



Experience Mali

Djenné

Listed as a UNESCO world heritage site the town of Djenné is well-known by both travelers and lovers of adobe architecture.

The town of Djenné is situated on an isle in the Bani river at a distance of about 30 km from the main road from Bamako to Mopti.

In previous time the town was a well-known stop for traders on the trans-Sahara route. Nowadays it is a quite town, coming alive on Mondays, when the weekly market takes place on the square in front of the Great Mosque.

Djenné and its surroundings are mainly populated by Bozo (fishermen), Fulani (herders), Bambara and Songhai. All of these ethnic groups have added words of their own language to the commonly spoken language in Djenné: Djenninké.

The unique adobe buildings with Moorish influences have resulted in the UNESCO listing of the old town. Most famous is the Great Mosque of Djenné, the largest mud-built structure in the world. Once a year it is being plastered (le crépissage), an incredible team work of the population of Djenné. Don't miss out on it, if you happen to be around at the right time.

Amongst the interesting sites to visit in town are:

- the Great Mosque (entrance for Muslims only)
- the week market (every Monday)
- manuscript libraries
- the tomb of Tapama, the girl, who sacrificed her life to protect the town against evil spirits
- the sacred well
- the regional museum
- a mud-cloth (bogolan) workshop

Time available? Visit some of the villages surrounding Djenné to get an impression of the architecture, daily life and the customs and traditions of the different population groups.

Djenné is awaiting you!

Length of your stay

Tailored to your wishes.

