

BEST OF MALI

8 Days / 7 Nights

Mali is an ancient land, famous for Timbuktu and the Sahara Desert, and home to the Touareg and the Dogon tribe. On this tour you will experience the culture, unusual architecture and majestic scenery of unforgettable Mali.

Day 1: Bamako

On arrival at Bamako you will be transferred to the HOTEL SALAM (5 star) or similar for your overnight stay.

Day 2: Timbuktu

Today you will fly to Timbuktu where you will visit mosques, the Explorers' Houses, and food and artisan markets. After a camel ride into the desert to visit the "Blue Men of the Desert" – the Touareg – you will return to your hotel. Overnight HOTEL COLUMBE or similar. (B,L,D)

Day 3: Mopti

Today fly to Mopti, Mali's liveliest trading centre, to tour the port, markets, mosque with lunch at a restaurant overlooking the Niger River, before visiting the Bozo and Fulani villages. Finishing with a sunset cruise on the River. Overnight at the HOTEL KANANGA (B,L,D)

Day 4: Bandiagara

Today travel by road to Djienne, one of Africa's oldest cities. Enjoy a walking tour through the narrow streets. After lunch, you will be driven to Songho to see the Circumcision Cave and rock paintings

before continuing to Bandiagara. 2 nights HOTEL KAMBARY (B,L,D)

Day 5: Bandiagara

Full day excursion to some Dogon villages – Banani, Irelli, Amani and Tirelli, which is perched on the side of a cliff, where you will have lunch and to see the spectacular Dogon Mask Dance. (B,L,D)

Day 6: Segou

Today you will be driven to San to see the authentic Bobo village of Kanga before heading to Segou. Overnight HOTEL AUBERGE or similar. (B,L,D)

Day 7: Bamako

Enjoy a morning walk along the river to see the sights of Segou before driving to Kasobane to see the making of the mud cloth Bogolan, the Bassilan and the Indigo. From here you will head back to Bamako visiting Bambara villages enroute. Overnight HOTEL SALAM. (B,L,D)

Day 8: Depart

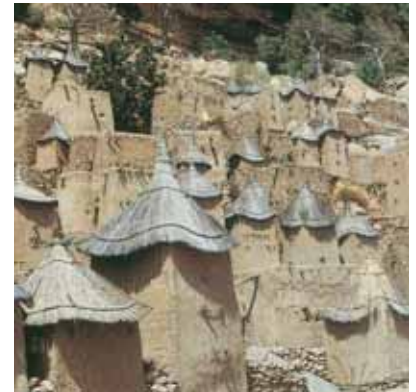
After a morning sightseeing tour of Bamako and a farewell dinner, you will be transferred to you onward flight (B, D)

PRICE PER PERSON FROM: \$3,625

PRICE INCLUDES:

- Meals as specified (B, L, D)
- Accommodation on a twin share basis
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles
- Transfers, sightseeing with an English speaking guide and entrance fees

NOTE: Based minimum 2 passengers travelling together



BEST OF SENEGAL

8 Days / 7 Nights

Senegal is one of the most beautiful countries in Africa and yet remains relatively unknown. Known to the outside world for the famous Paris to Dakar Rally, Senegal also has a stunning coastline with beautiful beaches, small traditional fishing villages, forests, and amazing birdlife. It is also known for its music – uniquely West African - and its exciting nightlife. This tour highlights the best Senegal has to offer.

Day 1: Dakar

On arrival at Dakar you will be transferred to the NOVOTEL HOTEL or similar for your two night stay

Day 2: Goree

After an early morning city tour, you will be taken by ferry to the historic island of Goree to visit the Slave House, Museum, Church and Fort before returning to your hotel. (B, L,D)

Day 3: St Louis

Today you will be taken by road to the Pink Lake where you will travel by 4X4 to meet the Fulani people and see the women harvesting salt, before enjoying a 4x4 ride on the Paris to Dakar Rally dunes. After lunch head to St Louis via Thies and a traditional Wolof village. 2 nights HOTEL COUMBIA or similar (B,L,D)

Day 4: St Louis

After breakfast you will be taken on a tour of the Djoudj including the National Park with lunch at the Djoudj Restaurant. Return to St Louis for an afternoon tour of the city, some of which will be in a horse drawn carriage. (B,L,D)

Day 5: St Louis - Touba - Kaolack

This morning you will head to the holy city of Touba to see the magnificent Mosque and meet the spiritual guides of the Mourid community. Continue on to Kaolack, stopping for lunch enroute. Overnight at the LE RELAIS KAOLACK or similar (B,L,D)

Day 6: Kaolack

This morning you will visit the market place before continuing to Toubacouta near the Gambian border to visit some typical Saloum villages. Overnight KEUR SALOUM HOTEL or similar (B,L,D)

Day 7: Saly

This morning you will be taken on a motor canoe tour on the Saloum Delta River visiting the village of Missirah, before departing for Saly Portudal. Overnight HOTEL LES BOUGAINVILLEES or similar

Day 8: Saly - Dakar

After breakfast, a day at leisure at the beach, before you are transferred the 1 ½ hours back to Dakar Airport and the end of your tour (B,L)

PRICE PER PERSON FROM: \$1,750

PRICE INCLUDES:

- Accommodation based share twin room basis
- Transport by air conditioned car
- Meals as specified (B, L, D)
- Transfers and sightseeing with an English speaking guide
- Entrance fees

NOTE: Based minimum 2 passengers travelling together

