

58 DAYS GRAND EXPEDITION: from Marrakech to Cotonou

“A once-in-a-lifetime experience”

In Morocco and the Western Sahara province, Mauritania, Senegal and Casamance, Gambia, Guinea Bissau and Bijagos Archipelago, Guinea Conakry, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Ivory Coast, Ghana, Togo and Benin.

Departure dates:

- **2023:** Starts in Marrakech, November 18th, 2023. Ends in Cotonou, January 14th, 2024.

North-South itinerary



LEGS DATES & PRICES

Join us for one of the 25 possible legs of the expedition:

1). THE SAHARA: 3 options, from 12 to 20 days itineraries crossing the largest desert on earth, experience wild ranges of dunes, oasis and nomadic encampments.

2) SAHARA & WEST AFRICA: 6 options, from 14 to 54 days itineraries. From the Sahara crossing to savannahs and forests, discovering the greatest variety of landscape and peoples.

3) WEST AFRICA: 16 options, from 6 to 37 days itineraries. Savannah and forests, unknown rituals, tribes and cultures in the more intriguing Sub-Saharan regions.

1) THE SAHARA

Choose between 3 different options, from 12 to 20 days.

12 days FROM MARRAKECH TO DAKHLA

Morocco & Western Sahara Provinces

From day 1 to day 12 of the North-South itinerary

HIGHLIGHTS: Marrakech, modern international destination and ancient caravan terminal is the ideal departure point for our expedition. In the Western Sahara other travellers don't arrive and nomadic tribes of camel herders are authentic. Drive on the endless beaches of Rio de Oro to discover an astonishing landscape where the ocean floods in the desert: rocky hills and dunes, during the high tide, becomes temporary islands.

Departure dates:

2023. Start in Marrakech November 18th, 2023. End in Dakhla November 29th, 2023.

North-South itinerary.

2023 Prices:

Group of 7 or more guests: Rack rates: 3 560 €

Group of 5/6 guests: Rack rates: 4 517 €

Single room supplement: Rack rates: 403 €

20 days FROM MARRAKECH TO NOUAKCHOTT

Morocco, Western Sahara Provinces and Mauritania.

From day 1 to day 20 of the North-South itinerary.

HIGHLIGHTS. A COMPLETE SAHARA CROSSING. Marrakech, modern international destination, and ancient caravan terminal is the ideal departure point for our expedition. In the Western Sahara other travellers don't arrive and nomadic tribes of camel herders are authentic. Drive on the endless beaches of Rio de Oro to discover an astonishing landscape where the ocean floods in the desert: rocky hills and dunes, during the high tide, becomes temporary islands. Experience the crossing North to South of Sahara, the largest desert on earth, driving out of any track on dune ranges of virgin sand. Discover remote oasis and stone citadels dating back to the 13th century.

Departure dates:

2023. Starts in Marrakech November 18th, 2023. End in Nouakchott, evening December 7th, 2023.
North-South itinerary.

2023 Prices:

Group of 7 or more guests: Rack rates: 6 649 €

Group of 5/6 guests: Rack rates: 7 799 €

Single room supplement: Rack rates: 821 €

15 Days, FROM TAN-TAN TO NOUAKCHOTT

Western Sahara Provinces & Mauritania

From day 6 to day 20 of the North-South itinerary

HIGHLIGHTS: THE CORE OF THE DESERT. In the Western Sahara other travellers don't arrive and nomadic tribes of camel herders are authentic. Drive on the endless beaches of Rio de Oro to discover an astonishing landscape where the ocean floods in the desert: rocky hills and dunes, during the high tide, becomes temporary islands. Experience the crossing North to South of Sahara, the largest desert on earth, driving out of any track on dune ranges of virgin sand. Discover remote oasis and stone citadels dating back to the 13th century.

Departure dates:

2023. Starts in Tan-Tan November 23rd, 2023. Ends in Nouakchott, evening December 7th, 2023.
North-South itinerary.

2023 Prices:

Group of 7 or more guests: Rack rates: 4 739 €

Group of 5/6 guests: Rack rates: 5 584 €

Single room supplement: Rack rates: 586 €

2) SAHARA & WEST AFRICA

Choose between 6 different options, from 14 to 54 days

14 days FROM DAKHLA TO DAKAR

Moroccan Rio de Oro, Mauritania, Senegal

From day 11 to day 24 of the North-South itinerary.

HIGHLIGHTS: FROM DESERT TO SAVANNAH. Drive on the endless beaches of Rio de Oro to discover an astonishing landscape where the ocean floods in the desert: rocky hills and dunes, during the high tide, becomes temporary islands. Experience the crossing North to South of Sahara, the largest desert on earth, driving out of any track on dune ranges of virgin sand. Discover remote oasis and stone citadels dating back to the 13th century. Be on the Western point of the African Continent. Meet salt diggers and a fishermen village with thousands of colorful pirogues.

Enjoy the Sahara and traditional nomadic tribes but also contemporary Africa: metropolitan life in a capital is vibrant: live music, galleries, meeting with young talents of the artistic scene, graffiti and street art.

Departure dates:

2023 (14 Days) Starts in Dakhla November 28th, 2023. Ends in Dakar December 11th, 2023. North-South itinerary.

2023 Prices:

Group of 7 or more guests: Rack rates: 4 879 €

Group of 5/6 guests: Rack rates: 5 704 €

Single room supplement: Rack rates: 711 €

24 days FROM MARRAKECH TO DAKAR

Morocco and the Western Sahara province, Mauritania, Senegal.

