

Ecotourism in Togo - Between North and South

11 days - 10 nights

Lomé, Notsé, Kara, Tambermanvallei, Mango, Tandjouare, Djamdé or Sara Kawa, Kamina, Atakpamé, Kpalimé, Mount Kloto, Kouma Konda
Heritage, Nature, Discovery, Culture

Best time December through April

This program may be operated for individuals or for groups

For people wanting a country with diverse landscapes, Togo is a good destination with its various valleys, savannahs, hills, rivers, beautiful beaches and wildlife. In Lomé, the capital, the main attractions are the Congress Palace, the large market and the National Museum of Togo. This circuit invites you to travel the roads of Togo between sharing with the local community and discovering the green flora and wild fauna. Togo opens its doors to you and its riches are at your fingertips!

Day 1: Lomé

After passing Immigration and Customs formalities at Lome airport you'll meet your guide for your transfer to the hotel in town. Rest of the day free to rest and relax.

Day 2: Lomé, Notsé, Kara

This morning we leave towards the north of the country stopping at Notsé, a mystical mecca for the Ewe of Benin, known for its unmistakable traditional festival Ag-bogbo - Za every year in the summer. We visit the impressive historical and archaeological sites of the city and the palaces of the kings, vestiges of the kingdom of the 15th and 16th centuries and its history. We continue our journey to the savannah region, passing through Atakpamé and Sokodé to Kara, the 2nd most important city in Togo. Installation and overnight at the hotel. [B/L/D]

Driving: 260 miles | 6 hours

Day 3: Kara, Tambermanvallei (Hiking and immersion)

A day of hiking in Tambermanvallei country. Listed by UNESCO as ancestral culture and remarkable architecture, the region offers exuberant nature. We hike to meet a people with ancestral traditions: the Tambermas, also called Batammaribas "those who shape the earth". Night in tents in or near villages. [B/L/D]

Driving: 47 miles | 1 hour | Walking: 6 to 6 ½ hours

Day 4: Tambermanvallei (Hiking and immersion)

Another day of immersion in the local culture. The Tambermas, having left Burkina Faso to escape Islamization, arrived in this mountainous region (Atakora chain) and built real small fortified castles, the Takientas, an architectural tradition still respected today. Night in tents in or near villages. [B/L/D]

Walking: 6 to 6 ½ hours

Day 5: Tambermanvallei, Mango, Tandjouare

Transfer towards the savannah region, stopping at the Mango dam where we discover many hippos. Continue the journey to the Nok caves in Tandjouare. Visit its high cliffs, which dominate from their peak the Togolese savanna called sandstone of Boumbouaka. There are large cavities that served as refuges in the 17th and 19th centuries and as granaries during various clashes between ethnic groups. Night in tent. [B/L/D]

Driving: 113 miles | 2 ½ hours

Day 6: Tandjouare, Djamdé, Kara

Early in the morning, we drive to Djamdé Wildlife Reserve for a safari and discovery of African wildlife. European investors have launched a project to reintroduce the elephant in Togo, a surprisingly cuddly animal. By talking with the healers, you learn that the park was built despite the opposition of the villagers who were robbed of their land. Today, the villagers hope to see the economic benefits linked

to tourism and are still waiting for payment for their land. Admire the animal wildlife, mostly elephants, horse antelopes, buffaloes and zebra. The best period to visit is December through April. Continue to Kara for dinner and overnight at the hotel [B/L/D]

Driving: 152 miles | 3 ½ hours

Day 7: Kara, Kamina, Atakpamé

On our way back to the south of the country we visit Atakpamé, located in the coffee-cocoa triangle, a major agricultural center. With a little luck, we will be able to attend a spectacle of Tchébé, the dance of the stilts, one of the most famous dances of Togo and one of the specialties of the region. Visit of the German ruins of Kamina, lost in the fields of sorghum and beans: historic site from the German era where the radio station, which directly linked Togo to Berlin in 1914, was installed (ruins of the base, observation towers, vast underground network, etc.). Night in a tent near the site. [B/L/D]

