



## **7 day Tour of Mali starting in Timbuktu**

### **Day 01: Arrival in Bamako**

Transfer from the airport to your hotel, meeting your guide. (overnight Bamako, Hotel Tamana)

### **Day 02: Timbuktu**

In the morning, we will catch our flight to the delightful and magical Timbuktu. We will visit the big mosque, centre of manuscripts, university mosque, the old medina and the house of Alexander Gordon Laing, the first European to lay eyes on Timbuktu. We will have an opportunity to see a Touareg dance with camels. We will then fly to Sevre airport in Mopti and continue onto Dogon country. (Overnight in Badiangara, Hotel La Falaise)

### **Day 03: Dogon country**

Today we will drive to visit the Dogon villages of Sangha, Banani, Ireli (the capital of the ancient Tellem houses), Amani (sacred crocodiles) and Tireli, where we will have an opportunity to see a Dogon mask dance. We will then visit Songho village, renowned for its grotto with rock paintings, where circumcision ceremonies are held every five years for all Dogon boys aged 8-12 years. We will then drive to Mopti. (Overnight in Mopti, Hotel Kanaga)

### **Day 04: Mopti**

Mopti is the melting pot of Mali and our tour will include a visit to the Komoguel mosque, the Centre for Earth Architecture, the fishing port to see wooden boats being made by hand and the bustling market where many of Mali's ethnic groups come to trade. We will do a boat trip to discover the life along the Bani and the Niger River. In the afternoon, we will depart for Djenne, the twin sister of Timbuktu and a UNESCO World Heritage site. (Overnight in Djenne, Hotel Wellingara or Houbert)

### **Day 05: Djenne**

In Djenne, we will visit the grand mosque, the world's largest mud brick structure, the ancient manuscripts library, koranic schools and Tapama's Tomb. We then drive to Segou arriving in the afternoon to undertake a boat trip to Kalabougou. (Overnight in Segou, Hotel Hambe)

### **Day 06: Segou**

Today we will visit a mud-cloth Bogolan workshop, the colonial buildings and Segoukoro, a village located on the banks of the river, the chosen residence of the Bambara Emperors. We will then return to Bamako. (Overnight Hotel Tamana)

## **Day 07: Bamako**

After breakfast, we will visit the city of Bamako which offers an interesting mix of colonial buildings, the National museum, the craft market and sand fishing at Kalaban Koro.

End of the tour, transfer to the airport for your onward flight.

## **Timbuktu 7 Day Tour**

### Included

Flight: Bamako-Timbuktu-Sévaré

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

Security: from the airport until we fly back from Timbuktu.

Accommodation: Hotel accommodation in the listed properties based on 6 double air-conditioned rooms

Guide: Experienced English speaking guides and assistants

Meals included: All breakfast and lunch

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.