From day 1 to day 24 of the North-South itinerary

HIGHLIGHTS TRANSAHARA TO BLACK AFRICA. Marrakech, modern international destination and ancient caravan terminal is the ideal departure point for our expedition. In the Western Sahara other travellers don't arrive and nomadic tribes of camel herders are authentic. Drive on the endless beaches of Rio de Oro to discover an astonishing landscape where the ocean floods in the desert: rocky hills and dunes, during the high tide, becomes temporary islands. Experience the crossing North to South of Sahara, the largest desert on earth, driving out of any track on dune ranges of virgin sand. Discover remote oasis and stone citadels dating back to the 13th century. Be on the Western point of the African Continent. Meet salt diggers and a fishermen village with thousands of colorful pirogues. Enjoy traditional villages but also contemporary Africa: metropolitan life in the capitals is vibrant: live music, galleries, meeting with young talents of the artistic scene, graffiti and street art.

Departures dates:

2023 (24 Days) Starts in Marrakech November 18th, 2023. Ends in Dakar December 11th, 2023 North-South itinerary

2023 Prices

Group of 7 or more guests: Rack rates: 8 113 €

Group of 5/6 guests: Rack rates: 9 308 €

Single room supplement: Rack rates: 998 €

54 days FROM MARRAKECH TO ACCRA

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

From day 1 to day 54 of the North-South itinerary

HIGHLIGHTS: Marrakech, modern international destination and ancient caravan terminal is the ideal departure point for our expedition. In the Western Sahara other travellers don't arrive and nomadic tribes of camels herders are authentic. Drive on the endless beaches of Rio de Oro to discover an astonishing landscape where the ocean floods in the desert: rocky hills and dunes, during the high tide, becomes temporary islands. Experience the crossing North to South of Sahara, the largest desert on earth, driving out of any track on dune ranges of virgin sand. Discover remote oasis and stone citadels dating back to the 13th century. Be on the Western point of the African Continent. Meet salt diggers and a fishermen village with thousands of colorful pirogues and Kumpo the spirit that dance. Sails to the remote Bijagos Archipelago to discover animistic cultures and sacred bull masks. Cross rivers on barges and experience an authentic tribal concert. Join the Fula the tribe of zebu herders to discover their adobe architecture and bas-reliefs. Be accepted at the "Council of the Elders" in a large clay palace on the Fouta Djallon, the main mountain massif in West Africa. Explore the forest to find liana bridges, and the Bird Men initiated. Arrive in the day of Ashanti ceremonies. Freetown is the large and colorful capital of Sierra Leone, the first British colony in Africa with the oldest university in this part of the continent. Discover Banana Island pristine paradise, hidden sacred drummers and diamond seekers. Witness the animistic ceremonies of women secret society and a rare female mask dance. Monrovia is the capital of the oldest independent republic in Africa. Liberia has never been a colony or a protectorate, in 1847 was already ruled by a black president, the Afro-American Roberts born in Virginia and part of the Kriol settlers, considered the founders of the nation. The Kriol culture has expressed a unique architecture and symbols of power in the country of the freed slaves. Visit 15th century slave trade castles and fisherman villages located side to side on the shores of Guinea Gulf. End with the regions where Voodoo has been originated and with his trans rituals is still the more practiced religion. Enjoy traditional villages but also contemporary Africa: metropolitan life in the capitals is vibrant: fusion cuisine, live music, galleries, meeting with young talents of the artistic scene, graffiti and street art.

Departure dates:

2023. Starts in Marrakech, November 18, 2023. Ends in Accra January 10th, 2024. North-South itinerary

2023 Prices:

Group of 7 or more guests: Rack rates: 17 599_€

Group of 5/6 guests: Rack rates: 21 715 €

Single room supplement: Rack rates: 2 237 €

50 Days FROM MARRAKECH TO ABIDJAN

Morocco and the Western Sahara province, Mauritania, Senegal, Gambia, Guinea Bissau, Guinea, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Ivory Coast.

From day 1 to day 51 of the North-South itinerary.

HIGHLIGHTS: Marrakech, modern international destination and ancient caravan terminal is the ideal departure point for our expedition. In the Western Sahara other travellers don't arrive and nomadic tribes of camel herders are authentic. Drive on the endless beaches of Rio de Oro to discover an astonishing landscape where the ocean floods in the desert: rocky hills and dunes, during the high tide, becomes temporary islands. Experience the crossing North to South of Sahara, the largest desert on earth, driving out of any track on dune ranges of virgin sand. Discover remote oasis and stone citadels dating back to the 13th century. Be on the Western point of the African Continent. Meet salt diggers and a fishermen village with thousands of colorful pirogues and Kumpo the spirit that dance. Sails to the remote Bijagos Archipelago to discover animistic cultures and sacred bull masks. Cross rivers on barges and experience an authentic tribal concert. Join the Fula the tribe of zebu herders to discover their adobe architecture and bas-reliefs. Be accepted at the "Council of the Elders" in a large clay palace on the Fouta Djallon, the main mountain massif in West Africa. Explore the forest to find liana bridges, and the Bird Men initiated. Arrive in the day of Ashanti ceremonies. Freetown is the large and colorful capital of Sierra Leone, the first British colony in Africa with the oldest university in this part of the continent. Discover Banana Island pristine paradise, hidden sacred drummers and diamond seekers. Witness the animistic ceremonies of women secret society and a rare female mask dance. Monrovia is the capital of the oldest independent republic in Africa. Liberia has never been a colony or a protectorate, in 1847 was already ruled by a black president, the Afro-American Roberts born in Virginia and part of the Kriol settlers, considered the founders of the nation. The Kriol culture has expressed a unique architecture and symbols of power in the country of the freed slaves. Enjoy traditional villages but also contemporary Africa: metropolitan life in the capitals is vibrant: fusion cuisine, live music, galleries, meeting with young talents of the artistic scene, graffiti and street art.

