

A Week in Mali
8 days - 7 nights (Saturday arrivals)
Bamako, Mopti, Djenné, Dogon Plateau, Bandiagara, Ségou
Nature, Ecotourism, Discovery, Adventure, Culture

This program may be operated for individual or for groups
This is a suggested itinerary – Please call us to customize

In addition to its exceptional landscapes of cliffs and sandstone plateau integrating very beautiful architecture (dwellings, attics, altars, sanctuaries and toguna-men's shelters), the site of the Bandiagara region is one of the most impressive sites in West Africa.

Day 1, Sat: Bamako

Assistance on arrival at the airport and transfer your hotel in Bamako. Rest of the at leisure. Dinner at the hotel. [D]

Day 2, Sun: Bamako, Mopti

Departure by 4x4 to Mopti, the “Venice of Mali”, with visits along the way and lunch in Bla. Arrive in Mopti late afternoon. Relax with a stroll on the bank of the Niger River at sunset before dinner at your hotel. [B/L/D]

Day 3, Mon: Mopti (Djenné)

A 2-hour drive will take us to Djenné, the former twin city of Timbuktu, to visit the large weekly market before lunch at a local restaurant. In the afternoon, see the magnificent Grand Mosque, the largest clay architecture in the world, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Return to Mopti for dinner and overnight. [B/L/D]

Day 4, Tue: Mopti (Dogon Plateau)

On the way to the fascinating Dogon universe! Visit of Songo village, famous for its circumcision cave with rock paintings; walk in Sangha and observe multiple examples of traditional Dogon architecture and contemporary fetishism. After lunch attend a traditional Dogon mask dance. Return to Mopti. Some time to rest before dinner and overnight at the hotel. [B/L/D]

Day 5, Wed: Mopti (Bandiagara, Niger River)

Bandiagara has prestigious social traditions that are still alive (masks, ritual and popular festivals, cults periodically returned to ancestors through several ceremonies). By its geological, archaeological and ethnological characteristics and its landscapes, the Bandiagara plateau is an exciting region to visit. En-trenched on the plateau and clinging to the side of the cliffs, the Dogon had, thanks to this defensive shelter, to preserve their culture and their traditions for centuries. Tour the Dogon villages on the Bandiagara escarpment (the villages you see depend on your desire to walk and climb). Lunch at a local



restaurant and, in the afternoon, return to Mopti for a canoe cruise on the Niger River at sunset. Dinner and overnight in Mopti. [B/L/D]

Day 6, Thu: Mopti, Ségou

Tour of Mopti, the “Venice of Mali”, on the day of its large market, where several ethnic groups of Mali rub shoulders: Bambara, Bobo, Bozo, Dogon, Peul, Songhai, and Touareg Also see the beautiful Sudanese mosque and the bustling fishing port. Lunch in Mopti before our 5-hour drive to Ségou for dinner and overnight at the hotel. [B/L/D]

Day 7, Fri: Ségou, Bamako

This morning we tour Ségou a former colonial administrative center of Mali. Stroll through the traditional pottery market by the river, visit of the Sékoro village, former capital of the Bambara kingdom and see the tomb of King Biton Coulibaly. After lunch return to Bamako for dinner and overnight. [B/L/D]

Day 8, Sat: Bamako, USA

Be ready for your departure after breakfast. Take a panoramic view of the city from Point G; visit of the National Museum, the pink market, the craftsmen's village and the traditional pharmacopoeia market before lunch at a city restaurant. At the appointed time you'll be driven to the airport to board your connecting flight to the US. [B/L]

[B] = Breakfast | [D] = Dinner | [B/L] = Breakfast, Lunch | [B/L/D] = Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Your Tour includes:

- Arrival and departure transfers
- 7 nights' accommodation:
 - Bamako 2 nights
 - Mopti 4 nights
 - Segou 1 night
- Meals
 - Breakfast daily
 - 7 lunches
 - 7 dinners
- Djenné weekly market
- Djenné Grand Mosque
- Visit of Songo village
- Dogon mask dance
- Bandiagara escarpment villages
- Sunset canoe cruise on the Niger River
- Mopti, the “Venice of Mali”

- Visit of the Sékoro village
- Tomb of King Biton Coulibaly
- Private transportation by 4x4 vehicle
- Experienced English-speaking driver-guide
- Entrance fees where required
- All local taxes

Tour does not include:

- International airfares
- Any taxes related to airfares or airports
- Meals not mentioned under inclusions
- Travel Insurance
- Visas
- Tips to guides or drivers
- Expenses of a personal nature
- Any item not mentioned as “Included”

Hotels in your Tour:

| City | Hotel Name | Tripadvisor |
|---------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| First Class* | | |
| Bamako | Radisson Blue | 3.5 |
| Mopti | La Maison Rouge | 4.5 |
| Segou | Hotel L'Auberge | 4 |

Hotels will be confirmed at time of booking

* Best in town

Tour Prices:

These programs can be customized for individuals and groups. Changes to this program may be requested by phone (1855-55-TOURS) or using the web FIT Quote Request

- **Airfare**

We also be glad to add the necessary airfare from your gateway so you take advantage of our special discounted leisure fares

- **Program**

You may add or remove;

- Trip days
- Cities and sites
- Meals

- **Other options**

- The program was designed with private services; however, we may substitute shared sight-seeing where available
- If you prefer deluxe services we may operate this program including private driver, private guide and concierge service.

- **Quotation**

Once we have designed the program the way you want we'll give you a quote within 2 business days.

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Options:

- Lunches and dinners can be arranged for individuals, families and groups at top restaurants or any restaurant requested by you.
- We can revise the itinerary to spend more time and provide more depth in those areas that you are interested on.
- Any other changes to the itinerary will be accommodated depending on the facilities available in the area.

Group Quotations

- If you wish to use these programs for your group or as the basis for a customized journey please either call us (1-855-55-TOURS or use the web Group Quote Request.
- In either case our specialists will work with to refine all the details and they will get you a quote with 2 business days. Quotes may be obtained for the air and land portions of just for the land journey.
- Booking both air and land with us will represent savings for you because of our buying power and longtime relationship with the airlines.

We will also may have the choice between regular fares and special leisure fares not available to the public.