



Experience Mali Faro Ting (Koulikoro) the Goddess of the Water

On the bed of the Niger river, underneath the rocks is where the Goddess of the Water resides.

The Faro Ting is a mystical site, holding the secrets of the water. The place where all the mermaids of the Niger river - from Guinea to Nigeria - come from.

By motor taxi the journey goes to the Niger riverbank, where you go aboard of a wooden pirogue. A local fisherman takes you from the shore to the mystical site of the Faro Ting, where the guide tells the story of the Goddess of the Water. No motor is being used, to get to the neighborhood of the Djinns and the mother of Faro. The water spirits do not like the noise.

While people still make offers, the current (Muslim) village chief no more talks with the goddess.

In times past the Faro came over twice a week to discuss the existence of the village with the village chief and the chief of Somono (fishermen). Offers were made to honor the water spirits and to thank the Goddess for her advice and information on foreseen floods. When visiting the site great care is taken to avoid the use of some forbidden words. The powers of the Goddess are never underestimated and were even recognized by the colonizers.

Route / location

Koulikoro surroundings

Duration

morning or afternoon,
departure from and retour to Hotel Nanagaleni

Best visiting time

depending on the water level

Dates & prices

Inquire for availability and rates.

Information & reservations

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