Departure dates:

2023. Starts in Marrakech November 18th, 2023. Ends in Abidjan January 6th, 2024. North-South itinerary

2023 Prices:

Group of 7 or more guests: Rack rates: 16 405 €

Group of 5/6 guests: Rack rates: 18 737 €

Single room supplement: Rack rates: 2 084 €

42 days FROM MARRAKECH TO MONROVIA

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

From day 1 to day 42 of the North-South itinerary

HIGHLIGHTS: Marrakech, modern international destination and ancient caravan terminal is the ideal departure point for our expedition. In the Western Sahara other travellers don't arrive and nomadic tribes of camel herders are authentic. Drive on the endless beaches of Rio de Oro to discover an astonishing landscape where the ocean floods in the desert: rocky hills and dunes, during the high tide, becomes temporary islands. Experience the crossing North to South of Sahara, the largest desert on earth, driving out of any track on dune ranges of virgin sand. Discover remote oasis and stone citadels dating back to the 13th century. Be on the Western point of the African Continent. Meet salt diggers and a fishermen

village with thousands of colorful pirogues and Kumpo the spirit that dance. Sails to the remote Bijagos Archipelago to discover animistic cultures and sacred bull masks. Cross rivers on barges and experience an authentic tribal concert. Join the Fula the tribe of zebu herders to discover their adobe architecture and bas-reliefs. Be accepted at the "Council of the Elders" in a large clay palace on the Fouta Djallon, the main mountain massif in West Africa. Freetown is the large and colorful capital of Sierra Leone, the first British colony in Africa with the oldest university in this part of the continent. Discover Banana Island pristine paradise, hidden sacred drummers and diamond seekers. Witness the animistic ceremonies of women secret society and a rare female mask dance. Monrovia is the capital of the oldest independent republic in Africa. Liberia has never been a colony or a protectorate, in 1847 was already ruled by a black president, the Afro-American Roberts born in Virginia and part of the Kriol settlers, considered the founders of the nation. The Kriol culture has expressed a unique architecture and symbols of power in the country of the freed slaves. Enjoy traditional villages but also contemporary Africa: metropolitan life in the capitals is vibrant: fusion cuisine, live music, galleries, meeting with young talents of the artistic scene, graffiti and street art.

Departure dates:

2023. Starts in Marrakech November 18th, 2023. Ends in Monrovia December 29th, 2023.

North-South itinerary

2023 Prices:

- Group of 7 or more guests: Rack rates: 13 792 €
- Group of 5/6 guests: Rack rates: 16 589 €
- Single room supplement: Rack rates: 1 895 €

31 days FROM MARRAKECH TO BIJAGOS ARCHIPELAGO

Morocco and the Western Sahara province, Mauritania, Senegal, Gambia, Guinea Bissau.

From day 1 to day 31 of the North-South itinerary

HIGHLIGHTS: Marrakech, modern international destination and ancient caravan terminal is the ideal departure point for our expedition. In the Western Sahara other travellers don't arrive and nomadic tribes of camel herders are authentic. Drive on the endless beaches of Rio de Oro to discover an astonishing landscape where the ocean floods in the desert: rocky hills and dunes, during the high tide, becomes temporary islands. Experience the crossing North to South of Sahara, the largest desert on earth, driving out of any track on dune ranges of virgin sand. Discover remote oasis and stone citadels dating back to the 13th century. Be on the Western point of the African Continent. Meet salt diggers and a fishermen village with thousands of colorful pirogues and Kumpo the spirit that dance. Sails to the remote Bijagos Archipelago to discover animistic cultures and sacred bull masks. Enjoy traditional villages but also contemporary Africa: metropolitan life in the capitals is vibrant: live music, galleries, meeting with young talents of the artistic scene, graffiti and street art.

Departure dates:

2023. Starts in Marrakech November 18th, 202. Ends in Bissau December 18th, 2023. North-South itinerary

2023 Prices:

- Group of 7 or more guests: Rack rates: 10 547 €**
- Group of 5/6 guests: Rack rates: 11 699 €
- Single room supplement: Rack rates: 1 369 €

3) WEST AFRICA

Choose between 16 different options: from 6 to 37 days

37 days FROM DAKAR TO COTONOU

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

Arrival day 22. End day 58 of the North-South itinerary.

HIGHLIGHTS: CROSSING OF WEST AFRICA, GRAND EXPEDITION. Start from the western point of the African Continent. Meet salt diggers and a fishermen village with thousands of colorful pirogues and Kumpo the spirit that dance. Sails to the remote Bijagos Archipelago to discover animistic cultures and sacred bull masks. Cross rivers on barges and experience an authentic tribal concert. Join the Fula the tribe of zebu herders to discover their adobe architecture and bas-reliefs. Be accepted at the “Council of the Elders” in a large clay palace on the Fouta Djallon, the main mountain massif in West Africa. Explore the forest to find liana bridges, and the Bird Men initiated. Arrive in the day of Ashanti ceremonies. Sierra Leone is the first British colony in Africa with the oldest university in this part of the continent. Discover Banana Island pristine paradise, hidden sacred drummers and diamond seekers. Witness the animistic ceremonies of women secret society and a rare female mask dance. Monrovia is the capital of Liberia the oldest independent republic in Africa has never been a colony or a protectorate, in 1847 was already ruled by a black president, the Afro-American Roberts born in Virginia and part of the Kriol settlers, considered the founders of the nation The Kriol culture has expressed a unique architecture and symbols of power in the country of the freed slaves. Visit 15th century slave trade castles and fisherman villages located side to side on the shores of Guinea Gulf. Accra with its restaurants and nightlife is considered the most vibrant capital of the continent. End with the regions where Voodoo has been originated and with his trans rituals is still the more practiced religion. Enjoy traditional villages but also contemporary Africa: metropolitan life in the capitals is vibrant: fusion cuisine, live music, galleries, meeting with young talents of the artistic scene, graffiti and street art.

