



Tribes and masks

IVORY COAST



12 days

18-29 March 2027

English speaking tour leader



The 'unforgettable' of the trip:

- The **mud-brick mosques of Kong**, in the Sahelian style
- The ancestral traditions of the **Senoufo** and the craft villages around **Korhogo**
- The savannahs of the **Malinké** and **Fulani herders in Boundiali and Odienné**
- The straw and mud-brick villages, the **Yacouba** and **Wé** masks, and the vine bridges of the **Dan**
- The impressive basilica of **Yamoussoukro** and the evolution of the **Baulé Goly** mask
- Cosmopolitan **Abidjan**, with its skyline overlooking the Ebrié Lagoon
- The colonial decadence of **Grand Bassam** and its palm-fringed beach



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Day 1: Thursday 18 March

Outward flight/Abidjan (ABJ)

Flight to Abidjan. On arrival, transfer to Hotel Onomo or similar and overnight stay in a double room with services.

Day 2: Friday 19 March

Abidjan (ABJ)/Domestic Flight/Korhogo (HGO)

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to the airport for the Air Cote d'Ivoire flight to Korhogo (HGO). On arrival meeting with the Kanaga Africa Tours staff and accommodation at Hotel La Rose Blanche or similar. Assistance for the exchange of euros and for the possible purchase of a local phone card. We then visit the Koko woodcarvers' quarter, the women's cooperative that makes shea butter, and the craft market with the famous canvases that also inspired Pablo Picasso. Overnight stay in a double room with services.

Day 3: Saturday 20 March

Korhogo/Kong/Korogho

Breakfast at the hotel, followed by a transfer through the desert savannah typical of the Sahel region, until we reach the village of KONG, famous for its two mosques built of straw and mud, which probably date back to the 18th century. Packed lunch, followed by a return to Korogho, where we will continue our tour of the town. Overnight stay in a double room with with services.

Day 4: Sunday 21 March

Korhogo/Pays Senoufo/Korhogo

After breakfast, the day will be entirely devoted to visiting the SENOUFO REGION near KORHOGO: the animist shrine at Shienlow Rock, where worshippers regularly perform animal sacrifices; the small-scale granite quarries; and the blacksmiths' village of KONI, where the art of the forgerons, the masters of fire, is kept alive. Lunch at a restaurant. In the afternoon, a visit to the village of KAPELE, where artisans produce hand-painted terracotta beads for jewellery, and to WARANIENÉ, famous for its weavers. Here we will watch the BOLOYE DANCE, also known as the 'panther dance', which forms part of the Poro initiation rituals of the Senoufo people. Overnight stay at the hotel.



Korhogo Mosque



Senoufo canvas



'Pearly' of Kapele



Kong Mosque



Dance " of the panther " Boloye



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Day 5: Monday 22 March

Korhogo/Boundiali/Odienne

After breakfast, visit NIOFOINS, a typical village with its tapered Senoufo granaries, to admire its conical, pointed fetish houses, up to 5 metres high. Departure for BOUNDIALI, where in a village we will witness the NGORO dance, part of the young girls' initiations. Lunch in a restaurant. This is followed by a visit to a PEULH VILLAGE, an ethnic group of nomadic herdsman of Nilotic origin present throughout the Sahél, characterised by their wide-brimmed hats and the tattooing on the lips of married women. Continuation to ODIENNE, accommodation at the Hotel des Frontieres or similar, overnight stay in a double room with services.



Niofoins' House of Fetishes



Ngoro Dance



Peulh Woman

Day 6: Tuesday 23 March

Odienne/Touba/Man

Breakfast and transfer to a MANDING VILLAGE, where we will attend a mask release and traditional warrior dances. Afterwards, departure in a southerly direction to TOUBA, the heart of PAYS YACOUBA, lunch in a restaurant. In the afternoon, in a traditional village, we will witness the YACOUBA MASKS coming out of the sacred forest, including the one on stilts Gue Gblen, characteristic for its acrobatic qualities. Continuation to Man, accommodation at Hotel Les Cascades or similar and overnight stay in a double room with services.



