

**Tribal Lands
10 days – 9 nights
Lomé, Potossomé, Ouidah, Ganvié, Tambermanvallei, Kpalimé, Togoville
Heritage, Nature, Discovery, Culture**

Best time December through April

This program may be operated for individuals or for groups

Discover the tribes of Benin and Togo. These two countries are set in their traditions and cultures. Visit their sacred places and discover their past of slavery during the tour. Give yourself time in Togo to explore the markets for priceless souvenirs or to lose yourself in one of the forests in the north of Togo or simply relax at the beach. Home stays can also be arranged

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. [D]

Day 2: Lomé, Possotomé , Ouidah

Drive to Possotomé in Benin via Hilacondji. On arrival, start your tour with a hiking expedition through Possotomé voodoo village. Benin is the birthplace of voodoo, an ancient religion in this region, which slaves brought with them when transported in Haiti and Cuba. There, it got mixed with Catholicism and this blend was brought back in Benin and Togo by the slave descendants returning to Africa. This much demonized religion is particularly widespread in this area. Even Christians and Muslims believe in voodoo and practice it regularly. There will be a possibility to meet a priest. (optional). Continue to Ouidah for dinner and overnight. [B/L/D]

Day 3: Ouidah

Drive to Ouidah and spend the day visiting the Temple of pythons, one of the most notable sights of Ouidah. There is an interesting story behind how the temple came to exist: The temple is facing the Ouidah's basilica and the adoration of pythons started after a war that took place in 1717 when the kingdom of Dahomey still existed. At the time Ouidah (formerly called Houeda) wasn't part of the kingdom of Benin and during that war, Ouidah was defeated. King Kpassè, ruler of the kingdom of Ouidah, fled the town and took refuge in a big forest in order to not be captured by the notorious Ghézo warriors who were seating for him. The legend has it that during the search, many pythons started to come out of the forest therefore protecting king Kpassè of Ouidah from his capture. Visit also the Museum of History, follow the slavery route and go through the Door of No Return and understand an important part of the country history. [B/L/D]

Day 4: Ouidah, Ganvié, Abomey, Dassa Zoume

Take a boat to go to Ganvié stilt village on lake Nokoué. The Venice of Africa, the largest stilt village of the region of Calavi. In the afternoon, drive to Abomey historical city. on arrival, visit the 12 palaces of the Royal Palaces of Abomey located within the same enclosure in the center of Abomey. The site is a testimony to one of the most powerful kingdoms in Africa, Dahomey. It was built by the Fon people between 1625 and 1900. In 1985 it was inscribed simultaneously on the World Heritage List and on the List of the World Heritage in Danger, after a tornado struck Abomey in 1984 and damaged the royal structures and museum severely. Drive to Dassa Zoumé for the night. [B/L/D]

Day 5: Dassa Zoumé, Natitingou

Drive to Natitingou in the morning. On arrival, visit the museum where you will see the history of the region through life facts: religious practices, architecture, roles and place of men and women, their relationship with earth and nature. [B/L/D]

Day 6: Natitingou,cTambermanvallei

Drive to Kousoukoingou and visit the unique Somba houses. In the afternoon, cross the border to the Tambermanvallei and visit the Batammariba village in Togo side. It will be a step back in time because

the Batamariba haven't changed their way of living. [B/L/D]

Day 7: Tambermanvallei, Kpalimé

Drive to Kpalimé. It has a beautiful landscape and is located in the heart of the coffee and cocoa region. Stop to see traditional weavers at work and visit the Aledjo cave in the famous Aledjo fault where the cliff seems to be cut off by a sword blow. The way was actually opened through the Aledjo mountains at the time by the Germans rulers around 1904. It used to be a very delicate passage for many heavy goods vehicles going north/south between Lomé port and landlocked Sahelian countries (Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger) often (still) overloaded. Today, thanks to the brand-new national bypass No. 1, a real highway between Sokodé and Kara creates a new detour that is easier and faster for heavy goods vehicles. Since then, the Aledjo fault has been closed to trucks and it has become a very beautiful tourist route with beautiful panoramas of the mountains and crossings of villages. [B/L/D]