Departure dates:

2023. Starts in Dakar December 9th, 2023. Ends in Cotonou January 14th, 2024. North-South itinerary

2023 Prices:

Group of 7 or more guests: Rack rates: 11 831 €

Group of 5/6 guests: Rack rates: 13 778 €

Single room supplement: Rack rates: 1 517 €

29 days FROM DAKAR TO ABIDJAN

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

Arrival day 2. End day 50 of the North-South itinerary.

HIGHLIGHTS: Start from the western point of the African Continent. Meet salt diggers and a fishermen village with thousands of colorful pirogues and Kumpo the spirit that dance. Sails to the remote Bijagos Archipelago to discover animistic cultures and sacred bull masks. Cross rivers on barges and experience an authentic tribal concert. Join the Fula the tribe of zebu herders to discover their adobe architecture and bas-reliefs. Be accepted at the “Council of the Elders” in a large clay palace on the Fouta Djallon, the main mountain massif in West Africa. Explore the forest to find liana bridges, and the Bird Men initiated. Freetown is the large and colorful capital of Sierra Leone, the first British colony in Africa with the oldest university in this part of the continent. Discover Banana Island pristine paradise, hidden sacred drummers and diamond seekers. Witness the animistic ceremonies of women secret society and a rare female mask dance. Monrovia is the capital of the oldest independent republic in Africa. Liberia has never been a colony or a protectorate, in 1847 was already ruled by a black president, the Afro-American Roberts born in Virginia and part of the Kriol settlers, considered the founders of the nation The Kriol culture has expressed a unique architecture and symbols of power in the country of the freed slaves. Discover ancient rituals of girl initiation and stroll in the atmosphere of an old colonial capital. Enjoy traditional villages but also contemporary Africa: metropolitan life in the capitals is vibrant: live music, galleries, meeting with young talents of the artistic scene, graffiti and street art.

Departure dates:

2023. Starts in Dakar December 9th, 2023. Ends in Abidjan January 6th, 2024. North-South itinerary

2023 Prices:

Group of 7 or more guests: Rack rates: 9 446 €

Group of 5/6 guests: Rack rates: 11 567 €

Single room supplement: Rack rates: 1 186 €

21 days FROM DAKAR TO MONROVIA

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

Arrival day 22. End day 41 of the North-South itinerary.

HIGHLIGHTS: Start from the western point of the African Continent. Meet salt diggers and a fishermen village with thousands of colorful pirogues and Kumpo the spirit that dance. Sails to the remote Bijagos Archipelago to discover animistic cultures and sacred bull masks. Cross rivers on barges and experience an authentic tribal concert. Join the Fula the tribe of zebu herders to discover their adobe architecture and bas-reliefs. Be accepted at the "Council of the Elders" in a large clay palace on the Fouta Djallon, the main mountain massif in West Africa. Freetown is the large and colorful capital of Sierra Leone, the first British colony in Africa with the oldest university in this part of the continent. Discover Banana Island pristine paradise, hidden sacred drummers and diamond seekers. Monrovia is the capital of the oldest independent republic in Africa. Liberia has never been a colony or a protectorate, in 1847 was already ruled by a black president, the Afro-American Roberts born in Virginia and part of the Kriol settlers, considered the founders of the nation. The Kriol culture has expressed a unique architecture and symbols of power in the countries of the freed slaves. Enjoy traditional villages but also contemporary Africa: metropolitan life in the capitals is vibrant, galleries, meeting with young talents of the artistic scene, street art and graffiti.

Departure dates:

2023. Starts in Dakar December 9th, 2023. End in Monrovia December 29th, 2023, North-South itinerary.

2023 Prices:

Group of 7 or more guests: Rack rates: 7 133 €

Group of 5/6 guests: Rack rates: 7 939 €

Single room supplement: Rack rates: 981 €

10 days FROM DAKAR TO BIJAGOS

Senegal, Gambia Guinea Bissau and Bijagos Archipelago.

Arrival the evening of day 22 and join the group in the morning of day 23. End day 31 of the North-South itinerary.

HIGHLIGHTS: CROSSING OF WEST AFRICA, GRAND EXPEDITION. Be on the Start from the western point of the African Continent. Meet salt diggers and a fishermen village with thousands of colorful pirogues and Kumpo the spirit that dance. Spend three days sailing in the remote Bijagos Archipelago to discover animistic cultures and sacred bull masks. Enjoy traditional villages but also contemporary Africa: metropolitan life in a capital is vibrant: live music, galleries, meeting with young talents of the artistic scene, graffiti and street art.

Departure dates:

2023. Starts in Dakar December 9th, 2023. Ends in Bissau December 18th, 2023.

2023 Prices:

Group of 7 or more guests: Rack rates: 3 375 €

Group of 5/6 guests: Rack rates: 3 750 €

Single room supplement: Rack rates: 411 €

31 days FROM BIJAGOS ARCHIPELAGO TO COTONOU

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

From day 28 to day to day 58 of the North-South itinerary.

