



Experience Mali

Danyé:

Dogon funeral dances

The Dogon people are known as a tribe with an extraordinary culture and history. The ancestors are highly respected by the people of the cliffs. When an elder - initiated in Dogon culture - passes away, he needs to be honored the traditional way.

To honor the deceased initiates a traditional Dogon funeral ceremony is being organized. The five-day (a Dogon week) event of mask dances is a costly affair and demands the combined financial efforts of multiple families. It can take years before a ceremony takes place. Funeral ceremonies involve in general the honoring of multiple deceased initiates in related villages.

In the course of the Dogon week hundreds of masks from multiple villages dance, including stilt-walkers, the 7m long mask and sacred masks only used for funeral ceremonies. The chef of the masks is present; he owns the sacred codes and speaks sigiso, the sacred language of the masks.

We offer the chance to attend ceremonial funeral mask dances and combine it with side-trips (on foot or by car) to nearby Dogon villages.

The mornings are used for village visits and the (late) afternoons to attend the mask dances.

To attend a traditional Dogon funeral is an honor and unique opportunity. It demands respect for the Dogon culture and adaptation to the situation and local customs. Specific information is provided on forehand and by the guide(s) during the activities.

Experience Dogon culture!

Prices per person

Depending on the length of your stay and transport required.

Dates

12 - 18 April 2015

Length of the stay catered to your wishes.





Included

Guide (English & French spoken), all costs related to the activities - including tourist taxes, tokens of respect to village chief and elders and a contribution to the danyé, accommodation, all meals, filtered water, fair payment to all we work with.

Excluded

Personal insurances (such as travel, cancellation and medical), drinks, tips, souvenirs and personal expenses.

Group size

maximum 8 people per group

Accommodation

The nights are spent in a local camp; rooftop camping or in basic rooms, depending on your preferences and availability.

Papillon funds

Papillon values taking on social responsibility. To create a balance between giving and receiving we have created the Papillon funds. By traveling with us you help us making a difference.

General conditions

Papillon Reizen's [general conditions](#) apply to this offer.

Payment conditions

Full payment upon booking.

Additional information

Additional information is provided upon booking.

Additional services

Transport to and from Dogon Country.

Information & reservations

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