Day 8: Kpalimé, Lomé

Embark on a hiking in ecotourism village in Kouma Konda. Walk through the houses, the forest to reach a small waterfall and admire the beautiful green and lush surroundings. Visit of a waterfall. Visit of Havu village on the way to Lomé. [B/L/D]

Day 9: Lomé (Agbodrafo)

Drive to Agbodrafo and take a boat to cross Lake Togo to join Togoville village. You may enjoy one of the most unique and historical tours in Togo. Visit the Agbodrafo clandestine house (slave trade in Agbodrafo was done clandestinely since the traders settled there after the first abolition). This house is built in 1835 by a fraction of the Adjigo clan chased from Aného and led by Chef Assiakoley. Accustomed to the practice of slavery on the shores of Aného, the chief and his notables could not abandon this lucrative trade despite the injunctions of the Western powers and the surveillance of anti-slavery cruises in the Gulf of Benin. The chief Assiakoley built this building on the sly. It is 71 feet long and 33 feet wide and consists of six bedrooms, a living room, 5 feet wide corridors and a cellar. all around the building. Enjoy a relaxing boat ride on Lake Togo to Togoville, the city from which the country got its name. On arrival, walk around the village learn about the colonization history by German and French. Drive back to Lomé for the night [B/L/D]

Day 10: Lomé, USA

Lomé City Tour: Today, drive to Lomé, the capital city of Togo; once dubbed 'the pearl of West Africa'. It may be a shadow of its former self, but it retains a charm and nonchalance that is unique among West African capitals. Visit will include the independence place, the national museum and Assigame Market and the center of Lomé. Drive to the airport for your flight home. [B/L]

Optional: Visit to the Fetish market

Located in the heart of Lomé in the Akodessewa district, the fetish market preserves the Voodoo tradition and offers local solutions to human



problems. Animal remains, cat heads, bird carcasses, animal skins, herbs, statuettes, amulets, and even human bones, make this the most famous market in the Togolese capital. These objects have the power to protect people from bad luck and, according to the sellers, and their effectiveness is guaranteed. The fetish market is also the place to find excellent samples of Ewe figurines honoring the twins, which traders usually keep hidden.

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

Your Tour includes

- Round-trip airfare New York/Lomé
- Arrival and departure transfers
- 9 nights' accommodation:
 - Lomé 3 nights
 - Ouidah 2 nights
 - Dassa Zoume 1 night
 - Natitingou 1 night
 - Tambermanvallei 1 night
 - Kpalimé 1 night
- Meals
 - Breakfast daily
 - 9 lunches
 - 9 dinners
- Visit Possotomé voodoo village
- Tour the Temple of pythons in Ouidah
- Boat ride to Ganvié stilt village
- Visit the 12 Royal Palaces of Abomey
- Discover the Somba houses in Kousoukoingou
- Visit a Batamariba village
- Tour the Aledjou cave

- Hike in Kouma Konda ecotourism village
- Visit the Agbodrafo clandestine slave trade
- Ride on Lake Togo
- Tour of Lomé
- English-speaking guides
- Entrance fees at tourist sites
- Appropriate domestic transportation
- 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
Ouidah	La Casa del Papa	4
Dassa Zoume	Chez Sabine	5
Natitingou	Ma Case au Benin – Chez Gaetan	5
Tambermanvallei	Tent Camp	NR
Kpalimé	Hotel Agbeviade	4

Hotels will be confirmed at time of booking

Tour Prices:

Season	Double	Single
2022 Departures		
All Year	\$3,735	\$5,909

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;

- Trip days
- Cities and sites
- Meals

- **Other options**

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

Tour Code: TG02LFW22TG

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.