HIGHLIGHTS: Sail to the remote Bijagos Archipelago to discover animistic cultures and sacred bull masks. Cross rivers on barges and experience an authentic tribal concert. Join the Fula the tribe of zebu herders

to discover their adobe architecture and bas-reliefs. Be accepted at the “Council of the Elders” in a large clay palace on the Fouta Djallon, the main mountain massif in West Africa. Explore the forest to find liana bridges, and the Bird Men initiated. Freetown is the large and colorful capital of Sierra Leone, the first British colony in Africa with the oldest university in this part of the continent. Discover Banana Island pristine paradise, hidden sacred drummers and diamond seekers. Witness the animistic ceremonies of women secret society and a rare female mask dance. Monrovia is the capital of the oldest independent republic in Africa. Liberia has never been a colony or a protectorate, in 1847 was already ruled by a black president, the Afro-American Roberts born in Virginia and part of the Kriol settlers, considered the founders of the nation. The Kriol culture has expressed a unique architecture and symbols of power in the country of the freed slaves. Discover ancient rituals of girl initiation and stroll in the atmosphere of an old colonial capital. Arrive in the day of Ashanti ceremonies. Visit 15th century slave trade castles and fisherman villages located side to side on the shores of Guinea Gulf. Accra with its restaurants and nightlife is considered the most vibrant capitals of the continent. End with the regions where Voodoo has been originated and with its trans rituals is still the more practiced religion. Enjoy traditional villages but also contemporary Africa as metropolitan live music.

Departure dates:

2023. Starts in Bissau December 15th, 2023. End in Cotonou January 14th, 2024. North-South itinerary.

2023 Prices:

Group of 7 or more guests: Rack rates: 10 217 €

Group of 5/6 guests: Rack rates: 11 651 €

Single room supplement: Rack rates: 1 395 €

28 days FROM BISSAU TO COTONOU

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

From the evening of day 31 to day 58 of the North-South itinerary.

HIGHLIGHTS: Cross rivers on barges and experience an authentic tribal concert. Join the Fula the tribe of zebu herders to discover their adobe architecture and bas-reliefs. Be accepted at the “Council of the Elders” in a large clay palace on the Fouta Djallon, the main mountain massif in West Africa. Explore the forest to find liana bridges, and the Bird Men initiated. Freetown is the large and colorful capital of Sierra Leone, the first British colony in Africa with the oldest university in this part of the continent. Discover Banana Island pristine paradise, hidden sacred drummers and diamond seekers. Witness the animistic ceremonies of women secret society and a rare female mask dance. Monrovia is the capital of the oldest independent republic in Africa. Liberia has never been a colony or a protectorate, in 1847 was already ruled by a black president, the Afro-American Roberts born in Virginia and part of the Kriol settlers, considered the founders of the nation. The Kriol culture has expressed a unique architecture and symbols of power in the countries of the freed slaves. Discover ancient rituals of girl initiation and stroll in the atmosphere of an old colonial capital. Arrive in the day of Ashanti ceremonies. Visit 15th century slave trade castles and fisherman villages located side to side on the shores of Guinea Gulf. Accra with its night life start to be considered the most vibrant capitals of the continent. End with the regions where Voodoo has been originated and with its trans rituals is still the more practiced religion. Enjoy traditional villages but also contemporary Africa as metropolitan live music.

Departure dates:

2023. Starts in Bissau December 18th, 2023. Ends in Cotonou January 14th, 2024. North-South Itinerary.

2023 Prices:

Group of 7 or more guests: Rack rates: 9 237 €

Group of 5/6 guests: Rack rates: 10 980 €

Single room supplement: Rack rates: 1 174 €

23 days FROM BIJAGOS ARCHIPELAGO TO ABIDJAN

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

From the evening of day 28 to the day 50 afternoon of the North-South itinerary.

HIGHLIGHTS: Sail to the remote Bijagos Archipelago to discover animistic cultures and sacred bull masks. Cross rivers on barges and experience an authentic tribal concert. Join the Fula the tribe of zebu herders to discover their adobe architecture and bas-reliefs. Be accepted at the “Council of the Elders” in a large clay palace on the Fouta Djallon, the main mountain massif in West Africa. Explore the forest to find liana bridges, and the Bird Men initiated. Freetown is the large and colorful capital of Sierra Leone, the first British colony in Africa with the oldest university in this part of the continent. Discover Banana Island pristine paradise, hidden sacred drummers and diamond seekers. Witness the animistic ceremonies of women secret society and a rare female mask dance. Monrovia is the capital of the oldest independent republic in Africa. Liberia has never been a colony or a protectorate, in 1847 was already ruled by a black president, the Afro-American Roberts born in Virginia and part of the Kriol settlers, considered the founders of the nation. The Kriol culture has expressed a unique architecture and symbols of power in the countries of the freed slaves. Discover ancient rituals of girl initiation and stroll in the atmosphere of an old colonial capital. Enjoy traditional villages life but also contemporary Africa in Abidjan modern African metropolis.

Departure dates:

2023. Starts in Bissau December 15th, 2023. Ends in Abidjan January 6th, 2024. North-South itinerary.

2023 Prices:

Group of 7 or more guests: Rack rates: 7 492 €

Group of 5/6 guests: Rack rates: 8 798 €

Single room supplement: Rack rates: 1 060 €

20 days FROM BISSAU TO ABIDJAN

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

From the evening of day 31 to day 50 of the North-South itinerary

HIGHLIGHTS: Cross rivers on barges and experience an authentic tribal concert. Join the Fula the tribe of zebu herders to discover their adobe architecture and bas-reliefs. Be accepted at the “Council of the Elders” in a large clay palace on the Fouta Djallon, the main mountain massif in West Africa. Explore the forest to find liana bridges, and the Bird Men initiated. Freetown is the large and colorful capital of Sierra Leone, the first British colony in Africa with the oldest university in this part of the continent. Discover Banana Island pristine paradise, hidden sacred drummers and diamond seekers. Witness the animistic ceremonies of women secret society and a rare female mask dance. Monrovia is the capital of the oldest independent republic in Africa. Liberia has never been a colony or a protectorate, in 1847 was already ruled by a black president, the Afro-American Roberts born in Virginia and part of the Kriol settlers, considered the founders of the nation. The Kriol culture has expressed a unique architecture and symbols of power in the countries of the freed slaves. Discover ancient rituals of girl initiation and stroll in the atmosphere of an old colonial capital. End the journey in Abidjan the modern and vibrant African capital.

