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32 DAYS TOUR OF GHANA/TOGO/BENIN/BURKINA FASO/IVORY COAST

CLIENT: Andrea Guzik
DATE: 19 October – 19 November, 2017
GROUP: 2 Adults
ROOM: Double occupancy

Day 1 – Thursday 19 October: Arrival in Accra

- Arrive at the Kotoka International Airport, where our driver will meet and transfer you to your hotel for a welcome drink, trip briefing, acclimatization and relaxation
- Overnight accommodation: Somewhere Nice_ http://hostelaccra.com/

Day 2 – Friday 20 October: Accra – Sogakope

- After breakfast, undertake a sightseeing city tour of Accra.
- Visit some of the highlights in Accra like the Osu Chief's Palace for an insight on the history of the Ga people.
- Visit the Osu castle, Built by the Danes around 1659 and originally called Christiansburg Castle, Osu Castle was the seat of government until 2013. Photographs are not allowed.
- Visit the old colonial neighborhoods of James Town and Usher Town, an interesting area to explore on foot. Also, visit the old fishing harbor, climb to the Usher Lighthouse, stroll through the fishing communities and optionally wander around the Mokola Market.
- Continue your way to the Independence Square and the Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Mausoleum, the final resting place of the first president of Ghana.
- Visit the Artist Alliance Gallery and the Art Centre, where traditional arts craftworks among wooden sculptures and paintings, and Ghanaian fabrics are displayed.
- Take a break for a refreshing lunch at a local restaurant.
- After lunch continue your way to Sogakope.
- Arrive and check - in at your hotel and enjoy a story telling moment, combined with a traditional Ewe Agbadza dance.
- Retire to your hotel for dinner and relaxation
- Overnight accommodation: Water Front Paradise Resort_ https://travel.jumia.com/en-gb/ghana/o18873/water-front-paradise-resort-madara

Day 3 – Saturday 21 October: Sogakope – Kumasi

- After breakfast, we move to a remote hidden village, where we will join a Voodoo ceremony: The frenetic rhythm of the drums and chants of the adepts help to call the voodoo spirit who takes possession of some of the dancers who fall into a deep trance: eyes rolling back, grimaces, convulsions, insensitivity to fire or pain. Sakpata, Heviesso, Mami Water and other voodoos are showing their presence by taking possession of their adepts. In this narrow village, surrounded by the magic atmosphere of a voodoo ceremony, we will finally understand how traditions are still deeply rooted in African soul.
- Continue your journey through the Akwapim range of lush green mountainous landscapes to Kumasi, the capital of the Ashanti Kingdom. Along the way, make a stop at Cedi beads in Krobo

Odumasi and observe the century-old process where colorful beads are made from recycled glass. The beads still play an important role in the Krobo culture and are worn at different ceremonies and celebrations. There is a great glass beads shop at the premise as well. Optionally you can also decide to take part in a workshop.

- Another stop to make on the way is to visit the Tetteh Quarshie Cocoa processing Institute, where you get to learn about the propagation and processing of Cocoa.
- An alternative is to visit Adjeikrom and take a guided walk through a small town where cacao farming and processing is the main source of livelihood. Visit the cacao plantation.
- Continue your way to Kumasi, arrive at the hotel, check-in for dinner and relaxation
- Overnight accommodation: Kumasi Catering Rest House_ https://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotel_Review-g317061-d678258-Reviews-Catering_Rest_House-Kumasi_Ashanti_Region.html

Day 4 – Sunday 22 October: Akwasidae Festival and Kumasi City Tour

- After breakfast, visit some of the highlights of the city, such as the Manhyia Palace Museum, which offers a first-hand information on the legacies of the Ashanti Kingdom. Proceed to the National Culture centre, which shares premises with the Prempeh II Jubilee Museum, home to the dazzling studios of traditional potters, brass, wood carvers, bead makers and batik makers.
- Take an early lunch break at a local restaurant and attend the **Akwasidae festival** in the afternoon, which starts by 12 noon. The festival is an ornate ceremony, commemorating the date that the Ashanti Golden Stool was magically brought down from heaven. The festival therefore features a golden stool alongside the central feature of attention, the Ashanti King, who is carried on a palanquin through the procession of Ashanti people who have come to pay homage to their King. It is a beautiful and spectacular site, with colorful canopies and umbrellas amongst drummers, dancers, horn blowers and singers who perform in honor of their ancestral spirits.
- After the festival, visit Adawomase and Ntonso, villages known for traditional cloth making such as Kente and Adinkra. The villages are relatively touristy however, play an important part in the understanding of the Ashanti cultural heritage.
- Return to your hotel for dinner and relaxation.
- Overnight accommodation: Overnight accommodation: Kumasi Catering Rest House_ https://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotel_Review-g317061-d678258-Reviews-Catering_Rest_House-Kumasi_Ashanti_Region.html