Yacouba Mask

Day 7: Wednesday 24 March

Man/Danane/Man

After breakfast, depart for DANANE towards the border with Liberia, a region inhabited by the DAN and characterised by its liana bridges over the Bandama River, said to have been created by forest spirits. Return to MAN and lunch in a restaurant. In the afternoon, we depart for FACOBLY, where in a small VILLAGE WÉ will be able to watch an acrobatic performance by the 'jongleurs de l'Ouest', and an exit of the GUERÉ MASKS from the sacred forest. Return to Man and overnight at the hotel.



Bridge of lianas



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Day 8: Thursday 25 March

Man/Daloa/Yamoussoukro

After breakfast, transfer to Daloa; en route, we will have the opportunity to watch a ZAOULI MASK DANCE. Lunch at a restaurant. In the afternoon, we continue to the capital, stopping en route at a cocoa plantation, where we will discover the secrets of the country's main export. Arrival in Yamoussoukro, where we will be able to watch the sacred caimans being fed in front of the presidential palace (weather permitting). Accommodation at the Hotel des Parlementaires or similar and overnight stay in a double room with services.



Zaouli masks



Goly masks

Day 9: Friday 26 March

Yamoussoukro/Abidjan

After breakfast we depart for a VILLAGE BAOULÉ where we can admire the work of the kita weavers and participate in the GOLY MASK DANCE. Return to YAMO USSOUKRO (also known as 'Yakro') for lunch in a restaurant. In the early afternoon we visit the basilica of Notre Dame de la Paix, the largest Christian religious building in the world, modelled on St Peter's in Rome and strongly desired by Ivorian President Felix Houphouet-Boigny. Continuation to Abidjan, accommodation at the Grand Hotel or similar and overnight in a double room with services.



Yamoussoukro Cathedral

Day 10: Saturday 27 March

Abidjan/Grand Bassam

After breakfast, visit ABIDJAN, the chaotic and cosmopolitan economic centre of the country, characterised by being built on a series of islands on the Ebrié lagoon connected by bridges. City tour of the Plateau district including the Cathedral, designed by Italian architect Aldo Spirito, and the ethnographic museum with its enviable collection of masks. Lunch in a restaurant and continuation along the coast to GRAND BASSAM. Accommodation at the Hotel Etoile du Sud or similar and overnight stay in a double room with services.



Building in Grand Bassam



Naïve paintings in Grand Bassam



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Day 11: Sunday 28 March

Grand Bassam/Abidjan

After breakfast, visit GRAND BASSAM, the former colonial capital at the time of the French occupation, declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We stroll through the sleepy streets of the quartier de France, dotted with decadent vestiges such as the palace of Governor Binger's palace, which houses the costume museum that we will visit, and the old post office and customs house. Lunch in a maquis on the lagoon. Time at leisure for shopping in craft boutiques (masks, ceramics, paintings...). Transfer to Abidjan, rooms in day use on request. Transfer to the airport, end of services.



Colonial buildings in the quartier de France



Grand Bassam Beach

Day 12: Monday 29 March

Abidjan (ABJ)/Return flight

Arrival at the destination airport.



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**Individual participation fee in double room
(min. 3/max. 12 pax)**

2,690 €/pax

**in promotion at € 2,490
for bookings before 18/09/2026**

Supplements:

- Enrollment fee: **free!**
- Single room: **€350**
- Extra day in Grand Bassam: **on request**
- Day use in Abidjan: **on request**
- Visa service: **€130 per passport**

The fee includes:

- French/English-speaking guide (up to 5 people);
- English speaking tour leader (for groups of 6 or more);
- Local French-speaking guides where necessary;
- Visits and excursions as per the itinerary;
- All transfers by minibus or 4x4 depending on group size, including driver, fuel and tolls;
- Meals as mentioned in the itinerary;
- 10 nights' accommodation in a double room as mentioned in the itinerary.

The fee does not include:

- Visa for the Ivory Coast;
- Insurance (cancellation/health/luggage);
- Flights (international and domestic);
- Drinks and mineral water;
- Meals not included in the itinerary;
- Any day use in Abidjan;
- Tips and personal expenses;
- Everything listed under 'Supplements';
- Anything not expressly mentioned under 'The price includes'.

DOMESTIC FLIGHT TO BE BOOKED: AIR COTE IVOIRE

19/03/27, flight HF44: Abidjan (ABJ) 11h50 - Korhogo 12h30 (HGO)

VISTO: da ottenere prima della partenza (ci basterà la scansione del passaporto)

VACCINAZIONI: obbligatoria quella contro la febbre gialla o esonero del medico