



## Discover Mali's art textile day

*Mali is well-known for its beautiful textiles, including bogolan and indigo.*

*Textile lovers from all over the world travel here to visit workshops and to buy textiles.*

*On textile day we take you on a tour around Ségou to get an impression of Mali's textiles. Visits are made to the weavers, to one of the bogolan workshops, to the Comatex textile factory and to a cloth shop.*

The Comatex factory, just outside of Ségou, is unique for the country. Cotton from Mali is turned into threads and by machine woven to fabric, most of which goes to their own printing facilities to be printed with colorful African prints.

The weaving workshops on the other hand work entirely manually. The quality of their fabric is much loved and for instance used for bogolan.

At the bogolan workshops you are introduced to the ancient techniques of dying and decorating with natural ingredients, such as leaves, bark and mud from the Niger river. The decorations on bogolan fabric often have their roots in the ancient history and culture of the ethnic groups around the country.

Finish the day with a visit to a cloth shop for colorful fabrics.

### An introduction to Mali's textiles!

#### Area

Ségou

#### Duration

day trip

#### Best visiting time

To include a Comatex visit, make sure your visit is on a weekday and book timely.

Textile day can be organized daily - and on shorter notice - with a visit to a carpet workshop instead of the Comatex factory visit.

#### Dates & prices

Inquire for availability and rates.

