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Feast of the rabbit - Djenné

The old town of Djenné is well-known for its mud culture. Lesser known is its traditional feast Tabayho, which takes place every year and is equally known as the Feast of the rabbit.

This ancient three-day feast reunites an impressive number of inhabitants from all neighborhoods in town.

Originally the feast was dedicated to hunting. Over time the traditional celebrations - a contest between the neighborhoods - have become more and more important. For three days the people leave their jobs and daily routine to take part in the activities. You are invited to join them!

Day 1 - Thursday 15 October 2015

In the morning all neighborhoods send their hunters to the bush. Not for an extensive hunting like in previous times, but for a more symbolic one. Each neighborhood needs to return to town with their hunting trophy - like a rabbit or a snake - for the traditional ceremony. In the late afternoon pirogues gather for the races on the River Bani.

Day 2 - Friday 16 October 2015

The day is dedicated to river trips by pirogue and to traditional dances. During the day pirogues make tours around Djenné on the Bani River and in the late afternoon the feast continues with traditional dances.

Day 3 - Saturday 17 October 2015

The big day for the people of Djenné! Today the elders will decide and announce which neighborhood is going to take home the flag of honor. There will be more river trips by pirogue and traditional dances.

Needless to say that during these three days the atmosphere will be festive and joyful!

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