



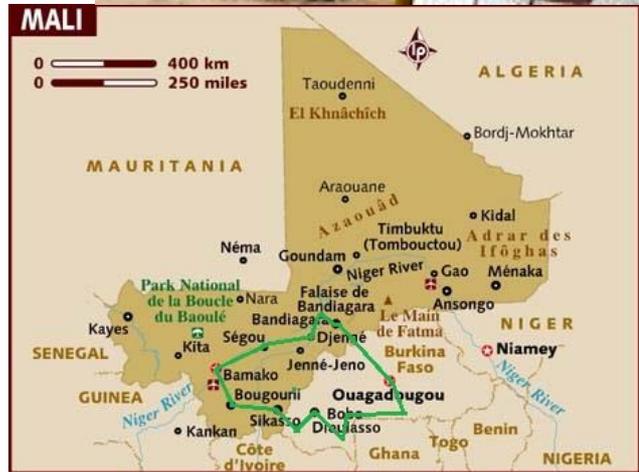
# 15-day round-trip Mali and Burkina Faso

comfort level: medium  
group size: 1-12 pax  
rooms: based on double occupancy

Wake up to the sound of wood touching wood after a night under the stars in Dogon Country. Set out in search of elephants in Nazinga Ranch. Visit the amazing rock formations in the West of Burkina Faso. Learn about the Kassena architecture and decorations and sail the River Niger. This 15-day trip takes you through the West African countries Mali and Burkina Faso. You're introduced to history, nature, architecture, population groups and daily life. The trip offers a multitude of experiences in a comfortable setting.

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## Itinerary

### day 1 (Saturday): arrival - Bamako

The day is dedicated to the journey to Mali. Arrival at Bamako's international airport. Transfer to your accommodation.

night in: Bamako

meals included: -





**day 2 (Sunday): Bamako - Ségou**

Morning departure for Ségou (240k).

Visit to the historical village Segoukoro, in former times the capital of the Bambara Kingdom. Visit the village, where traces of the past are still visible. Get on board of a pinasse from Segoukoro for an afternoon on the river. Lunch is eaten on the boat. A pottery village and a fishing village are visited. Arrival in Ségou in the late afternoon.

*night in: Ségou*

*meals included: B-L*

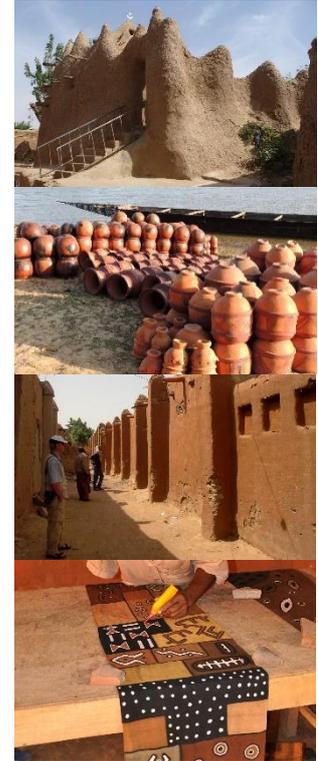
**day 3 (Monday): Ségou**

Start the day with a walk through the Somono neighborhood, the oldest part of town, home to the Bozo and Somono people. This part of town is known for its traditional red adobe architecture. Continue the exploration of Ségou with a visit to the weekly market, taking place on the river quay and in the streets of the town centre.

Afternoon visits are made to a mud-cloth (bogolan) workshop - where cotton fabric is dyed and decorated with natural materials and mud from the river, a weaving workshop and / or a carpet workshop. Continue to the colonial neighborhood for an impression of the colonial architecture. Finish today's visits at the Mission Catholique for a millet beer tasting.

*night in: Ségou*

*meals included: B*



**day 4 (Tuesday): Ségou - Djenné**



Morning departure for Djenné (310k). The town, situated on an isle in the Bani river, is well-known for its adobe architecture. The old town of Djenné is listed as a UNESCO world heritage site and is home to the largest mud-built structure in the world: the Great Mosque.

Upon arrival a regional dish, Tion Tion, is served for lunch.

Afternoon walk through the old town through the alleys, along adobe architecture with Moorish influences, Koranic schools, the sacred well, the tomb of Tapama and a manuscript library. Climb a rooftop for a good view on the Great Mosque. Visits to the interior of the mosque are reserved to Muslims.

