



Experience Mali

Koulikoro

Founded around 1800 by Tianza Diarra, who came from Farako to settle in Kayo with his wives, children and slaves. He had a fourth son in Kayo, named Kléné. It is he who, being on bad terms with his brothers, decided to settle down on the banks of the Niger river, in the area now called Koulikoro Ba.

The town of Koulikoro is situated along the River Niger at about 60 km from Bamako. It has about 40,000 inhabitants and is still a pleasant and calm town. In the past the town was visited by Mungo Park, who passed by in 1796 and 1805 during his explorations. In 1933 the Ecole Normale Rurale de Katibougou (nowadays IPR/IFRA) was built. From Koulikoro the COMANAV takes care of transport of people and merchandise towards Ségou, Mopti, Timbuktu and Gao by boat, depending on the water level of the river.

Koulikoro means at the foot of the mountain. Due to the mountains and hills beautiful views are guaranteed.

- Multiple interesting sites can be visited in Koulikoro and its surroundings:
- Fara Bulon (vestibule of stone) is a place of contemplation and prayers for the saints.
 - Nianan Koulou (Nianan's hills) is a continuation of Mount Manding.
 - Faro Ting, underneath the rocks in the water is where the Goddess of the Water resides. A mystical site, holding the secrets of the water.
 - The Faramissiri caves are known for its annual pilgrimage to the mosque in the caves.
 - The Squatted Camel with tomb.

Koulikoro also offers the possibility to do a river trip by pirogue with a local fisherman or by pinasse (when available). River trips offer time to relax. See the fishermen and the sand fishermen, do some birding and visit villages.

Koulikoro is awaiting you!

Duration
Tailored to your wishes.