Day 5 – Monday 23 October: Kumasi - Wechiau

- After early breakfast, enjoy a scenic drive from Kumasi to Wechiau community and Hippo Sanctuary, a unique community-based tourist and wildlife conservation project in the Upper-West in Region of Ghana.
- Along the make the way, make a quick stop to visit the Boabeng-Fiema Monkey Sanctuary in the Brong Ahafo Region of Ghana and experience how the local people of live in close harmony with the sacred mona monkey and black-and-white colobus population. The mona monkeys spend most of their time on the ground and love to be fed out of the hands of humans.
- Continue your way to the north and visit the Larabanga Mosque, constructed between 1643 - 1675, in the small town of Larabanga, near Mole national Park, and is said to be Ghana's oldest mosque, and possibly oldest building still standing, possibly built well before white people visited the Country. This whitewashed mud built Sahelian Mosque contains an ancient copy of the Qur'an and is said to date from near the same date and the structure is also said to be Sudanese architecture.
- If desired, also visit Mognori Eco-village to meet the friendly Gonja people and learn about their distinctive culture. If desired, enjoy a canoe ride on the Mole River, which is especially, recommended during the rainy season.
- Drive on to Sonyo village, located between Wechiau and Wa and has a unique architecture mud houses built without front doors, which can only be reached over the roofs. Women go from house

to house over ladders even with large water bowls. Arrive in the village and undertake a guided tour.
- Continue your journey to Wechiau, arrive and heck-in at your lodge for dinner and relaxation
- Overnight accommodation: Talawona Tourist Lodge - no website (basic comfort offers rural overnight experience)
- Overnight accommodation : Blue Hill Hotel__ https://travel.jumia.com/en-gb/ghana/o26448/blue-hill-hotel-wa?_tld_redirect=com.gh&gclid=CjwKCAjw3rfOBRBJEiwAam-GsGsGrxV7IfsNRMmyGF66C3rK80UnIMLoZ_7aTbEL7iU_MusGqjFFQBoCo7YQAvD_BwE&redirect=1 (Alternative accommodation in Wa, about 30 minutes' drive from wechiau)

Day 6 – Tuesday 24 October: Wechiau – Wli

- Today's journey is a long drive from the North to Wli the Volta Region of Ghana; known for the highest falls in Ghana, called the Agumatsa Falls in the Volta Region of Ghana.
- After an early breakfast, go up the Wechiau River with a canoe to spot some of the 50 hippos the sanctuary is endowed with. The community sanctuary has much to offer in terms of the local culture, architecture and activities. For instance, you could also get a tour around a Lobi compound. The Lobi people migrated from Burkina Faso and are known for their animistic way of living and particular housing architecture.
- Continue your journey south through Tamale, the capital city of the Northern Region of Ghana and along the way, visit a traditional Dagomba village, where people live in round thatched-roofed houses built in circular compounds and where life is so different as compared to the south. It is a wonderful experience to learn about people with different religious backgrounds, who transformed from pure animism to Christianity or Islam; they are all living peacefully together.
- If desired, pass by the village of Daboya, the weaving village where the fugu is being made, worn by men in northern Ghana. The fugu is made from the hand-spun white and indigo dyed cloth and worn as a smock.
- Continue your way to Wli, arrive and check-in at your hotel for dinner and relaxation.
- Overnight accommodation: Waterfalls Lodge_ http://www.ghanacamping.com/

