



TRAVEL AND TOURISM AGENCY

Incentive – Cultural and adventure travels – Car rental – Handling
Bamako MALI

OPTION 43



Day 1: **BAMA**KO

Sunday 03 January 2010

Assistance for police and customs formalities and transfer by coach to the hotel - 02h00
Arrival to Bamako. Welcome by West Africa Tours team followed with your transfer to the hotel.

Hotel Tamana or similar

Day 2: **BAMA**KO / **MOPTI**

Monday 04 January 2010

Road by 4x4 - 640 Km: 11h00

Breakfast and early departure to Mopti.

Crossing of Saharan typical landscapes and villages.

Lunch stop at San. Arrival to Mopti at the end of the day.

Dinner and overnight in Mopti. **Hotel Flandre or similar**

Day 3: **MOPTI** / **KONNA** / **DOUENTZA**

Tuesday 05 January 2010:

Sailing day on the Niger River + transfer with 4x4: 180 Km: 03h00

Breakfast and embark on a motorised riverboat for one day sailing on the Niger River. During the sailing you will visit Bozo fishermen's villages and nomadic Fulani camps along the way. **Lunch** on board. Arrival to Konna harbour and transfer to Douentza. Arrival at the end of the day.

Dinner and overnight at the hotel. **Hotel AUBERGE DU GOURMA or similar**

Day 4: **DOUENTZA** / **TIMBUKTU**

Wednesday 06 January 2010:

Road and desert track with 4x4 - 220 Km: 04h00 + Ferry-boat crossing: 45 min

Breakfast and drive to Timbuktu.

Lunch at Tiboragen. Arrival at Timbuktu at the end of the day.

Dinner and overnight at hotel or guest house



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Day 5: TIMBUKTU / ESSAKANE

Thursday 07 January 2010

Full day visit of Timbuktu + Desert track with 4x4 - 60 Km: 02h00

Breakfast and depart for a full day visit of the “mysterious town”.

Sites to visit and to see:

-The ancient mosques including the famous mosque of Djingareiber the oldest and the famous Sankore whose reputation spanned all across North Africa and Europe as a leading Islamic academy for centuries.

-The Ahmed Baba Centre where ancient books (some dating from the 14th century AD) are still preserved.

-The explorers (Gordon Laing, Rene Caillé, Henrich Barth) houses.

-The ethnological museum that contains a good variety of exhibits including clothing, musical instruments, jewellery...

Lunch followed with your transfer to the festival site at Essakane.

On route visit to the Tuareg village of Farach famous for having been a place where Tuareg people had fiercely resisted against colonial penetration. Meet with the elders and discover local population activities and women co-operative association.

Continuation 2 Km to the site of the festival.

Colorful Official Opening ceremony at 3:45 followed by traditional dancers, camel Parade and Race (have you camera ready). Tuareg traditional music and dances.

Dinner followed with music show in the night.

Overnight under Tuareg tents

Day 6: ESSAKANE

Friday 08 January 2010

Breakfast. Visit to the cultural stands. Tuareg traditional music and dances

Depart to Bankor (15 Km) to see desert unique archeological site. Discover the old Tuareg settlement. Admire the beautiful panoramic view on Lake Faguibine.

Drive back to Essakane. **Lunch** and relaxation with Sahara desert blue people.

Dinner followed by music show in the night. Overnight under **Tuareg tents**

Day 7: ESSAKANE

Saturday 09 January 2010

Breakfast. Visit to the cultural stands. Tuareg traditional music and dances. **Lunch** and relaxation with Sahara desert blue people. Tea party. Camel race...**Dinner** followed by music show in the night.

Overnight under **Tuareg tents**



Day 8: ESSAKANE / MOPTI

Sunday 10 January 2010

Desert track with 4x4 - 460 Km: 10h00 + 01h ferry boat crossing

Breakfast and drive back to Mopti. You will have your **lunch** on route. Arrival to Mopti followed with the **dinner** and overnight at **hotel or Guest House.**



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Day 9: MOPTI / SEGOU

Monday 11 January 2010

Road with 4x4 - 405 Km: 06h00

Breakfast and early depart to Segou. Arrival and check-in at the hotel. **Lunch.** City tour in the afternoon: Visit the old districts with its colonial houses, the pottery market along the river, the local beer factory. **Dinner** and overnight at hotel or guest house. **Hotel Independance**

Day 10: SEGOU / BAMAKO / DEPART

Tuesday 12 January 2010

Road with 4x4 - 250 Km: 04h00

After the **breakfast**, you will depart to Bamako.

On route you will visit Sekoro the former Bambara Kingdom capital town.

Segou was between the 17th and 18th century the Holy City of the powerful Empire of Mali.

The city was used a long time as a basis for the wars, which Bambara delivered against Islam before falling to the hands from the French at the end of the 19th century.

Sites to visit: the tomb of Biton Coulibaly the founder of the Bambara Kingdom.

Continuation to Bamako. Arrival at Bamako and **lunch** at the restaurant "Santoro".

In the afternoon we will visit the town:

The National Museum: It contains some beautiful ethnographic pieces from many of Mali's ethnic groups... The panoramic view from point G on the escarpment north of the city...

The artisan and the fetish market. **Dinner** and transfer to airport for final departure.

Cost

BASE	NUMBER OF 4X4	PRICE/PERSON
04	01	1 150 €

SUPPLEMENT SINGLE: **84 €**

ASK FOR DIFFERENCE IN PRICE BASED ON THE SIZE OF THE GROUP

THESE PRICES INCLUDE:

Accommodation in Full Board basis

Taxes and visits to the sites mentioned in the program

4x4 car rental + fuel + driver

Services of English speaking guide

Motorized boat for the excursion to Bozo camps on the Niger

Mineral water on the site of the festival

Taxes and visits fees to the sites

THESE PRICES DO NOT INCLUDE:

International flight ticket

Drinks and mineral water

Tips, telephone and other extras