reserves, as refueling is not possible in the park.

For communication within the Park, satellite phone rentals (THURAYA) are available at the park entrances Batia and Porga. Binocular rentals are also available at these locations. The daily rental fees are 5,000 FCFA for a THURAYA and 2,000 FCFA for a pair of binoculars.

Individual entrance fees

Categories	Amount
Expatriate	10,000 FCFA
Child of expatriate, 5 - 18 years old	3,000 FCFA
Child younger than 5 years	Free
Beninese	5,000 FCFA
Beninese student	1,000 FCFA
Resident of a park bordering village	500 FCFA
Vehicle fee	3,000 FCFA
Between August and October, entrance fees are reduced by 50%.	

Your ticket rests valid regardless of the duration of your stay in the park and expires automatically once you exit. Visitors that are staying at Camp Numi in Batia, Relais de Tanongou or Porga Hotel may re-enter the park the following days without buying a new ticket, if they leave their tickets and identification at the entrances before exiting the Park. There are no group fees.

Tourist guides

It is strongly recommended to hire a guide to appreciate better wildlife observation. For safety reasons, you are required to be accompanied by a guide during the walking tour (circuit pédestre) and the canoe tour (circuit en pirogue).

You will find local guides at the park entrances at Batia and Porga. At Natitingou and Tanguiéta you also have the possibility to hire a chauffeur-guide who can drive you with his own vehicle.

The Pendjari National Park Administration is committed to improve the services of guides by organizing annual training sessions. All guides recommended are given a badge that provides information on their identity and their level of knowledge. A list of contacts is available at the park entrances, at the information counter in Natitingou and at the website www.pendjari.net.