Day 7 – Wednesday 25 October: Wli - Laite Wote - Amedzofe

- Enjoy an early morning hike to either the lower or upper Agumatsa falls. Upon reaching the falls, you may decide to take a swim in the basin of the falls. The upper fall is recommended for the energetic and adventurous, as it would take about a 2 and half-hour trail to get there.
- Continue to Amedzofe, the highest hilltop settlement in Ghana and surrounded by the lush vegetation and rolling hills of the mountains of Avatime.
- Along the way, visit Liate Wote, a picturesque village, nestled in the heart of the Volta Region at the foot of the range of mountains that make up the Ghana/Togo border; Liati Wote is a hidden paradise, with over 300 species of butterflies in its forest, home to one of the largest butterflies count in Ghana.
- The village is the ultimate place to experience rural community life. The friendly local people are always ready to welcome you and see to it that your visit was worth the trip.
- There are hiking possibilities like taking a hike through coffee and cocoa fields and untouched forest to the Tagbo falls and the more adventurous 1.5 hours climb to the top of Ghana's highest mountain, Mount Afadjato, which stands at (2905 ft).
- Another interesting experience is to join one of the local farmers to their farmlands.
- Arrive in Amedzofe, check-in to your hotel, enjoy a late lunch and undertake a hike to the peak of Mount Gemi with one of the local guides.
- Spend the rest of the day to enjoy the atmosphere in Amedzofe where you will see some of the historical landmarks indicating the German presence in this area including the missionary work, and the development of the Evangelical-Presbyterian Church that influenced the area.
- Return to your hotel for dinner and relaxation.

- Overnight accommodation: Abraerica Hospitalities_ http://abraerica.com/

Day 8 – Thursday 26 October: Amedzofe - Kpalime, In Togo

- After breakfast, enjoy another one and a half hours hike, where you find yourself through the forest to the Ote Falls. It is an adventurous trail with the possibility of taking a refreshing swim upon reaching the falls.
- Continue your journey and cross the border to Kpalime, in Togo.
- Arrive in Kpalime, a perfect play-ground for hikers, check-in at your hotel and enjoy lunch.
- Enjoy Francophone atmosphere and take a visit Mount Agou, one of the highest mountains in Togo, which offers some of the country's best sceneries. Kpalime is also known for its fertile soil where you find numerous cacao and coffee plantations.
- Visit the village of Kouma-Konda where you can visit the local people who process locally grown coffee beans into organically certified coffee. Upon reaching the village, you will meet some local artists who use natural colors from the forest for their art works.
- Optionally, visit the art market, Le Centre Artisenal, where local craft men produce wonderful items.
- Continue to your hotel, arrive and check-in for dinner and relaxation; enjoy the serene atmosphere in the town.
- Overnight accommodation: Chez Fanny_ http://www.hotelchezfanny.blogspot.com

Day 9 – Friday 27 October: Kpalime - Davedi - Lome

- Undertake some walking trails in the morning through the forest near Mount Klouto where you can watch masses of colorful butterflies in its forest. Also visit cascade de Wome, located in the village of Wome, known for its waterfalls as one of the great attractions in the Kpalime area, which is 12km away from the main town of Kpalime.
- Continue your journey to south of Togo and visit Davedi, a village that offers an ultimate opportunity to experience the traditional Ewe culture in southern Togo. The village is known for its vast pineapple plantations and palm trees.
- Arrive in Davedi and undertake a guided walk through the community with a local guide and experience how people process palm nuts into palm oil, palm wine and gin.
- If desired, attend a twin doll ceremony shown by older ladies or pay a visit to the fetish priest.
- Enjoy a typical local dish for lunch, like akple or emakume with ademe sauce and poulet bicyclette.
- Continue to Lome, the capital city of Togo, check-in at your hotel for dinner and relaxation; enjoy the friendly atmosphere in the city. If desired, take an evening walk at the pristine palm-fringed beach of city.
- Overnight accommodation: Hotel Napoléon Lagune _ http://www.napotogo.com

Day 10 – Saturday 28 October: Lome - Togoville - Possotome - Benin

- After breakfast, visit some of the highlights of Lome in the morning. Nana Benz is the name of the flamboyant market in Lome, where almost everything is for sale. You will find traders from all over the region buying colorfully printed clothes, woven baskets from colorful treads.
- Also, visit Le Marche des Feticheurs, the voodoo market where people buy mystifying items from animal skins, bones and skulls, to arrange their traditional ceremonies.
- Enjoy lunch at a road-side cafeteria and continue your way to visit the historical highlights at Aneho, Agbedrafo and Togoville around Lac Togo.
- Cross the border and continue your journey to Possotome, in Benin.
- Arrive in Possotome and check-in at your hotel.
- Possotome is a village at the very banks of Lake Aheme, where you are able to observe the day-to-day activities of the villagers.

