Most international guests require a visa to enter Republic of the Congo, there are two ways to apply. We strongly recommend ROUTE 1 (most reliable), however if there is no Embassy or Consulate for Republic of the Congo near to you, please read ROUTE 2 (special arrangement only with the Congolese government for our guests).

A Letter of Invitation is required for both application routes. We cannot guarantee processing times for Letters of Invitation or visas, this process is managed by the Congolese government and is outside of our control. Congo Conservation Company will not be liable for any issues should they occur during application or travelling.

**Route 1 VISA PRIOR TO ARRIVAL**

**REQUIRED**
- Passport to be valid 6 months after arrival date.
- International yellow fever vaccination certificate.
- 2 printed copies of your Letter of Invitation (LOI) for visa application. (Keep additional copies in your luggage, as you must present a copy on arrival).
- 2 signed Republic of the Congo visa request forms (country specific).
- 2 passport photos in colour, white background.
- 1 copy of return flight arrangements.

**PROCESS**
- Contact your nearest Embassy or Consulate to enquire about their application process.
- Locations of Embassies and Consulates are available overleaf.
- Have with you all the required documentation above.
- 5 - 7 working days to process application once the documentation is complete (country specific).

**Route 2 VISA ON ARRIVAL IN BRAZZAVILLE**

**REQUIRED**
- Please notify us if you require this type of visa when confirming your reservation.
- Passport to be valid 6 months after arrival date.
- International yellow fever vaccination certificate.
- 2 printed copies of your Letter of Invitation (LOI) for visa application. (Keep additional copies in your luggage, as you must present a copy on arrival).
- 2 copies of a Visa Assistance Letter.

**PROCESS**
- For the full process, please turn to page 3.
- Travel with the above documentation in easy access.
- At Maya Maya Airport (Brazzaville), you will need to fill in an immigration form and present your Yellow Fever certificate. Let the officials know you are visiting Odzala Discovery Camps and require a Visa on Arrival. Have your Letter of Invitation and Visa Assistance Letter ready. The officials will lead you through the process.
- Visa fee: US$ 50 cash (2013 bills or later). No change will be available.

**PLEASE NOTE**
If you notified us that you were applying for a Visa Prior to Arrival and are no longer able to, it is important to notify us as soon as possible.
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Republic of the Congo Embassies and Consulates

**REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO - EMBASSIES**
- Angola - Luanda
- Belgium - Brussels
- Brazil - Brasilia
- Cameroon - Yaounde
- Central African Republic - Bangui
- Chad - N'Djamena
- China - Beijing
- Congo (Democratic Republic) - Kinshasa
- Côte d'Ivoire - Abidjan
- Cuba - Havana
- Egypt - Cairo
- Equatorial Guinea - Malabo
- Ethiopia - Addis Ababa
- France - Paris
- Gabon - Libreville
- Germany - Berlin
- India - New Delhi
- Israel - Tel Aviv
- Italy - Rome
- Japan - Tokyo
- Kenya - Nairobi
- Libya - Tripoli
- Morocco - Rabat
- Namibia - Windhoek
- Nigeria - Abuja
- Russia - Moscow
- Rwanda - Kigali
- Senegal - Dakar
- South Africa - Pretoria
- Sweden - Stockholm
- Turkey - Ankara
- United States - Washington, D.C.

**REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO - CONSULATES**
- Angola - Cabinda (Consulate General)
- Austria - Vienna (Consulate General)
- Belgium - Antwerp
- Benin - Cotonou
- Brazil - Fortaleza
- Cameroon - Douala (Consulate General)
- Canada - Toronto
- China - Guangzhou (Consulate General)
- France - Bordeaux
- France - Marseille
- Germany - Frankfurt am Main
- Germany - Hanover
- Germany - Munich
- Greece - Athens
- Hong Kong - Hong Kong
- Italy - Genoa
- Korea (Republic) - Seoul
- Lebanon - Beirut
- Mali - Bamako
- Portugal - Lisbon
- Switzerland - Geneva (Consulate General)
- Thailand - Bangkok
- Tunisia - Tunis (Consulate General)
- Turkey - Istanbul
- United Kingdom - London

**MORE INFORMATION**
We would be happy to provide contact details and opening times for the Embassy or Consulate in your area, please speak to discovery@odzala.com for more information or if you have any queries. Should you decide to switch from Route 1 to Route 2, please notify us as soon as possible.
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ROUTE 2: Visa on arrival process and details

We strongly encourage all of our guests to arrange their visa for the Republic of Congo prior to arrival. If you elect to follow Route 2 (only recommended for countries with no Consular services for Republic of Congo) and get a visa for Republic of Congo on arrival, please notify our team when booking and carefully note the below:

