



## Togo-Benin - 8 day itinerary 'adventurous'

expected dates: to be determined  
group size: to be determined  
rooms: based on double occupancy

*Welcome to West Africa!*

*Togo and Benin, neighboring countries are an excellent combination for a West Africa trip. Both countries are loved by travelers for the great mix of culture, history, architecture, nature and population as well as for the possibilities to go off the beaten tracks. Visiting both offers the best of two countries. We look forward to taking you on a journey to remember!*

### In short

1. arrival - Lomé
2. Lomé - Kouma Kunda
3. Kouma Kunda - Kara
4. Kara - Somba country
5. Somba country - Dassa
6. Dassa - Abomey
7. Abomey - Ouakpè
8. Ouakpè - Cotonou - departure



### Itinerary

#### day 1: arrival - Lomé (20k)

The day is dedicated to the journey to Togo. Arrival at Lomé international airport. Transfer to your accommodation.  
*night in: Lomé*

#### day 2: Lomé - Kouma Kunda (145k)



Morning departure for Kouma Kunda, a village in the vicinity of Kpalimé in the Southwest of the country. A stop is made in Kpalimé to visit a craft centre.  
Afternoon botanical walk on Mount Kloto. The guide explains about the multiple uses of plants and trees.  
*night in: Kouma Kunda*



**day 3: Kouma Kunda - Kara (435k)**

A long day traveling from the Southwest to the Northeast. Today's destination is Kara, the second capital of the country.

Along the way a stop is made for lunch, for a visit to the Bafilo weavers and to visit the Aledjo rock.  
*night in: Kara*

**day 4: Kara - Somba country (140k)**

Set out on a morning hike on Mount Kabyé. During the hike visits are made to a blacksmith, who works the hot iron with heavy stones and to a potter.

Continue to Tamberma country in the afternoon. The land of the Batammariba is known for the two-story adobe houses. In times past the tatas - as the castle like houses are called locally - were designed to provide maximum protection against hostile tribes. Even though that kind of protection is no more needed nowadays, the Tamberma are loyal to their traditions, to their architecture and way of building. A visit is made to a tata.

Cross the border into Benin in the late afternoon. Tonight you are the guest of a local family. The night is spend under the star-spangled sky on the terrace of a tata.

*night in: Somba country*

**day 5: Somba country - Dassa (400k)**

Morning departure from Somba country for Taneka country. Upon arrival in the village courtesy visits are made to the Taneka King and to the Spiritual Leader. Both men play an important role in everyday life of the Taneka people, who are true to their culture. You're introduced to daily life, customs and culture of the population group. A visit is made to the cultural bank, which looks like a museum. With the difference that none of the items belong to the museum. They all serve as a pledge for a microloan that was granted to the owner to start or expand his business. When the loan has been paid off, the item returns to the owner.

Continue to Dassa in the afternoon.

*night in: Dassa*

**day 6: Dassa - Abomey (90k)**

The town of Dassa is surrounded by hills. When talking about the number of hills, the locals use the sacred voodoo number of 41, even though in reality there are more hills. In former times the hills were inhabited. People had sought shelter to protect their families against hostile tribes and slave hunters. To guarantee their well-being voodoo masters protected the area with sacred voodoo ceremonies. Up till today a voodoo palace is in use on one of the hills. Climb a hill with your guide and be introduced to the past and present of the sacred hills.

Visit to Dassa's Maria cave followed by departure for Abomey, in former times the capital of the Dahomey Kingdom. En route a stop is made in Bohicon to visit the underground village.

The afternoon is dedicated to an introduction to the voodoo religion.  
*night in: Abomey*

**day 7: Abomey - Ouakpè (185k)**

Morning departure for Abomey-Calavi, where you go aboard of a boat for a trip on Noukoué Lake. The

lake is known for the stilt villages and often referred to as the Venice of Africa. Visit to Ganvié to observe life on the lake.

Afternoon departure for Ouidah. The night is spent in a nearby village.

*night in: Ouakpè*

### day 8: Ouakpè - Cotonou - departure (80k)

The last day of your trip through Benin has arrived.

Morning visit to the village of Ouakpè, where you are introduced to the process of salt making.

Continue for Ouidah. The town is known for both the voodoo religion and the slave history. Visit the pythons' temple and the historical museum. Walk the 4k long slave route taking you along landmarks as the well, where people had to wash themselves, and the Tree of Forgetfulness to the Port of No Return at the ocean, where people were boarded to faraway unknown destinations.

Travel to Cotonou over the Route de Pêches, the Fishing Road, lined by palm trees and fishing villages. Enjoy lunch at the oceanfront.

Transfer to the airport for your outbound flight.

*possibility to shower before departure*



## Information regarding itinerary

This trip can start on any day of the week.

Specific interests for your trip? Do not hesitate to ask us to adapt the trip to your liking.

## Rainy season

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

## Suggested accommodations

Lomé	Hotel Le Galion - room with fan
Kouma Kounda	Auberge Villageoise - room with fan, shared facilities
Kara	Hotel La Douceur - room with fan, private bathroom
Somba country	homestay, basic facilities
Dassa	Ferme Auberge Chez Armand - hut with fan, private bathroom
Abomey	Hotel Le Vanqueur - room with fan, private bathroom
Ouakpè	homestay, basic hut, shared facilities

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:** as described in the above itinerary, including all costs related to the transport, such as driver, fuel, toll and border crossing fees
- 🍷 **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
- 🍃 **accommodation:** as described above
- 🍃 **meals included:** full board day 2-8
- 🍃 **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 and optional side trips and/or excursions
- 🍃 upgrade for rooms and/or accommodations
- 🍃 additional days
- 🍃 drinks and other meals
- 🍃 tips, souvenirs and personal expenses

## Required visa(s)

Togo            single entry visa  
 Benin          single entry visa, the letter needed for the visa application is provided upon booking

## 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 trip.

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

## Information

Extensive travel and country information is provided upon booking.