- The inhabitants of the village are known for their vibrant voodoo culture. Experience how the local people worship their traditional gods and observe the role of the voodoo culture in the daily life of the ordinary people.
- Attend a traditional Zangbeto Mask dance in the evening before dinner.
- Overnight accommodation: Chez Theo _ http://www.chez-theo.com

Day 11 – Sunday 29 October: Possotome - Ouidah

- Spend the morning in Possotome and undertake a guided walk along-side the lake, the villages and sacred forest. The villages in this area are known for their vibrant voodoo culture. Experience how local people worship their traditional gods and observe the role of the voodoo culture in their daily lives.
- Continue to Ouidah, a town with a rich history and the cradle of African Traditional (voodoo) Religion.
- On the way, make a stop at Se, a pottery village where you will find and meet hard-working women producing wonderful clay pottery manually.
- Arrive in Ouidah and visit some of the highlights in the town.
- Take a tour of the Temple dedicated to the sacred python, which is believed to give vitality and protection.
- Visit the sacred forest which houses many shrines dedicated to various deities.
- Visit the historical Museum of Ouidah, located in a centuries-old Portuguese fort. This museum reflects Benin's role in the transatlantic slave trade.
- Also visit the Port of No Return, a monument built by the Benin government to commemorate the Africans taken from the Dahomey Empire during the slave trade.
- Continue to your hotel for dinner and relax or sit along the beach and enjoy the serenity.
- Overnight accommodation: Hotel Djegba _ http://www.djegbahotel.com

Day 12 – Monday 30 October: Ouidah - Ganvier - Porto-Novo

- Spend the morning at the beach to rest some more or a voodoo ritual ceremony and find your way to Ganvie by motorized canoe, a village built over water (Lac Noukoue), knowingly referred to as the "Venice of West Africa". Treat yourself with a first-hand experience as the people of Ganvie carry out their daily routines in their dugout canoes filled with earthen wares, groceries, working tools, animals and any other livelihood materials you could think of, while trading with one another and transacting business with tourists. You will definitely enjoy shopping on the floating market and taking a relaxing canoe ride to explore the village, which came about as a result of escaping slavery during the slave trade era in Benin. The village is over 300 years old. **(Please note: the boat ride to the stilt village is not covered in the tour cost; estimated at CFA 15000 per tourist group)**
- Take a lunch break at the MB hotel, situated on the lake.
- After lunch, return to the banks of the lake and continue your journey to Porto Novo, the former capital of the French Dahomey colony in the 19th century, which still stands as the administrative capital of Benin.
- Interesting highlights to undertake in Porto-Novo are the Museum of Ethnography, one of the best in the country, which gives you an interesting insight on the Yoruba culture.
- Take a walk through the lush garden and training center for the production, research and development of sustainable agricultural practices. Guided by one of the students at the center; you will be introduced to the small-scale farming practices such as large-scale composting, fish cultivation, snail farming and animal husbandry.
- Also, visit the Palais Royal du Roi Toffa (Musee Homne), focussed on the last sovereign king of Benin before colonization, the gardens of Jardin Place Jean Bayol, where you can find the statue of the first king of Benin, and the close by Palais de Governor, home of the national legislature.

- You could as well undertake some of the above activities the next morning before your departure to Abomey.
- Check-in at the Songhai Centre for dinner and relaxation. The center is an innovative educational center for tropical agriculture, beautifully situated in the green agriculture surroundings.
- Overnight accommodation: Songhai Institute _ http://www.songhai.org/index.php/en/home-en

Day 13 – Tuesday 31 October: Porto-Novo - Abomey

- After breakfast, undertake some of the highlights of Porto Novo mentioned above and continue your way to Abomey.
- If desired, visit Adjara Market along the way, which booms twice week.
- Arrive in Abomey, the ancient capital of the Dahomey Empire, check-in at your hotel and enjoy lunch.
- After lunch, discover some of the highlights of Abomey, such as The Benhazin Monument, located at the east entrance of the city, and the old neighborhood where you will find remnants of the mud wall that once enclosed the empire, the Royal Palace and Museum (a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site), where every new king added his own residence, resulting in twelve palaces in the empire at its peak. Currently, only two remaining; the Palace is worth visited in the afternoon.
- Abomey is also known for its strong voodoo culture, its powerful magic sorcerers and ceremonies.
- Enjoy Egun mask dance in the evening, where you see Egun mask dancers chanting appellations and falling into trance over a short period of time while performing their warrior dance.
- Return to your hotel for dinner and relaxation
- Overnight accommodation: Sun City Hotel _ http://www.benin-suncityhotel.com

