



Experience Mali

Pirogue races on the River Niger - Macina by pinasse

'Ooooooh, aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaah!'
Cries of joy, disappointment and support rise from the crowd that has gathered on the river shores.

Beautiful wooden prams, packed with rowers, pass in sprays of water drops. Sweat on the heads and bodies of the men, who paddle like crazy, for the honor of their neighbourhood or village.

On this 3-day boat trip we take you by pinasse on the Niger river to Macina for the Independence Day celebrations. We also grab the chance to show you some of the villages & interesting places en route and make sure you have a great time camping, with evenings around the campfire and nights under the star-spangled sky.

Day 1 - 21 September

Departure from Ségou around noon. Enjoy the afternoon on the water. Visit traditional villages along the way and pass the lock near Markala. Gather a multitude of impressions and enjoy the quiet pace of travelling by boat. Camp is made on the river shore or an isle. The crew prepares the meals.

Day 2 - 22 September, Independence Day

After breakfast the trip continues. Arrival in Macina is foreseen for the early afternoon. Preparations for the upcoming event will be in full swing. Women sell home made snacks and juices. The river quay is as lively as on a market day. Enjoy a stroll along the stalls to get a feeling of the atmosphere before securing your place on the quay. Or if you prefer to see the races from the water, get back on board before the races start. When the races are over and the people start their way back home, it's time to leave Macina and travel upstream. Around sunset camp will be made.

Day 3 - 23 September

Another relaxing day on the river takes you back to Ségou. When time allows some villages or settlements are visited.





Prices per person

adult	110,000 FCFA
child 2-12 yrs.	60,000 FCFA
baby 0-1 yrs.	free of charge

Departure / arrival

Departure from Ségou: 21 September, noon
 Arrival in Ségou: 23 September, late afternoon

Included

Transport by pinasse, guide (English & French spoken), all costs related to activities including tourist taxes and tokens of respect to village chiefs and elders, use of tents & matresses, full board, filtered water, fair payment to all we work with.
 Life vests available for adults, children and babies.

Excluded

Transport to and from Ségou, personal insurances, accommodation in Ségou, other drinks, tips, souvenirs and personal expenses.

Group size

6 - 10 people

Papillon funds

Papillon values taking on social responsibility. That's why 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 condition

Full payment upon booking.

Additional information

Will be provided upon booking.

In addition

We offer hotel bookings, transport to and from Ségou and activities in Ségou.

Places are limited, reserve yours :

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