# Or join us for one of the 25 legs of the expedition:

- 1) WEST AFRICA: 16 options, from 6 to 34 days itineraries. Savannahs and forests, unknown rituals, tribes and cultures in the most intriguing Sub-Saharan regions.
- 2) WEST AFRICA & SAHARA: 6 options, from 14 to 51 days itineraries. From the forests to savannahs and to the Sahara crossing. Experiencing a great variety of landscapes, peoples and tribal cultures from animistic villages and masks to desert nomads, oasis and camel caravans.
- 3) THE SAHARA: 3 options, from 12 to 19 days itineraries crossing the largest desert on earth, experiencing wild ranges of dunes, oasis, nomadic herders, and camel caravans.

# 1) WEST AFRICA

16 options: from 6 days to 34 days itineraries

#### 34 Days FROM COTONOU TO DAKAR. The West Africa Expedition.

Benin, Togo, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Guinea, Guinea Bissau and Bijagos Archipelago, The Gambia and Senegal.

From day 1 to day 34 of the itinerary

HIGHLIGHTS: Ganvié the largest village on stilts in Africa, to the African origins of Voodoo and trance, ancient Portuguese citadels, Zangbeto a spirit of nature. 15<sup>th</sup> century slave trade castles, fisherman villages. Mask dances and liana bridges in the forest. Initiations and animistic ceremonies, women secret society and rare female masks. Sacred drumming and diamond seekers. Banana island pristine paradise. Kriol culture, architecture and power in the country of the freed slaves. Be accepted at the "Council of the Elders" in a large clay palace on the Fouta Djalon, the main mountain massif in West Africa. Fula (also called Peul) tribe: the zebu herders, adobe architecture and African bas-reliefs. Join a tribal concert. Sails to the remote Bijagos Archipelago and discover animistic cultures and sacred bull masks. Kumpo the spirit that dance. Enjoy remote villages but also modern Africa: metropolitan life in the capitals is vibrant: fusion cuisine, live music, galleries, young talents of the contemporary artistic scene.

## 28 Days COTONOU - BIJAGOS ARCHIPELAGO - BISSAU

Benin, Togo, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Guinea, Guinea Bissau and Bijagos Archipelago

From day 1 to day 28 of the itinerary.

HIGHLIGHTS: Ganvié the largest stilts village in Africa, to the African origins of Voodoo and trance, ancient Portuguese citadels, Zangbeto a spirit from the wild, 15th century slave trade castles, fisherman villages. Mask dances and liana bridges in the forest. Initiation and animistic ceremonies,

women secret society and rare female masks. Sacred drumming and diamond seekers. Banana Island pristine paradise. Kriol culture, architecture and power in the country of the freed slaves. Be accepted at the "Council of the Elders" in a large clay palace on the Fouta Djalon, the main mountain massif in West Africa. Fula tribe: the zebu herders, adobe architecture and African bas-reliefs. Join an authentic tribal concert. Sails to the remote Bijagos Archipelago and discover animistic cultures and sacred bull masks. Enjoy remote villages but also modern Africa: metropolitan life in the capitals is vibrant: fusion cuisine, live music...

#### 25 days FROM COTONOU TO BISSAU

# Benin, Togo, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Guinea, Guinea Bissau.

From day 1 to day 25 of the itinerary

HIGHLIGHTS: Ganvié the largest stilts village in Africa, to the African origins of Voodoo and trance, 15<sup>th</sup> century slave trade castles, fisherman villages. Mask dances and liana bridges in the forest, initiation and animistic ceremonies, women secret society and rare female masks. Join an authentic tribal concert. Sacred drumming and diamond seekers. Banana Island pristine paradise. Kriol culture, architecture and power in the country of the freed slaves. Be accepted at the "Council of the Elders" in a large clay palace on the Fouta Djalon, the main mountain massif in West Africa. Fula (Peul) tribe: the zebu herders, adobe architecture and African bas-reliefs. Join an authentic tribal concert. Experience remote villages but also modern Africa: metropolitan life in the capitals is vibrant: fusion cuisine, live music...

### **20 Days FROM COTONOU TO FREETOWN**

Benin, Togo, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Liberia, Sierra Leone.

From day 1 to day 20 of the program

HIGHLIGHTS: Ganvié the largest stilts village in Africa, to the African origins of Voodoo and trance. Ouidah, a Portuguese citadel, and Zangbeto, the spirit from the forest.

