







# 10 day tour of Mali starting in Bamako

## Day 01: Arrive in Bamako

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

### Day 02: Segou

We will drive to Segou where 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 take a boat trip to visit Kalabougou. (Overnight in Segou, Hotel Hambe)

#### Day 03: Djenne

Today, we will depart for Djenne, the twin sister of Timbuktu and a UNESCO World Heritage site. We will visit the grand mosque, the world's largest mud brick structure, the ancient manuscripts library, koranic schools and Tapama's Tomb. (Overnight in Djenne, Hotel Houber)

# Day 04: Djenne-surroundings

After breakfast, the morning will be used to visit Tapama's Tomb and the secret well of Nana Wangare. After lunch we will ride a horse cart to reach the Fullani and Bozo villages. (Overnight in Djenne, Houber)

## Day 05: 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. (Overnight in Mopti, Hotel La Venice du Mali)

## **Day 06: Dogon country**

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

#### Day 07: Mopti

Today, we will drive back to Mopti, arrive midday and relax at the hotel. In the afternoon we will take a boat trip to discover the life along the Bani and the Niger River. (Overnight in Mopti, Hotel La Venice Du Mali)

# Day 08: Bamako

After breakfast, we will drive to Bamako, arrive late afternoon, relax at the hotel and have dinner at the hotel Villa Soudan. (Overnight in Bamako, Hotel Tamana)

# Day 09: Bamako, Siby

In the morning 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. We will then drive to Siby to visit the Arch of Kamajan and the water falls. (Overnight in Siby, Hotel Arch)

# Day 10: Bamako

Today we will drive back to Bamako.

End of the tour and transfer to the airport for your onward flight

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#### <u>Included</u>

Transport: Round trip airport/hotel transfers, private Air-condition Bus for all the trip,

Accommodation: Hotel accommodation in the listed properties, 4 double rooms with air conditioning

Guide: Experienced English speaking guides and assistants

Meals included: All breakfast.

Entrance Fees: For all sites mentioned in the itinerary

Group size: 8

## **Excluded**

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