*night in: Djenné*

*meals included: B-L*

**day 5 (Wednesday): Djenné - Mopti**

Djenné and its surroundings are inhabited by multiple population groups. The morning is used for a visit to a Fulani (herders) and a Bozo (fisher men) village.

Afternoon departure for Mopti (170k).

Late afternoon visit to the harbor area. Set out on a sunset boat trip to where the Bani and Niger rivers meet. It is the unique location on both rivers that gave Mopti the name The Venice of Mali.

*night in: Mopti*

*meals included: B*





**day 6 (Thursday): Mopti - Dogon Country**

Start the day with a short visit to the weekly market. By road the journey continues to Dogon Country (100k). The first stop is made in Songo, a Dogon village known for its rock wall paintings, made and used by the village elders to teach the young boys in preparation for their circumcision and manhood.

Continue via Bandiagara to Aindelou. The village situated on the plateau offers vast views over the valley. Village visit and side-trip to Begnimatu - a hike through a stunning rock landscape - after lunch. Return to Aindelou for the night.

*night in: Aindelou - Dogon Country*

*Meals included: B-L-D*

**day 7 (Friday): Dogon Country**

To experience this part of Mali to the fullest a day-hike is made from Aindelou on the plateau to Téli in the valley. During the village visits the guide explains about daily life, culture, traditional architecture and history of the Dogon people. The adobe villages breathe a quiet atmosphere; electricity and running water are not yet available. Life is lived by the rhythm of the days and the seasons.

Today's hike takes you from Aindelou via Yabatalou and Téli to Endé and offers villages visits, visits to Téli's and Endé's old villages on the cliff as well as an introduction to indigo dyeing, a specialty of the women in Endé.

*night in: Téli*

*meals included: B-L-D*



**day 8 (Saturday): Dogon Country - Ouagadougou**

By car the journey continues. Departure from Téli in the morning. Via Bankass and Koro the journey goes to the border with Burkina Faso and from there via Ouahigouya to Ouagadougou (400k). Arrival in the capital of Burkina Faso is expected in the late afternoon.

*night in: Ouagadougou*

*meals included: B*



**day 9 (Sunday): Ouagadougou - Tiébélé**

Visit Ouagadougou in the morning. To the group's liking a visit to the national museum or the music museum can be included. Departure for Tiébélé in the South (200k) around 3pm. Arrival in the village, where every house is a piece of art, expected in the late afternoon.

*night in: Tiébélé*

*meals included: B-D*

**day 10 (Monday): Tiébélé - Nazinga Ranch**

Morning visit to the Cour Royal and a family compound for an introduction to the traditional architecture and wall decorations of the Kassena people. After lunch departure for Nazinga Ranch, where the late afternoon is used for a game drive. The park is home to elephants, warthogs, antelopes, hundreds of bird species, lions, hippos and more.

*night in: Nazinga Ranch*

*meals included: B-L*



**day 11 (Tuesday): Nazinga Ranch - Gaoua**

If no elephants have been seen yesterday, the early morning hours are used for a second game drive. Departure from the park after breakfast for the journey to Gaoua (350k).

Today's journey takes you westward through the South of Burkina Faso along the border with Ghana. Arrival in Gaoua - the capital of Lobi country - is expected in the late afternoon.

*night in: Gaoua*

*meals included: B*

**day 12 (Wednesday): Gaoua - Bobo Dioulasso**

The morning is used for visits to Obiré and Loropeni. Obiré, the capital of the Gan kingdom, is home to Gan King. The village is visited and with a local guide a visit is made to the traditional tombs of the previous Kings. The Loropeni Ruins, Burkina Faso's only UNESCO world heritage listing, are up until today a mystery in terms of who inhabited the place.

Travel to Bobo Dioulasso in the afternoon. Late afternoon arrival expected in the second largest town of Burkina Faso.

*night in: Bobo Dioulasso*

*meals included: B*

**day 13 (Thursday): Bobo Dioulasso - Banfora**

Visit the oldest neighborhood in town, the market and the Sudanese style mosque in the morning.

After lunch departure for Banfora. Visit the Karfiguéla falls - depending on the time of year bathing is possible in the upper basins - and continue on foot or by car to the nearby Dômes de Fabledougou. Enjoy sunset from the rock formation.

