



Experience Mali

Sanké Mô - annual fishing



The collective fishing event Sanké Mô is the event of the year for the people of San. Special fabrics are made and long before the day arrives people start preparing the annual party. Sanké Mô is more than just a collective fishing event, it is over 600 years of cultural history. Of course the sport is to bring home a good quantity of fish. Yet this event has over time turned into an event the population looks forward to for more than just the free fish.

Police officers guard the fishing pond, making sure no-one enters before the official go-ahead is given. Excitement is building up in the entire town. People with nets arrive at all sides of the pond. Tents are hosting the special guests. Music is playing. Anxiously people await the arrival of the man in charge. When the green light is given the crowd runs into the pond, screaming of joy. Even when there is little water, fishes can be found, and the people of San know where to search for them. Cries of joy mix with the sounds of music and roaring motorbikes of people arriving late. Thousands have gathered at the pond. When the fishing comes to an end, the party is only just about to start with mask dances, music and the local youth setting out on their motorbikes.

Enjoy the biggest collective fishing event of Mali!

Route

Ségou-San-Ségou

Schedule

- 10:00h: departure from Ségou
- 12:30h: arrival in San - lunch
- 14:00h: visit San mosque followed by Sanké Mô
- 16:00h: departure for Ségou

Best visiting time

Once a year, usually a Thursday in June

Dates & prices

Inquire for availability and rates.