The coast of 15<sup>th</sup> century slave trade castles, fisherman villages. Lome, Accra and Abidjan: capitals between tradition and modernity. Mask dances and liana bridges in the forest. Initiation and animistic ceremonies, women secret society and rare female masks. Sacred drumming and diamond seekers. Banana Island pristine paradise, untouched beaches. Kriol culture: architecture and power in the country of the freed slaves. Enjoy remote villages but also modern Africa: metropolitan life in the capitals is vibrant: fusion cuisine, live music...

#### 11 Days FROM COTONOU TO ABIDJAN

### Benin, Togo, Ghana, Ivory Coast.

From day 1 to day 11 of the itinerary

HIGHLIGHTS: Ganvié the largest stilts village in Africa. The African origins of Voodoo, drumming and trance ceremonies. Fisherman villages, colourful dugout large canoes and endless beaches.

Ouidah, old Portuguese citadel, and Zangbeto the spirit from the Wild.

A unique coastline with the largest concentration of slave trade castles dating back to the 15th century. Grand Bassam and its colonial architecture.

Enjoy remote villages, but also modern Africa: metropolitan life in Lome, Accra and Abidjan is vibrant: fusion cuisine, live music...

#### 16 Days FROM ACCRA TO FREETOWN

#### Ghana, Ivory Coast, Liberia, Sierra Leone.

From day 5 to day 20 of the itinerary

HIGHLIGHTS: The coast of 15<sup>th</sup> century slave trade castles, fisherman villages. Accra, Abidjan and Freetown: capitals between tradition and modernity, live music and fusion cuisine. Mask dances and liana bridges in the forest. Initiation and animistic ceremonies, women secret society and rare female masks. Sacred drumming and diamond seekers. Banana Island pristine paradise, untouched beaches. Kriol culture, architecture and power in the country of the freed slaves. Enjoy remote villages, but also modern Africa: metropolitan life is vibrant.

#### 13 Days FROM ACCRA TO MONROVIA

#### Ghana, Ivory Coast, Liberia.

From day 5 to day 17 of the itinerary

HIGHLIGHTS: The coast of 15<sup>th</sup> century slave trade castles, fisherman villages. Lome, Accra and Freetown: capital between tradition and modernity. Mask dances and liana bridges in the forest. Initiation and animistic ceremonies, end in Monrovia and his Kriol culture, architecture and power in the country of the freed slaves. Enjoy remote villages, but also modern Africa: metropolitan life is vibrant: fusion cuisine, live music...

### 26 days ABIDJAN - DAKAR

# Ivory Coast, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, The Gambia, Senegal.

Arrival day 9. End day 34 of the itinerary.

HIGHLIGHTS: Starting from the futuristic capital of Ivory Coast, mask dances and liana bridges in the forest. Initiation and animistic ceremonies, women secret society and rare female masks. Sacred drumming and diamond seekers. Banana Island pristine paradise. Kriol culture, architecture and power in the country of the freed slaves. Be accepted at the "Council of the Elders" in a large clay palace on the Fouta Djalon, the main mountain massif in West Africa. Fula (Peul) tribe: the zebu herders, adobe architecture and African bas-reliefs. Join an authentic tribal concert- Sails to the remote Bijagos Archipelago and discover animistic cultures and sacred bull masks. Kumpo the spirit that dances. Gore slave island to end in Dakar African metropolis.

#### 20 Days FROM ABIDJAN TO BIJAGOS ARCHIPELAGO AND BISSAU

# Ivory Coast, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Guinea, Guinea Bissau and Bijagos Archipelago.

From day 8 to day 28 of the itinerary.

HIGHTLIGHTS: Starting from the futuristic capital of Ivory Coast, mask dances and liana bridges in the forest. Initiation and animistic ceremonies, women secret society and rare female masks. Sacred drumming and diamond seekers. Banana Island pristine paradise. Kriol culture, architecture and power in the country of the freed slaves. Be accepted at the "Council of the Elders" in a large clay palace on the Fouta Djalon, the main mountain massif in West Africa. Fula (Peul) tribe: the zebu herders, adobe architecture and African bas-reliefs. Join an authentic tribal concert. Sails to the remote Bijagos Archipelago and discover animistic cultures and sacred bull masks.