ROUTE 2: VISA ON ARRIVAL
• A visa on arrival is a special arrangement available by courtesy of the Congolese government for our guests. This can cause confusion with 3rd parties such as international airlines while travelling as our arrangement is not widely known or available, nor is it the preferred visa route by Congolese officials.
• As you have been unable to obtain a visa prior to arrival, it is important to note your application for a Letter of Invitation may take longer.
• If you arrive at Maya Maya Airport without your Letter of Invitation and/or Visa Assistance Letter, immigration challenges will occur and penalties may apply upwards of US$ 50 (no change will be available at border control; penalties additional to Visa on Arrival fees).
• Visas on arrival may result in your passport being retained overnight. This is not unusual and we will collect it in the morning and return it to you at the earliest possible time.
• If paying for visas or forgotten Letters of Invitation on arrival, only US$ bills are accepted, and bills issued before 2013 will not be accepted.
• At Maya Maya Airport (Brazzaville), you will need to fill in an immigration form and present your Yellow Fever certificate. Let the officials know you are visiting Odzala Discovery Camps and require a Visa on Arrival. Have your Letter of Invitation and Visa Assistance Letter ready. The officials will lead you through the process.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION
• Passport to be valid 6 months after arrival date
• Minimum of 1 blank page in your passport (amendment pages do not apply)
• 2 copies of a Visa Assistance Letter
• 2 copies of your Letter of Invitation
• Visa cost: US$ 50 cash (2013 bills or later)
  No change will be available
• Yellow Fever certificate of vaccination

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What to pack

PACKING LIST
A 15kg weight limit may apply, please enquire two weeks ahead of travelling for confirmed weight allowances (additional fees may apply to excessive weight). We highly recommend packing essential items and clothing in carry-on luggage in case of lost baggage at any international airport en-route.

CLOTHING
As the rainforest and bai environment can be muddy and wet, we recommend bringing enough suitable clothing (including socks) to allow time for laundered items to dry in the often humid and wet conditions. Laundry is eco-wise: hand-washed and air-dried (please check clothes for insects). Ideal clothing is quick drying, lightweight, dark green or brown and has long sleeves or trouser legs. Black and blue clothes are not recommended (may attract tsetse flies near water).

- At least 2 to 3 fast-drying shirts with long sleeves and 2 to 3 pairs of fast-drying long pants (preferably dark greens, browns, khakis).
- Closed walking shoes, ideally light-weight and fast-drying (heavy boots can be difficult to dry).
- We recommend old running shoes for the river activities as you will get wet and muddy. Feel free to leave these behind when you leave.
- A light fleece or jumper for cooler weather in the evenings and for earlier morning or river activities.
- A long light-weight dark shaded shirt for river activities.
- Two pairs of socks per day, we recommend light-weight and fast-drying.
- Sun hat, bathing suit, casual clothes and comfortable shoes for relaxing in the camp.

EQUIPMENT & OTHER
We recommend that all camera equipment is suitable for humid and possibly wet environments. Lighting conditions can be challenging in the forest; gorilla welfare protocols dictate that flashes cannot be used and the typical distance at which gorillas are viewed is not closer than 7 m / 23 ft. There are many interesting smaller things that may be encountered in the forest, so a macro lens might also be helpful. You will need to carry all your own equipment. To make use of drones and large-scale camera equipment, please contact management for clearance and details.

- Sunglasses & sunscreen.
- All your favourite travel gadgets: binoculars (night vision a bonus), camera equipment, anti-fog for lenses, spare batteries and memory cards or film, adaptors (European plugs in camp; 500W max voltage).
- A few zip-lock bags or a light-weight dry bag for electronic equipment.
- Torch or flashlight (head-lamp recommended).
- Personal toiletries (eco shower gel, shampoo & conditioner provided).
- Any medication you may require (anti-allergy recommended).
- Insect repellent (tropical grade – natural products not recommended).
What to pack

PAPERWORK

- BORDER ENTRY – Passport (2 blank pages), visa, flight tickets, Letter of Invitation, cash: CFA/Euro/USD, credit cards, insurance details.
  
  If obtaining a visa on arrival at Maya Maya Airport, please bring above as well as a printed copy of your visa assistance letter, Derogation Letter and US$ 50 in cash (no change will be provided, cost is subject to change in accordance with customs).

- YELLOW FEVER – Yellow Fever vaccination record for entry into Republic of the Congo

- MEDICAL CLEARANCE – A signed CCC medical clearance form for gorilla tracking (measles, polio vaccinations, and tuberculosis screening)

PLEASE NOTE:

A book on Odzala-Kokoua National Park is available and can be added to your invoice prior to arrival or can be purchased in cash with our teams in Brazzaville and at the camps (US$ 100).

If you would like to bring items for the local communities in this remote region, please ask us for a list of items they require (discover@congoconservation.travel).

Our camps accept Euro and CFA (other currencies will incur a premium rate in camps). There is an exchange bureau in Brazzaville at the Radisson Blu Hotel.

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