



21 day Tour of Niger, Burkina Faso and Mali

Day 01: Arrival in Niamey

Airport transfer and possible trip on the Niger River to Bouabou depending on time of arrival. (Overnight Niamey, Homeland Hotel)

Day 02: Niamey-Maradi

Morning tour of Niamey followed by a visit to Haussa and Fulani villages and a weekly market if coinciding with the day of our visit. Afterwards we will drive to Maradi. (Overnight Maradi Guest house)

Day 03: Maradi-Zinder

Today we will visit the grand mosque in Maradi, the sultan palace, old city market and artisanal center. We will then drive to Zinder and visit the mosque, the sultan palace, regional museum, cattle market and artisanal market. (Overnight Zinder, Gamzi Hotel)

Day 04: Koure

Early morning drive to Koure to visit the only giraffes in West Africa. (Overnight Niamey, hotel Homeland)

Day 05: Ouagadougou

Flight from Niger to Burkina Faso, and will then continue our visit to the granite statue in Laongo park near Ouagadougou. (Overnight Ouagadougou, Hotel Palm Beach)

Day 06: Tiebele

After breakfast, we will drive to the typical village of Tiebele, center to the Kassena civilization with impressive wall paintings and architecture. We will visit the royal compound, see women decorating their houses and will attend traditional dance in the evening. (Overnight Tiebele, Sirily Hotel)

Day 07: Ouagadougou

In the morning, we will drive to Ouagadougou where we will visit the national museum, the artisanal village, the Moro Naba's palace, the grand market and the monument of Thomas Sankara, the African Che Guevara. (Overnight Ouagadougou, Palm Beach Hotel)

Day 08: Bazoule-Bobo Dioulasso

After breakfast, we will drive to Bazoule and will visit the sacred crocodile pond, the surrounding market gardens, and meet the village chief. We then continue to Bobo Dioulasso, second largest city of Burkina Faso, to visit old mud mosque, the old town, cultural center and the surrounding areas. (Overnight Bobo Dioulasso, Hotel Relax)

Day 09: Bobo Dioulasso-Banfora

In the morning we will continue to explore Bobo, visiting the Houet Museum, the old Kibidwe artisan's district where we will see the traditional blacksmiths, potters and process of dyeing of cloths. In the afternoon we will drive to Banfora and have a boat trip in the Tengarela Lake to see the hippos and relax by the waterfalls. (Overnight Banfora, hotel Canne a Sucre)

Day 10: Bobo Dioulasso-Djenne

Today we will drive via Koury and San to Djenne, the twin sister of Timbuktu and a UNESCO's World Heritage site, arriving in the afternoon. (Overnight in Djenne, Hotel Houbert)

Day 11: Djenne and surroundings

In the morning, we will visit the grand mosque, the world's largest mud brick structure, the ancient manuscripts library, koranic schools and Tapama's Tomb. The afternoon will be spent visiting Fulani and Bozo villages surrounding Djenne. (Overnight in Djenne, Hotel Houbert)

Day 12: Mopti

We will travel to Mopti, the melting pot of Mali, where we will visit the Komoguel mosque and the Centre for Earth Architecture. We will see the fishing port where wooden boats are being made by hand, and the bustling market where many of Mali's ethnic groups come to trade. We will also take a boat trip to discover life along the Bani and the Niger River. (Overnight in Mopti, Hotel La Venice du Mali)

Day 13: Mopti-Dogon country

Today we drive to Dogon country with a stop at Songho, a village renowned for its grotto with rock paintings (circumcision ceremonies are held here every five years for all Dogon boys aged 8-12 years old). We then continue via Badiangara to visit the village of Sangha and in the afternoon, we will walk around 4km to Banani village. (Banani village, overnight rooftop)

Day 14: Dogon country-Segou

In the morning, we drive to the village of Ireli (the capital of the Tellem houses), Amani for sacred crodiles and Tireli to attend a Dogon mask dance. We will then continue to Segou arriving in late afternoon (Overnight Segou, Hotel Hambe.)

Day 15: Segou

After breakfast, we will visit a mud-cloth Bogolan workshop, the colonial buildings and Segoukoro, a village located on the banks of the river which over the centuries was the chosen residence of the Bambara Emperors. Afternoon will be dedicated to visit the Somono fishermen area. (Overnight Segou, hotel Hambe)

Day 16: Segou-Niger river cruise (two nights three days)

Early in the morning we will board our private wooden motorized boat to enjoy one of the great travel experiences in Mali. Today we will visit Kalabougou village known for its pottery made by the women and will discover varying villages and friendly locals. (Overnight camping on an island on the river)

Day 17: Niger River cruise

Breakfast will be served on the boat and will continue our river trip watching life on the banks of the river where we will meet bozo fishermen and Somono boatmen while enjoying changing landscape. We will stop at villages to observe village life and will see various birds in the region of Koulikoro. (Overnight camping on an island on the river)

Day 18: Niger River cruise-Koulikoro

Last day on our relaxing river trip on the river continuing to observe life on the banks of the river until we reach Koulikoro in the afternoon. (Overnight Koulikoro, Hotel Nanagaleni).

Day 19: Koulikoro-Bamako

After breakfast, we will visit the cave mosque and the Koranic School and will then drive to Bamako. (Overnight Bamako, hotel Tamana)

Day 20: Bamako-Siby

In the morning, we will visit the city of Bamako, which offers an interesting mix of colonial buildings, the national museum and the craft market. We will then continue to Siby and hike to the arch of Kamajan and relax by the waterfalls in the afternoon. (Overnight Siby, hotel Colorado)

Day 21: Bamako

Drive back to Bamako and visit artisan market. A special farewell lunch of Timbuktu will be served to conclude the tour.

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight.

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Included

Flight: from Niamey to Ouagadougou

Transport: Round trip airport/hotel transfers, private air-conditioned bus for all the trip, all boat trips.

Accommodation: Hotel accommodation in the listed properties, Based on 6 double rooms with air-conditioning.

Guide: Experienced English speaking guides and assistants

Meals included: All breakfast. Lunch and dinner in the boat.

Entrance Fees: For all sites mentioned in the itinerary

Group size: 12

Excluded

International flights, travel insurance and cost of visa. However, we can assist with a letter of invitation.