#### 17 Days FROM ABIDJAN TO BISSAU

Ivory Coast, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Guinea and Guinea Bissau.

From day 8 to day 25 of the itinerary

HIGHTLIGHTS: Starting from Abidjan, the futuristic capital of Ivory coast, mask dances and liana bridges in the forest. Initiations and animistic ceremonies, women secret society and rare female masks. Sacred drumming and diamond seekers. Banana Island pristine paradise. Kriol culture, architecture and power in the country of the freed slaves. Be accepted at the "Council of the Elders" in a large clay palace on the Fouta Djalon, the main mountain massif in West Africa. Fula (Peul) tribe: the zebu herders, adobe architecture and African bas-reliefs. Join an authentic tribal concert.

#### 12 Days FROM ABIDJAN TO FREETOWN

#### Ivory Coast, Liberia, Sierra Leone.

From day 9 to day 20 of the program

HIGHTLIGHTS: Starting from Abidjan, the futuristic capital of Ivory coast, mask dances and liana bridges in the forest. Initiation and animistic ceremonies, women secret society and rare female masks. Sacred drumming and diamond seekers. Banana Island pristine paradise, untamed beaches. Kriol culture, architecture and power in the country of the freed slaves. Ending in Freetown a real intriguing African town.

#### 20 days FROM MONROVIA TO DAKAR

#### Liberia, Sierra Leone, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, The Gambia, Senegal.

Arrival day 15. End day 34 of the itinerary.

HIGHTLIGHTS: Starting from the capital of Liberia. Kriol culture, architecture and power in the country of the freed slaves, animistic mask dances in the forest. Women secret society and rare female masks. Sacred drumming and diamond seekers. Banana Island pristine paradise, untamed beaches. Be accepted at the "Council of the Elders" in a large clay palace on the Fouta Djalon, the main mountain massif in West Africa. Fula (Peul) tribe: the zebu herders, adobe architecture and African bas-reliefs. Crossing rivers on barges to join a tribal concert. Sails to the remote Bijagos Archipelago and discover animistic cultures and sacred bull masks. Kumpo the spirit that dances. Enjoy remote villages but also modern Africa: metropolitan life in the capitals is vibrant: galleries, young talents of the contemporary artistic scene, street art and graffiti. The itinerary will end in Dakar at the western point of African continent.

#### 14 Days FROM MONROVIA TO BIJAGOS ARCHIPELAGO AND BISSAU.

# Liberia, Sierra Leone, Guinea Conakry, Guinea Bissau and Bijagos Arcipelago.

From day 15 to day 28 of the itinerary

HIGHTLIGHTS: Starting from the capital of Liberia. Kriol culture, architecture and symbols of power in the country of the freed slaves, animistic mask dances in the forest. Women secret society and rare female masks. Sacred drumming and diamond seekers. Banana Island pristine paradise, wild beaches. Be accepted at the "Council of the Elders" in a large clay palace on the Fouta Djalon, the main mountain massif in West Africa. Fula (Peul) tribe: the zebu herders, adobe architecture and African bas-reliefs. Crossing rivers on barges to join a tribal concert. Sails to the remote Bijagos Archipelago and discover animistic cultures and sacred bull masks.

#### 11 Days FROM MONROVIA TO BISSAU (no Bijagos Archipelago)

#### Liberia, Sierra Leone, Guinea and Guinea Bissau

From day 15 to day 25 of the itinerary.

HIGHTLIGHTS: Starting from the capital of Liberia. Kriol culture, architecture and power in the country of the freed slaves, animistic mask dances in the forest. Women secret society and rare female masks. Sacred drumming and diamond seekers. Banana Island pristine paradise and wild beaches. Be accepted at the "Council of the Elders" in a large clay palace on the Fouta Djalon, the main mountain massif in West Africa. Fula (Peul) tribe: the zebu herders, adobe architecture and African bas-reliefs. Crossing rivers on barges to join a tribal concert.

#### 6 Days FROM MONROVIA TO FREETOWN

#### Liberia, Sierra Leone.

From day 15 to day 20 of the itinerary.

HIGHTLIGHTS: Starting from the capital of Liberia. Kriol culture, architecture and symbols of power in the nation created by the freed slaves. Animistic mask dances in the forest. Women secret society and rare female masks. Sacred drumming and diamond seekers. Banana Island pristine paradise and the wild beaches of Freetown peninsula.