Driving: 308 miles | 5 ½ hours

Day 8: Atakpamé, Kpalimé (Mount Kloto, Kouma Konda)

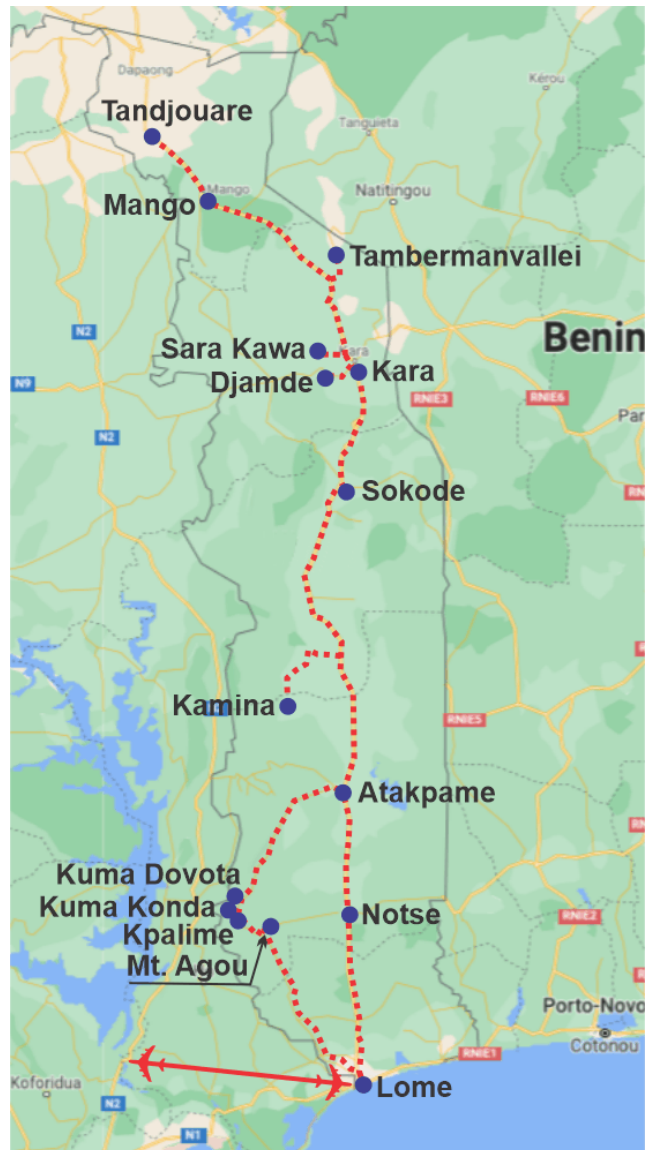
In the morning, we drive southwest to an exceptional environment of great beauty with a tropical climate. On arrival in Kpalimé we visit the fruit and vegetable market. There are also a few buildings from the colonial era, including the German cathedral that we will also visit. The plateau region, mountainous and covered with forests of various species, has created a host of artisanal activities, the most important of which is statuary art. Visits the workshops of individual artists and craftsmen, the store for the visually impaired and of the arts and crafts college. During the visit meet with artisans and artists. Then, continue to the charming and welcoming village of Kouma Konda. During the visit, notice the nicely decorated shutters. Hike to the top of Mount Kloto, the turtle mountain, from where we see villages below, wooded mountain sides and, in good weather day, the sunset towards the horizon over Lake Volta in neighboring Ghana. Night in hotel in the village. [B/L/D]

Driving: 75 miles | 2 hours

Day 9: Kpalime (Hiking - Meeting and immersion)

