



17 Day Tour of Burkina Faso and Mali

Day 01: Ouagadougou

After transfer from the airport to your hotel, you will meet your guide and possibly visit the granite statue in Laongo Park near Ouagadougou. (Overnight Ouagadougou, Hotel Palm Beach)

Day 02: 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 then visit the royal compound, see women decorating their houses and attend a traditional dance in the evening. (Overnight Tiebele, Jean Buya)

Day 03: 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 04: Bazoule-Bobo Dioulasso

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

Day 05: Bobo Dioulasso-Banfora

In the morning, we will continue to explore Bobo Dioulasso, visiting the Houet Museum, the old Kibidwe artisans' district where we will see the traditional blacksmiths, potters etc.... In the afternoon, we will drive to Banfora, take a boat trip in the Tengarela Lake to see the hippos and relax by the waterfalls. (Overninght Banfora, hotel Canne à Sucre)

Day 06: Bobo Dioulasso-Djenne

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

Day 07: 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. In the afternoon, we will visit Fulani and Bozo villages surrounding Djenne. (Overnight in Djenne, Hotel Houbert)

Day 08: 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 09: Mopti-Dogon country

Today we will drive to Dogon country with a stop in 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 will then continue via Badiangara to visit the village of Sangha and in the afternoon, we will walk around 4km to Banani village. (Overnight Banani village, overnight rooftop)

Day 10: Dogon country-Segou

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

Day 11: Segou

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

Day 12: 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. 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 13: Niger River cruise

Breakfast will be served on the boat and we 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 14: Niger River cruise-Koulikoro

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

Day 15: Koulikoro-Bamako

The morning will be used to visit the cave mosque and the Koranic school. We will then drive to Bamako. (Overnight Bamako, hotel Tamana)

Day 16: 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 continue to Siby and hike to the arch of Kamajan and relax by the waterfalls in the afternoon. (Overnight Siby, hotel Colorado)

Day 17: Bamako

We will drive back to Bamako and visit the artisan market. A special farewell Timbuktu-style lunch will be served to conclude the tour.

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight.

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Included

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

Accommodation: Hotel accommodation in the listed properties, based on 6 double rooms with air-conditioning and all boat trips.

Guide: Experienced English speaking guides and assistants

Meals included: All breakfasts, lunch and dinner on 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.