# 2) WEST AFRICA & SAHARA

6 options: from 14 days to 51 days itineraries

### 51 days FROM ACCRA TO MARRAKECH

Ghana, Ivory Coast, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Guinea, Guinea Bissau and Bijagos Archipelago, The Gambia, Senegal, Mauritania, Morocco and the Western Sahara Province.

From day 5 to day 55 of the itinerary.

HIGHLIGHTS: Ganvié the largest stilts village in Africa, at the African origins of Voodoo and trance, ancient Portuguese citadels, Zangbeto a spirit from the wild, 15<sup>th</sup> century slave trade castles, fisherman villages. Mask dances and liana bridges in the forest. Initiation and animistic ceremonies, women secret society and rare female masks. Sacred drumming and diamond seekers. Banana island pristine paradise. Kriol culture, architecture, and power in the country of the freed slaves. Be accepted at the "Council of the Elders" in a large clay palace on the Fouta Djalon, the main mountain massif in West Africa. Fula (Peul) tribe: the zebu herders, adobe architecture and African bas-reliefs. Join an authentic tribal concert.

Sails to the remote Bijagos Archipelago and discover animistic cultures and sacred bull masks. Kumpo the spirit that dances. Enjoy remote villages but also modern Africa: metropolitan life in the capitals is vibrant: fusion cuisine, live music.

Experience crossing the Sahara, the largest desert on earth. Drive off any track over chains of virgin sand dunes. Discover remote stone oasis dating back to the 13<sup>th</sup> century.

Drive on the endless beaches of Rio de Oro to discover an astonishing landscape where the ocean floods in the desert: escarpments and dunes, during the hight tide, becomes temporary islands. Western Sahara in where other travellers don't arrive. Nomads, camels, caravans, wells... and in the night myriads of stars will frame this "once in a lifetime experience".

#### 47 days FROM ABIDJAN TO MARRAKECH

Ivory Coast, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Guinea, Guinea Bissau and Bijagos Archipelago, The Gambia, Senegal, Mauritania, Morocco and the Western Sahara Province.

From day 9 to day 55 of the itinerary.

HIGHLIGHTS: Starting from the futuristic capital of Ivory Coast, mask dances and liana bridges in the forest. Initiation and animistic ceremonies, women secret society and rare female masks. Sacred drumming and diamond seekers. Banana Island pristine paradise. Kriol culture, architecture and power in the country of the freed slaves. Be accepted at the "Council of the Elders" in a large clay palace on the Fouta Djalon, the main mountain massif in West Africa. Fula (Peul) tribe: the zebu herders, adobe architecture and African bas-reliefs. Join an authentic tribal concert- Sails to the remote Bijagos Archipelago and discover animistic cultures and sacred bull masks. Kumpo the spirit that dances. Enjoy remote villages, but also modern Africa: metropolitan life in the capitals is vibrant: fusion cuisine, live music, galleries and young talents of the contemporary artistic scene.

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#### 41 days FROM MONROVIA TO MARRAKECH

# Liberia, Sierra Leone, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, The Gambia, Senegal, Mauritania, Western Sahara province and Morocco.

From day 15th to day 55 of the itinerary

HIGHTLIGHTS: Starting from the capital of Liberia. Kriol culture, architecture and power in the country of the freed slaves, animistic mask dances in the forest. Women secret society and rare female masks. Sacred drumming and diamond seekers. Banana Island pristine paradise, untamed beaches. Be accepted at the "Council of the Elders" in a large clay palace on the Fouta Djalon, the main mountain massif in West Africa. Fula tribe: the zebu herders, adobe architecture and African bas-reliefs. Crossing rivers on barges to join a tribal concert. Sails to the remote Bijagos Archipelago and discover animistic cultures and sacred bull masks. Kumpo the spirit that dance. Enjoy remote villages but also modern Africa: metropolitan life in the capitals is vibrant: fusion cuisine, live music, galleries, young talents of the contemporary artistic scene.

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#### 31 Days FROM BISSAU-BIJAGOS TO MARRAKECH.

Guinea Bissau and Bijagos Archipelago, The Gambia, Senegal, Mauritania, Western Sahara Province of Morocco.

