



# Experience Mali

## Segoukoro, historical village

*Visit the village of Segoukoro, where part of the rich history of the region has been conserved. Segoukoro used to be the capital of the old Bambara Kingdom in times past. Maryse Condé's books Ségou tell about these times. The village was founded in the 17<sup>th</sup> century.*

In the village, which is located at the Niger river bank at about 10 kilometers from Ségou, there's a lot to see, including four mosques and the tomb of Biton Mamary Coulibaly, who was - since 1712 - the first Bambara king.

The explorer Mungo Park was in 1796 the first European to set foot in the village.

In 1861 the empire was overthrown by El Hadj Umar Tall (the Toucouleur empire) and by the French army, under command of Louis Archinard, in 1890.

Traditionally a visit to Segoukoro starts with meeting the village chief to pay the taxes. The village chief enjoys people's interest in his village and you're welcome to pose your questions.

### Learn about the Bambara history!

#### Means of transport

Depending on the number of people:  
moped, bicycle, motor taxi, car, boat (pinasse).

#### Duration

Depending on the means of transport.

#### Best visiting time

Year round.

#### Included in prices

Guide, tourist taxes, transport (except when using your own vehicle), tokens of respect and a fair payment to all we work with.