Departure dates:

2023. Starts in Bissau December 18th, 2023. Ends in Abidjan January 6th, 2024. North-South Itinerary.

2023 Prices:

Group of 7 or more guests: Rack rates: 6 511 €

Group of 5/6 guests: Rack rates: 7 757 €

Single room supplement: Rack rates: 935 €

15 days FROM BIJAGOS ARCHIPELAGO TO MONROVIA

Bijagos Archipelago and Guinea Bissau, Guinea, Sierra Leone, Liberia.

From day 28 to day 42 of the North-South itinerary.

HIGHLIGHTS: Sail to the remote Bijagos Archipelago to discover animistic cultures and sacred bull masks. Cross rivers on barges and experience an authentic tribal concert. Join the Fula the tribe of zebu herders to discover their adobe architecture and bas-reliefs. Be accepted at the “Council of the Elders” in a large clay palace on the Fouta Djallon, the main mountain massif in West Africa. Freetown is the large and colorful capital of Sierra Leone, the first British colony in Africa with the oldest university in this part of the continent. Discover Banana Island pristine paradise, hidden sacred drummers and diamond seekers. Witness the animistic ceremonies of women secret society and a rare female mask dance. Monrovia is the capital of the oldest independent republic in Africa. Liberia has never been a colony or a protectorate, in 1847 was already ruled by a black president, the Afro-American Roberts born in Virginia and part of the Kriol settlers, considered the founders of the nation. The Kriol culture has expressed a unique architecture and symbols of power in the countries of the freed slaves.

Departure dates:

2023. Starts in Bissau December 15th, 2023. Ends in Monrovia December 29th, 2023. North-South Itinerary.

2023 Prices:

Group of 7 or more guests: Rack rates: 4 888 €

Group of 5/6 guests: Rack rates: 5 705 €

Single room supplement: Rack rates: 624 €

12 days FROM BISSAU TO MONROVIA

Guinea Bissau, Guinea, Sierra Leone, Liberia.

From the evening of day 31 to day 50 of the North-South itinerary.

HIGHLIGHTS: Cross rivers on barges and experience an authentic tribal concert. Join the Fula the tribe of zebu herders to discover their adobe architecture and bas-reliefs. Be accepted at the “Council of the Elders” in a large clay palace on the Fouta Djallon, the main mountain massif in West Africa. Freetown is the large and colorful capital of Sierra Leone, the first British colony in Africa with the oldest university in this part of the continent. Discover Banana Island pristine paradise, hidden sacred drummers and diamond seekers. Witness the animistic ceremonies of women secret society and a rare female mask dance. Monrovia is the capital of the oldest independent republic in Africa. Liberia has never been a colony or a protectorate, in 1847 was already ruled by a black president, the Afro-American Roberts born in Virginia and part of the Kriol settlers, considered the founders of the nation. The Kriol culture has expressed a unique architecture and symbols of power in the countries of the freed slaves.

Departure dates:

2023. Starts in Bissau December 18th, 2023. Ends in Monrovia December 29th, 2023. North-South Itinerary.

2023 Prices:

Group of 7 or more guests: Rack rates: 3 565 €

Group of 5/6 guests: Rack rates: 4 099 €

Single room supplement: Rack rates: 416 €

22 days FROM FREETOWN TO COTONOU

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

From evening of day 37 to day 58 of the North-South itinerary.

HIGHLIGHTS: Our starting point will be Freetown, large and colorful capital of Sierra Leone the first British colony in Africa with the oldest university in this part of the continent. Discover Banana Island pristine paradise, hidden sacred drummers and diamond seekers. Monrovia is the capital of the oldest independent republic in Africa. Liberia has never been a colony or a protectorate, already in 1847 was ruled by a black president, the Afro-American Roberts born in Virginia and part of the Kriol settlers, considered the founders of the nation. The Kriol culture has expressed a unique architecture and symbols of power in the country of the freed slaves. Witness the animistic ceremonies of women secret society

and a rare female mask dance. Explore the forest to find liana bridges, and the Bird Men initiated. Discover ancient rituals of girl initiation and stroll in the atmosphere of an old colonial town. Abidjan modern African metropolis will be the ending point of our journey. Arrive in the day of the Ashanti ceremonies. Visit 15th century slave trade castles and fisherman villages located side to side on the shores of Guinea Gulf. Accra with its night life start to be considered the most vibrant capitals of the continent. End with the regions where Voodoo has been originated and with its trans rituals is still the more practiced religion.

Departure dates:

2023. Start in Freetown December 24th, 2023. End in Cotonou January 14th, 2024. North-South Itinerary.

2023 Prices:

Group of 7 or more guests: Rack rates: 7 137 €

Group of 5/6 guests: Rack rates: 8 313 €

Single room supplement: Rack rates: 1 022 €

18 days FROM FREETOWN TO ACCRA

Sierra Leone, Liberia, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Ghana

From the evening of day 37 to day 54 of the North-South itinerary.