During these 2 days, we alternate hikes of about 4 to 6 hours / day. We will cross small winding paths to explore small villages, natural waterfalls and waterfalls (swimming possible), forests, fields and crops of coffee, cocoa and fruit trees, etc. We meet the peasants in the fields on the way and according to our timing, participate in their activities (harvesting corn, picking coffee and / or cocoa...). Installation of bivouacs in small traditional villages which respond to the name of Dovota and Agbatoé. We visit the villages and take advantage of meetings and discussions with the population to better understand local habits and customs. Perhaps we will have the chance to live unforgettable memories during traditional festivals. Night in hotel in the village. [B/L/D]

Walking: 6 miles | 4 hours



Day 10: Kpalime (Hiking - Kpimé waterfall)

A pleasant hike in the middle of nature leads to the waterfall which is fed by the streams of the High Plateaux. However, a hydroelectric dam upstream of the Kpimé waterfall no longer allows it to flow in the dry season. In the rainy season, the spectacle is striking, if the rains are abundant. Nevertheless, we appreciate the site for its natural and green side, which offers a beautiful contrast with its red rocks. The climate is pleasant and you can sit there for a picnic. Sometimes you can also cool off there. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight. [B/L/D]

Walking: 6 miles | 4 hours

Day 11: Kpalimé, Lomé, USA

Return to Lomé, the capital, for a last stroll on the city markets, such as the large market, or more astonishing, the one devoted to fetishes: This famous market intrigues as much as it thrills (stalls full of statuettes, gris-gris door-happiness and traditional remedies). A last stop on the coast bordered by sandy beaches and coconut palms. Some free time for last minute shopping and transfer to the airport to board you flight back home. [B/L]

Driving: 75 miles | 2 hours

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

Your Tour includes:

- Round-trip airfare New York/Lomé
- 10 nights' accommodation:
 - Lomé 1 night
 - Kara 1 night
 - Tambermanvallei 2 nights
 - Tandjouare 1 night
 - Kara 1 night
 - Atakpamé 1 night
 - Kpalimé 3 night
- Meals:
 - Breakfast daily
 - Lunch daily
 - 9 dinners
- Tour historical and archaeological Notsé
- Hiking in Tambermanvallei country
- Meet the descendants of the ancestral Tambermas
- See small fortified castles on the Atakora chain
- Discover the hippos at Mango Dam
- Safari in Djamdé or Sarakawa Park
- Tours Atakpamé in the coffee-cocoa triangle

- Watch the dance of the stilts in Tchébé
- Visit of the German ruins of Kamina
- Visit the fruit and vegetable market in Kpalimé
- Meet artists in the village of Kouma Konda,
- Hike to the top of Mount Kloto
- Watch the sunset over Lake Volta
- Visit the Kpalimé waterfalls
- English-speaking driver/guide
- Appropriate vehicle for terrain
- All local taxes

Tour does not include:

- Airfare related taxes and fees
- Airport departure tax
- Togo visa (\$40)
- Provincial departure tax
- Travel insurance
- Meals not specified in the program
- Optional activities or tours
- Early check-in
- Tips to guides and/or drivers
- Local and/or international phone calls
- Personal and/or medical expenses

Hotels in your Tour:

City	Hotel Name	Tripadvisor
Mixed Classes		
Lomé	Hotel 2 Fevrier Lomé	4.5
Kara	Hotel Kama'aka	3.5
Tambermanvallei	Tent Camp	NR
Tandjouare	Tent Camp	NR
Atakpamé	Tent Camp	NR
Kpalimé	Hotel Agbeviade	4

Hotels will be confirmed at time of booking

Tour Prices:

Season	Double	Single
2022 Departures		
All Year	\$1,265	\$2,089

Minimum 2 passengers

Prices are minimum per person and may change without notice.

This program 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 adjust the airfare from your gateway so you take advantage of our special discounted leisure fares

- **Program**

You may add or remove;

- o Trip days
- o Cities and sites
- o Meals

- **Other options**

- o The program was designed with private services; however, we may substitute shared sightseeing where available
- o 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.

Tour Code: TG01LFW22TG

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.
- Private arrival and/or departure transfer

Group Quotations

- The options suggested in the itinerary will be quoted at time of booking
- 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.