



Rey Bouba and the Western Kingdoms

CAMEROON



10 days

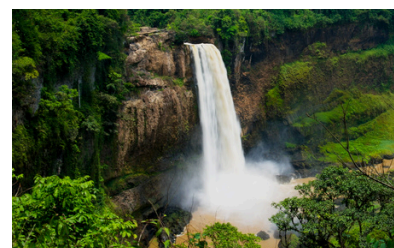
16 – 25 January 2027

English speaking tour leader



The 'unforgettable' of the trip:

- **The Lamidates of Gashiga, Rey Bouba and Ngaoundéré:** earthen palaces, local dignitaries and ancient traditions
- **The sleeper train journey** from Ngaoundéré to Yaoundé, travelling through the heart of Cameroon
- The **kingdoms of Batoufam, Bandjoun and Foumban**, with their traditional architecture and evocative mask dances
- The **spectacular Ekom-Nkam waterfalls** and the pepper plantations of Pendja



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The north-western region of Cameroon is one of the most interesting from a cultural and ethnographic perspective and comprises a small mosaic of peoples, each with their own traditions.

Historically part of the former British colony, it was annexed to the French-speaking territory of Yaoundé after independence. Over the years, this new political landscape fuelled strong separatist sentiments, culminating in the self-proclamation of the State of Ambazonia.

The entire region is dotted with *chefferies* – centres of traditional power – which uphold ancient hierarchies that safeguard community order, both spiritually and administratively. Here we shall meet royalty and dignitaries dressed in sumptuous regalia, witness initiation dances and admire the processions of ancestral masks.

On this special tour, accompanied by the anthropologist Leonardo Francesco Paoluzzi, we shall also visit the Lamidate of Rey Bouba, a Fulani (Peulh) Islamic sultanate that has long been off-limits to Western travellers.

Itinerary

Day 1: Saturday 16 January 2027

Outward flight/Douala (DLA)

Day 2: Sunday 17 January 2027

Douala/flight/Garoua/Lagdo

Meeting with the Lamido of Gashiga, where we will watch a horse parade.

Day 3: Monday 18 January 2027

Lagdo/Rey Bouba/Lagdo

Visit to the Lamidate of Rey Bouba, with its mud-brick architecture, and meeting with local dignitaries.

Day 4: Tuesday 19 January 2027

Lagdo/Ngaoundere/Train

Visit to the Lamidate of Ngaoundere, with its magnificent palace, before boarding a sleeper train.

Day 5: Wednesday 20 January 2027

Train/Yaoundé/Bangoulap

Transfer to the western kingdoms.

Day 6: Thursday 21 January 2027

Bangoulap/Batoufam/Bandjoun/Bafoussam

Visit to the kingdoms of Batoufam and Bandjoun, featuring incredible traditional architecture and mask dances.

Day 7: Friday 22 January 2027

Bafoussam/Foumban/Petpenoun

Visit to the chefferie of Bafoussam and the royal palace of the Bamoun people in Foumban, shaped like a spider and a snake.

Day 8: Saturday 23 January 2027

Petpenoun/Dschang

The tranquil landscapes of Lake Petpenoun, the crater of Mount Mbapit and the Museum of Civilisations in Dschang.



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Day 9: Sunday 24 January 2027

Dschang/Ekom-Nkam/Pendja/Douala

The impressive waterfalls of Ekom-Nkam and the pepper plantations of Pendja.

Day 10: Monday 25 January 2027

Douala (DLA)/Return flight

Arrival at the destination airport.

Price from
3,190 €/pax

Min 3/max 12 pax

English speaking tour leader
English speaking anthropologist from 8 pax

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