HIGHLIGHTS: Our starting point will be Freetown the large and colorful capital of Sierra Leone, the first British colony in Africa with the oldest university in this part of the continent. Discover Banana Island pristine paradise, hidden sacred drummers and diamond seekers. Witness the animistic ceremonies of women secret society and a rare female mask dance. Monrovia is the capital of Liberia, the oldest independent republic in Africa. Liberia has never been a colony or a protectorate, already in 1847 was ruled by a black president, the Afro-American Roberts born in Virginia and part of the Kriol settlers, considered the founders of the nation. The Kriol culture has expressed a unique architecture and symbols of power in the country of the freed slaves. Discover ancient rituals of girl initiation and stroll in the atmosphere of an old colonial capital. Arrive in the day of Ashanti ceremonies. Visit 15th century slave trade castles and fisherman villages located side to side on the shores of Guinea Gulf.

Departure dates:

2023. Starts in Freetown December 24th, 2023. Ends in Accra January 10th, 2024. North-South Itinerary.

2023 Prices:

Group of 7 or more guests: Rack rates: 5 881 €

Group of 5/6 guests: Rack rates: 7 105 €

Single room supplement: Rack rates: 941 €

14 days FROM FREETOWN TO ABIDJAN

Sierra Leone, Liberia, Guinea, Ivory Coast.

From the evening of day 37 to day 50 of the North-South itinerary.

HIGHLIGHTS: Freetown is the large and colorful capital of Sierra Leone, the first British colony in Africa with the oldest university in this part of the continent. Discover Banana Island pristine paradise, hidden sacred drummers and diamond seekers. Witness the animistic ceremonies of women secret society and a rare female mask dance. Monrovia is the capital of the oldest independent republic in Africa. Liberia has never been a colony or a protectorate, in 1847 was already ruled by a black president, the Afro-American Roberts born in Virginia and part of the Kriol settlers, considered the founders of the nation. The Kriol culture has expressed a unique architecture and symbols of power in the country of the freed slaves. Discover ancient rituals of girl initiation and stroll in the atmosphere of an old colonial capital. End the journey in Abidjan the modern and vibrant African capital.

Departure dates:

2023. Starts in Freetown December 24th, 2023. Ends in Abidjan January 6th, 2024. North-South Itinerary.

2023 Prices

Group of 7 or more guests: Rack rates: 4 607 €

Group of 5/6 guests: Rack rates: 5 333 €

Single room supplement: Rack rates: 695 €

6 days FROM FREETOWN TO MONROVIA

Sierra Leone & Liberia

From the evening of day 37 to day 42 of the North-South itinerary.

HIGHLIGHTS: Our starting point will be Freetown a large and colorful town, capital of Sierra Leone the first British colony in Africa with the oldest university in this part of the continent. Discover Banana Island pristine paradise and the hidden diamond seekers. Witness the animistic ceremonies of women secret society and a rare female mask dance. The end of the journey will be Monrovia, the capital of the oldest independent republic in Africa, Liberia has never been a colony or a protectorate, already in 1847 was ruled by a black president, the Afro-American Roberts born in Virginia and part of the Kriol settlers, considered the founders of the nation. The Kriol culture has expressed a unique architecture and symbols of power in the country of the freed slaves.

Departure dates:

2023. Start in Freetown December 24th, 2023. End, Monrovia December 29th, 2023. North-South Itinerary.

2023 Prices

Group of 7 or more guests: Rack rates: 2 354 €

Group of 5/6 guests: Rack rates: 2 722 €

Single room supplement: Rack rates: 329 €

14 days FROM MONROVIA TO ACCRA

Liberia, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Ghana.

From the evening of day 41 to day 54 of the North-South itinerary

HIGHLIGHTS: Monrovia is the capital of the oldest independent republic in Africa. Liberia has never been a colony or a protectorate, in 1847 was already ruled by a black president, the Afro-American Roberts born in Virginia and part of the Kriol settlers, considered the founders of the nation. The Kriol culture has expressed a unique architecture and symbols of power in the country of the freed slaves. Discover ancient rituals of girl initiation and stroll in the atmosphere of an old colonial capital. Arrive in the day of Ashanti ceremonies. Visit 15th century slave trade castles and fisherman villages located side to side on the shores of Guinea Gulf.

Departure dates

2023. Starts in Monrovia December 28th, 2023. Ends in Accra January 10th, 2024. North-South Itinerary.

2023 Prices:

Group of 7 or more guests: Rack rates: 4 572 €

Group of 5/6 guests: Rack rates: 5 385 €

Single room supplement: Rack rates: 769 €

11 days FROM ABIDJAN TO COTONOU

Ivory Coast, Ghana, Togo, Benin.

From the evening of day 49 to the evening of day 58 of the North-South itinerary.

Stroll in the atmosphere of an old colonial capital. Arrive in the day of Ashanti ceremonies. Visit 15th century slave trade castles and fisherman villages located side to side on the shores of Guinea Gulf. Accra is considered the most vibrant capital thanks to the restaurant and nightlife. End with the regions where Voodoo has been originated and with its trans rituals are still the more practiced religion.

