



Experience Benin

Somba country's castle houses

Somba country, situated on the Atakora mountain range is well worth a visit. The Somba or Ditamari people are closely related to the Tamberma, who live just across the border in Togo. Over the centuries the Somba have remained loyal to their cultural heritage as well as to the traditional architecture of their houses, the tatas.

Meet your guide at 9am for a day-trip to Somba country. A trip by motor is available for the adventurous traveller. The 50k trip can equally be made by car or minibus, depending on the number of people in the group.

In Somba country a local guide welcomes you to his village to share about the culture and the traditional architecture of his family's home. Facial decorations of the Somba date back a long time, and if you look well, you'll notice the same decorations on the tata.

Both the morning and the afternoon are used to get a good impression of architecture, culture and everyday life of the Somba people. A visit is made to the interior of a tata, where each room has a specific purpose. Bed rooms and granaries are placed on the terrace, which in the past provided a good protection to both predators and hostile tribes.

Lunch is eaten in the village.

Around 5pm transfer back to Natitingou.

The Somba people look forward to your visit!

Route

Natitingou-Somba country-Natitingou

Duration

1 day

Best visiting time

year round - seasonal variations apply

Dates & prices

Inquire for availability and rates.

Information & reservations

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