*night in: Banfora*

*meals included: B*

**day 14 (Friday): Banfora - Sikasso**

Early start of the day to be at Tengréla Lake around sunrise. Set out on the lake with a local fisherman to go hippo spotting. Back on shore a visit is made to the sacred baobab (monkey bread tree).

Continue to Sindou (50k) for breakfast. In the morning visits are made to the Sindou Peaks and to Sindou village.

Afternoon departure for Sikasso (150k).

*night in: Sikasso*

*meals included: B-L*

**day 15 (Saturday): Sikasso - Bamako - departure**

An early morning breakfast followed by departure for Bamako (385k).

Arrival in Bamako is expected around lunch time, late morning/early afternoon.

The afternoon is yours to explore the capital of Mali or to take it easy. Possible visits include the national museum and its gardens or a (handicraft) market.

Transfer to the airport for the outbound flight.

*meals included: B*

**Information regarding itinerary**

This itinerary is based on a Saturday arrival to include the weekly market in Ségou and Mopti. The itinerary can be executed with a start on every other day of the week without these market visits.



## Rainy season

When traveling during the rainy season itineraries may need to be adjusted to the weather circumstances. The above itinerary is the guideline. Your guide will suggest adjustments if necessary.

## Suggested accommodations

Bamako	Azalai Hotel Dunia *** - air conditioned room
Ségou	Hotel l'Auberge - air conditioned room
Djenné	Hotel Le Maafir - air conditioned room
Mopti	Hotel Doux Rêves - air conditioned room
Dogon Country	roof top sleeping in basic camps - mattresses and mosquito nets provided, basic shared facilities
Ouagadougou	Auberge du Grand Calao - air conditioned room
Tiébélé	Campement Le Manguier - basic hut with fan, basic shared facilities
Nazinga Ranch	Campement Akwazena - room with fan
Gaoua	Hotel Hala - air conditioned room
Bobo Dioulasso	Hotel Villa Rose - air conditioned room
Banfora	Hotel La Canne à Sucre - air conditioned room
Sikasso	Hotel Le Cinquantenaire - air conditioned room

Accommodations mentioned above are suggestions. The final choice depends on availability. If any of the above mentioned accommodations is not available, the best possible alternative is chosen.

## Prices

Depending on the number of participants, available [upon request](#).

## Included

- 🍷 **private transport per air-conditioned 4-wheel drive(s):** for the length of the journey, including all costs related to the transport, such as driver, fuel, toll, ferries and border crossing fees number and type of 4WDs adapted to the number of travelers
- 🍷 **guide:** accompanying English (or French) spoken guide, traveling with the party and local guides and assistants
- 🍷 **activities:** all costs related to the activities mentioned in the above itinerary, including entry fees, tourist taxes, tokens of respect to village chiefs and elders, as well as transport if applicable (boat trips)
- 🍷 **luggage transport during multiple day hike:** by 4WD
- 🍷 **accommodation:** as described in the offer
- 🍷 **meals included:** as described in the offer
- 🍷 **fair payment:** for products and services to all we do business with

## Exclusive

- 🍷 air fares and / or transport to the start of the journey and from the end
- 🍷 visa, vaccinations
- 🍷 personal insurances, such as travel, cancellation and medical insurances
- 🍷 additional side trips and/or excursions
- 🍷 upgrade for rooms and/or accommodations
- 🍷 additional days
- 🍷 drinks and additional meals
- 🍷 tips, souvenirs and personal expenses

## Required visa(s)

Mali	multiple entry visa - to be applied for through a Malian embassy <i>confirmation of reservation for the visa application provided upon request</i>
Burkina Faso	single entry visa - to be applied for through a Burkinabe embassy <i>confirmation of reservation for the visa application provided upon request</i>

## General conditions

Papillon Reizen's [general conditions](#) apply to this offer.

## Papillon funds

Papillon values taking on social responsibility. To create a balance between giving and receiving we have created the Papillon funds. By traveling with us you contribute to making a difference.

## Payment conditions

Down payment upon booking: 25%.

Payment of the remaining sum six weeks prior to the start of the journey.

Full payment upon booking, when six or less weeks are left to the start of the journey.

## Information

Extensive travel and country information is provided upon booking.