From day 25th to day 55th of the itinerary

HIGHTLIGHTS: Sails to the remote Bijagos Archipelago to discover animistic cultures and sacred bull masks. Kumpo the spirit that dances. Enjoy remote villages but also modern Africa. Metropolitan life in the capitals is vibrant: fusion cuisine, live music, galleries, young talents of the contemporary artistic scene. Experience crossing the Sahara, the largest desert on earth. Drive off any track over chains of virgin sand dunes. Discover remote stone oasis dating back to the 13<sup>th</sup> century. Drive on the endless beaches of Rio de Oro to discover an astonishing landscape where during the hight tide the ocean floods the desert and dunes becomes temporary islands. In the Western Sahara other travellers don't arrive: nomads, camels caravans, wells, ... and in the night myriads of stars will frame this once in a lifetime experience that will end in the mythical Marrakech.

#### 23/24 DAYS FROM DAKAR TO MARRAKECH.

#### Senegal, Mauritania, Western Sahara Province of Morocco.

From day 32 to day 55 of the itinerary.

HIGHTLIGHTS: Trans-Sahara: starting from the savannah and crossing from south to north the Sahara, the largest desert on earth. Off the beaten track, over chains of virgin sand dunes. Discover remote stone oasis like Chinguetti and Ouadane, dating back to the 13<sup>th</sup> century. Drive on the endless beaches of Rio de Oro to discover an astonishing landscape where the ocean floods in the desert: escarpments and dunes, during the hight tide, becomes temporary islands. Western Sahara in where other travellers don't arrive: nomads, camels, caravans, wells... and in the night myriads of stars will frame this once in a lifetime experience.

#### 14/13 days FROM DAKAR TO DAKHLA

#### Senegal, Mauritania, Moroccan Rio de Oro

From day 32 to day 45 of the itinerary

HIGHLIGHTS: From the savannah to the largest desert on earth. Out of any track on dune ranges of virgin sand. Discover remote stone oasis as Chinguetti and Ouadane, dating to the 13<sup>th</sup> century. Drive on the endless beaches of Rio de Oro to discover an astonishing landscape where the ocean floods desert: dunes, during the hight tide, becomes temporary islands.

# 3) SAHARA

3 options: from 12 days to 19 days itineraries

## 19 days FROM NOUAKCHOTT TO MARRAKECH

#### **Mauritania and Western Sahara Province of Morocco**

From day 37 to day 55 of the itinerary

HIGHTLIGHTS: Experience the north-south crossing of the Sahara, the largest desert on earth, driving off the beaten track over chains of virgin sand dunes. Discover remote stone oasis as Chinguetti and Ouadane dating back to the 13<sup>th</sup> century. Drive on the endless beaches of Rio de Oro to discover an astonishing landscape where the ocean floods in the desert: escarpments and dunes, during the hight tide, becomes temporary islands. Western Sahara is where other travellers don't arrive: nomads, camels, caravans, wells... and in the night myriads of stars will frame this great adventure ending in the mythical Marrakech.

## 15/14 days FROM NOUAKCHOTT TO TAN TAN

### Mauritania, Western Sahara Province of Morocco

From day 37 to day 50 of the itinerary

HIGHTLIGHTS: The extreme Sahara Itinerary. In the core of the largest desert on earth. Virgin sand out of any track, crossing dune ranges and mountains. Discover remote stone oasis as Chinguetti and Ouadane, dating back to the 13<sup>th</sup> century. Drive on the endless beaches of Rio de Oro between waves and sand to discover an astonishing landscape where the ocean floods the desert: escarpments and dunes, during the hight tide, becomes temporary islands. Western Sahara is where other travellers don't arrive: nomads, camels, caravans, wells... and in the night myriads of stars.

#### 12 days FROM DAKHLA TO MARRAKECH

From day 44 to day 55 of the itinerary

**COUNTRIES**: Rio de Oro, Western Sahara Provence, Morocco

HIGHTLIGHTS: Drive on the endless beaches of Rio de Oro to discover an astonishing landscape where the ocean floods in the desert and dunes, during the hight tide, becomes temporary islands. Western Sahara in where other travellers don't arrive: nomads, camels, caravans, wells... and in the night myriads of stars will frame this unique itinerary that end in the mythical Marrakech.

- Ask for the detailed programs.
- You can request a different leg of your choice.