



Experience Benin

Lake Nokoué's stilt villages



Situated in the South of Benin, at a stone throw's distance of both Cotonou and Porto Novo, Lake Nokoué is a much loved travel destination. For good reason: the lake is known for its stilt villages, of which Ganvié is the best known. In times past the Tofinu people built their stilt houses to protect their families against hostile tribes and slave hunters. Creating a way of living they have ever since be loyal to. Set out on a lake trip for an introduction into life on the water and in the stilt villages.

Pick-up from your Cotonou hotel around 8am for the transfer to the port of Abomey-Calavi, where you board a so called 'barque' for a trip on Nokoué lake. The lake is famous for its stilt villages. The boat trip takes you to Ganvié, the largest stilt village in West Africa. By boat the village is explored to get a good impression of life on the water. Young and old uses wooden prams to get from A to B. The population shops at stilt shops and on the floating market. To your liking enjoy lunch in one of the stilt hotels. Around 4pm departure is made for the trip back to Cotonou, taking you over the lake back into town. In the late afternoon, around 5:30pm you are dropped off at your hotel.

Enjoy a day on the water!

Route

Cotonou-Nokoué Lake-Cotonou

Duration

1 day

Best visiting time

year round - seasonal variations apply

Dates & prices

Inquire for availability and rates.

Information & reservations

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