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GHANA - TOGO - BENIN ROUTE: 11 DAYS WITH VODOO AND TRIBES FESTIVAL
DATES: DECEMBER 31, 2026 TO JANUARY 10, 2027
EXPEDITION DETAILS

ITINERARY

Day 1: (December 31, 2026) Country of origin - Accra

Departure to Accra on a scheduled flight. Arrival in Accra. Accommodation at the Ibis Hotel.

Day 2: (January 1, 2027) Accra - Elmina - Kakum - Cape Coast

Breakfast and departure for Elmina: visit to the largest slave castle on the African coast. Visit to the fish market. We will continue to Kakum, where we will enjoy a picnic lunch. Kakum is a national park that resembles a botanical garden. It is very beautiful, and there we can observe the trees used in traditional medicine, as well as the illnesses for which they are indicated. The treetops are suspension bridges (there are seven) made of rope, offering a panoramic view of the area and the animals that inhabit it. It is one of the most important rainforest parks in the region and is home to about two hundred forest elephants. We will also be able to observe a wide variety of birds. Overnight at the Mighty Victory Hotel.



Day 3: (January 2, 2027) Cape Coast - Lomé

Breakfast and departure for Lomé. We will complete border formalities in Ghana and Togo and obtain visas. Then, we will continue to Lomé. Arrival at dawn and overnight stay.

Day 4: (January 3, 2027) Lomé – Kpalime – Badu

Breakfast and a visit to the textile market, where the merchants known as "Mamas Benz" became famous because their first step in the business was to buy a Mercedes-Benz. We will also visit a very interesting museum. At midday, we will depart for Kpalime. We will travel through a tropical landscape with teak and cacao plantations and will be able to see Mount Agu. We will then continue to Badu.



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Day 5: (January 4, 2027) Badu – Kara – Tatasomba Village

After breakfast, we depart for Kara in the Fetish Mountains, crossing the Kutocoli region, where traders and charcoal burners congregate thanks to the forests that line the entire route. Until recently, Kara was a provincial town; today it is a modern and opulent city, known for its lively market. It is the residence of the president. After a late arrival in the village of Tatasomba, we will explore the indigenous population: the Tamberman or Tata Somba, on the other side of the Atakora mountain range (which separates Togo and Benin). Their houses, of great architectural value, are protected by large fetishes representing the spirits of ancestors and animals sacrificed in ceremonies. It is one of the best-preserved sites in West Africa. We will take a 2 km walk to learn about their culture and admire their people and architecture. Overnight at Tata Somba Camp



Day 6: (January 5, 2027) Tata Somba Village - Fulani Nomads

Breakfast. We will travel to the nomadic village of Boukoumbe, located on the border between Togo and Benin, where we will obtain our visas. We will then continue to the Fulani nomadic camps, where we will learn about their way of life, characterized by livestock farming, transhumance, and a strong emphasis on beauty for both men and women: hairstyles, hats, tattoos, and a fascinating culture. We will sleep in our tents.

Day 7: (January 6, 2027) Fulani Nomads - Abomey

Breakfast and departure for Abomey. We will transfer to the Auberge d'Abomey hotel for the night.

Day 8. (January 7, 2027 (Abomey – Ouidah))

After breakfast, we will visit the restored Royal Palace, now a UNESCO World Heritage Site and home to a museum. It was formerly the kingdom of the twelve kings of Abomey. We will then travel to the mythical city of Ouidah, the capital of African Vodou. We will visit the History Museum, the old Portuguese fortress (if it is open after its reconstruction), the



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Temple of Python, and the sacred forest of Kpassé with its numerous convents and shrines. We will walk the Slave Route to the Gate of No Return by the sea. In the evening, we will participate in a purification ceremony in the sacred forest. Overnight at the Casa Del Papa Hotel on the beach. In the afternoon, you can swim in the pool or the sea. Hotel Casa Del Papa



Day 9. (January 8, 2027 (Ouidah VOODOO FESTIVAL)

Late breakfast at the hotel. The big day of the Voodoo Festival arrives, where people from all over the world come, from Africa to the Americas and the Caribbean. The Voodoo religion, largely unknown and misunderstood by some theorists, has more than 60 million followers worldwide. Those who attend this celebration discover that Voodoo and evil are not the same thing. In the collective imagination, Voodoo is a mutation of the ancient African beliefs of those who were enslaved and taken to Brazil and the Caribbean. But this has nothing to do with evil; quite the opposite. Voodoo believes that ancestors and the forces of nature determine the lives of its believers. At that moment, thousands of devotees head to Ouidah, the main center of this cult, to receive the blessing of the city's Voodoo leader. Today, the high priests and their followers of All of Benin, and even people from neighboring countries, gather to honor the deities with songs, dances, drumming, animal sacrifices, libations, and prayers. Attend this important festival alongside high dignitaries and other prominent figures. The main ceremony begins at 10:00 AM on the beach and lasts for half a day. Afterward, we will accompany the Vodou priest in his various sacrifices and "private" ceremonies, and return to the hotel in the evening. Overnight at the Casa del Papa Hotel in Ouidah, on the seafloor.

Day 10: (January 9, 2027) (Ouidah - Ganvie - Cotonou)

Breakfast and departure for Ganvie, the famous Venice of Africa. Ganvie (a UNESCO World Heritage Site) is a lakeside city of 60,000 inhabitants, founded in the 16th century as a refuge for the Tofi people, who fled slavery. It is fascinating to stroll along its canals and observe the daily life of its inhabitants. Return to Cotonou and overnight stay.



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Day 11: (January 10, 2027) (Cotonou - Country of origin)

After breakfast, we will visit Dantokpa, Cotonou's central market, considered the largest in West Africa. This market brings together all the country's ethnic groups and is a place where you can find just about anything. One of the highlights is the fetish quarter, one of the market's most impressive areas. Return to the Hotel Du Lac. We will relax by the pool until it's time to depart for the airport for our return flight. End of trip.

Price includes:

4x4 vehicle or minibus and fuel.

Accommodation in the hotels mentioned, including breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Full board.

Tours as per the program. Tourist taxes.

Spanish or English speaking guide.

Prices do not include:

International flights

Drinks

Visas