Departure dates:

2024. Starts in Abidjan January 4th, 2024. Ends in Cotonou January 14th, 2024.

Prices:

Group of 7 or more guests: Rack rates: 3 567 €

Group of 5/6 guests: Rack rates: 3 979 €

Single room supplement: Rack rates: 582 €

30 Days. TRANS-SAHARA & WEST AFRICA

from Dakar to Accra (Dec 11th, 2023 – Jan 10th, 2024)

2023 Prices:

- **Group of 7 or more guests: Rack rates: 10 260 €**

- Group of 5/6 guests: Rack rates: 11 715 €

- Single room supplement: Rack rates: 1 292 €

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- **Please ask for detailed programs.**
 - **Taylor-made itineraries: any different legs, or departure date of your personal choice, can be realized.**

Included:

- Transfer airport/ hotel and hotel/ airport at arrival and departure, EXCEPT, from the hotel In Marrakech to the airport.
- Transfers and itinerary in 4WD vehicles, minibus and boats.
- Tours and visits as per the programme.
- The equivalent of a bottle of water a day during the visits.
- Accommodation in standard rooms, as per itinerary.
- All meals, from breakfast of day 2 to breakfast of the last day of the expedition.
- Entrance fees to parks, concessions, protected areas and cultural sites.
- First Aid box.
- All service charges and taxes.

Not included:

- International flights.
- Earlier (prior) and/or later (after last day) transfers from and to airport.
- Visa fees.
- Any meal or sightseeing other than those specified.
- Mineral water and drinks at restaurants and hotels.
- Portage.
- Fees for personal photos and videos.
- Personal and holiday insurance (compulsory).
- Tips for drivers, guides and hotel staff.
- Costs related to delayed program or lost luggage.
- Any item of personal nature such as phone calls, laundry, etc.
- Whatever is not mentioned as included.

EXPEDITION LEADER: with long experience of traveling in the out of the beaten track Sahara and West Africa, and a good understanding of African culture and traditions.

EXPLORATORY ITINERARY: This itinerary is an expedition; participants must be flexible and ready to enjoy the unique encounters, but also some unexpected situations that are part of the “African Experience”.

TRANSPORTS: a great variety of landscapes, cultures and nature go hand in hand with the choice of the different transports, each one being the best to discover and enjoy each different environment.

On land: for most of the itinerary on roads, tracks and virgin dunes, we will drive in 4WD air-conditioned vehicles, on some asphalt roads we will travel in air-conditioned minibus. For brief but funny rides we will experience colourful local bush Taxi, traditional calash and donkey chariot.

On water: ferry to Gore Islands, speedboats for the three days of navigation at Bijagos Archipelago, fishermen's boat in Naila lagoon and to Banana Island. Barges to cross rivers in the forests.

VACCINATIONS: Yellow fever: mandatory for those participating at the part of the expedition from Senegal to Cotonou (from day 20 of the program).

Cholera: not required at the time of editing the program, please check before departure.

Malaria prophylaxis: absolutely recommended for those participating at the part of the expedition from Nouakchott (from day 20 of the program).

VISAS:

Morocco: Not required for most nationalities. Please check.

Mauritania: Required. We will obtain visas at the border (cost 55 Euro).

Senegal: Visa not needed for most nationalities including US, Canada and European Union citizens. Please contact us for the complete list. If visa needed, please obtain two entry visas.

The Gambia: Some nationalities do not need a visa, others can obtain it at the border, a few others must obtain an invitation letter, please contact us in advance.

Guinea Bissau: Single-entry visa is required; we can obtain the visa during the expedition. Please inform us in advance.

Guinea Conakry: Two-entries needed. E-visa https://www.paf.gov.gn/dnpaf/?page_id=335&lang=en

Sierra Leone: Visa available at the border (cost 100 USD).

Liberia, Ivory Coast: Single entry visa is required. The Ivory Coast E-Visa is not valid for entering the country by land, a visa from the embassy is required.

Ghana: Single-entry visa required; the visa is issued only at the Ghana embassy competent with the country of residence

Togo: Visa available at the border, please confirm with us in advance.

Benin: E-Visa: www.evisa.gouv.bj/en/

Note: Liberia and Ivory Coast have diplomatic representations in Dakar that can issue visas, contact us in advance if the visa must be obtained during the expedition.

Extension to Nigeria: Single-entry visa required. The visa is issued only at the Nigerian embassy competent for the country of residence.

MEALS: Lunches: cold meals (picnics) or restaurants (pre-selected menus).

Dinners: in the hotels we will enjoy a great variety of specialties. Vegetarian or specific meals are available on request, please contact us in advance.

Mobile camps: simple dinners made of local fresh products integrated with conserved food; bottled water included. Wine or beer included, except in Mauritania. Mention your choice at the departure (soft drinks, wine or beer).

HOTELS: Carefully chosen, due to a possible lack of rooms' availability in some hotels, the tour leader may have to replace hotels with others as similar as possible. Four-star hotels in the capitals and more. Best available hotels inland, always with air-conditioned rooms.

MOBILE CAMPS: Two nights camping, in the remotest part of the Western Sahara. Camping in the immensity of the Sahara is an unforgettable experience. Modern tents equipped with mosquito nets, installed over

mats, portable beds, mattresses and chairs. A large restaurant tent will be set for dinner. A tent will be dedicated to “facilities”. Please bring your own light sleeping-bag or sleeping-sheet or let the guide know at the beginning of the tour.

LUGGAGE: Due to the nature of the itinerary please limit your personal luggage to 45lb (20 kg), soft sacs are recommended.

INSURANCE: Mandatory for medical assistance (health care), repatriation, physical and material damages. TransAfrica will not be held responsible for any material and physical damages during or in consequence of the tour. Discover an insurance policy proposal:

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NOTICE: The itinerary is designed to experience fascinating places where foreigners hardly arrive. We need to be tolerant and flexible to fully appreciate the unique nature and wildlife, the spontaneous hospitality of the local populations, the African magic and mystery, the metaphysics, ceremonies, life philosophies and religious beliefs that people are willing to share with us.

Itineraries, visits, overnights and accommodations are subject to changes, improve and adapt to: tides time, recent experiences and news from the fields, force majeure. The changes are decided by the organizer. We are not responsible for any delays and cancellation due to external conditions.