Day 14 – Wednesday 1 November: Abomey - Natintingou

- Explore more of Abomey in the morning and continue your journey to Natintingou, north of Benin and visit the flamboyant market at Basilla along the way (if it is market day).
- Continue to Dankoli, an ordinary town at the foot of rocky hill but claimed to have one of the strongest and most powerful fetish shrines in the country. The fetish shrine is situated under a magnificent tree, which receives streams of believers who wishes to ask for help and guidance from the spirits.
- Optionally, visit the Taneka villages near Djougou, where you can find architectural masterpieces scattered over a wide area and molded on to the rocky and scrubby hillsides. The people in this area still live in a traditional way and hold animistic ways of living. However, this place is quite touristy and this could be a reason not to go there.
- Arrive in Natintingou, check-in at your hotel and enjoy a late lunch and either choose to relax or visit the Kota falls and enjoy a refreshing bath at the basin of the falls, or spend the rest of the day in the increasingly cosmopolitan town, which is inhabited by a melting-pot of ethnic tribes like the Fon, Dendi, Ditarami, Fulani and many more.
- Overnight accommodation: Hotel Tata Somba _ http://hoteltatasomba.5web5.com/

Day 15 – Thursday 2 November: Natintingou - Penjari National Park

- Spend the morning in Natitingou and surroundings. The best time to get a real feeling of the town and its people is during the market days. Worth visiting is the Ethnographic museum located in an old French colonial house, built in 1915, where you will find details about the Somba people's lifestyle and extra-ordinary mud architecture.
- Continue your journey further north to Pendjari National Park, which lies in north western Benin, adjoining the Arli National Park in Burkina Faso. The national park is known for its wildlife and is home to some of the last populations of big game like elephants, West African lions, hippopotamuses, buffalo and various antelopes in West Africa. The park is also famous for its richness in birds. Optionally, walk to the Tanougou Falls before entering the park.
- Arrive at the Park, check-in at your lodge and go for a driving safari around the Park.

- Retire to your lodge for dinner and relaxation.
- Overnight accommodation: Pendjari Lodge_ http://www.pendjari-lodge.com

Day 16 – Friday 3 November: Penjari National Park - Natintingou

- Spend part of the morning in the Park and it surroundings to enjoy another scenic walking o driving safari and descend back to Natintingou
- Upon arrival check in at your hotel and relax or once again take a guided tour to explore more of the Somba villages. Optionally, spend the rest of the day at the waterfalls and enjoy a picnic.
- Overnight accommodation: Hotel Tata Somba _ http://hoteltatasomba.5web5.com/

Day 17 – Saturday 4 November: Natintingou - Boukombe - Dapaong

- Enjoy a wonderful journey today through the Somba Land to Boukombe, an area known for its extra-ordinary architecture houses, also called Tata Sombas, built like miniature fortresses, surrounded by rolling hills and giant Baobab trees.
- The Batamamaria people and other indigenous tribes, who settled on these lands, originally came from Burkina Faso and settled on these lands centuries ago. They are known for their animist way of living and have kept their traditions alive and pure to date.
- Cross the border back to Togo by traversing a scenic landscape route. Explore the Tamberma Valley and continue to Dapaong in northern Togo.
- Enjoy lunch at a road-side cafeteria along the way, arrive in Dapaong and check-in at your hotel.
- Undertake a hike to the extra-ordinary Nano caves (the miniature Dogon Valley) hidden in the walls of Mount Somoo (the climb/walk is strenuous)
- Return to your hotel for dinner and relaxation.
- Overnight accommodation: Le Campement Hôtel_ https://www.tripadvisor.com/ShowTopic-g671531-i32971-k8344597-Dapaong_Hotel_Le_Campement-Dapaong_Savanes_Region.html

Day 18 – Sunday 5 November: Dapaong - Tiébélé - Pô - Ouagadougou

- Cross the border to Burkina Faso and drive to Ouagadougou, the capital city; one of the liveliest cities of West Africa with an endless selection of gardens and outdoor bars with live indigenous and classical music.
- Along the way, visit Tiébélé and explore the villages of Tiebele and Tangassogo, known for their special building style from the Gourounsi (Kasssana) people, where a guide will give you the explanation on the figures on the houses and materials used. Also, visit the compound of the chief of the village, where you can find all decorative style ornaments and in-depth history of the town and its people.
- If desired, also make a stop at Pô, a city in southern Burkina Faso. It is the capital of the province of Nahouri. The main ethnic group is the Gurunsi. It is said to have been founded in around 1500 and is home to an army base, including the Académie militaire Georges Namoano. Undertake a guided tour of the town.
- Arrive in the city, check-in at your hotel, enjoy lunch and either choose to relax or explore the city on foot with a guide and visit one of the outdoor bars to enjoy some of the local music and dance.
- Overnight accommodation: Le Karite Bleu_ http://www.karitebleu.com

Day 19 – Monday 6 November: Full Day in Ouagadougou

- Spend the entire day exploring and enjoying the atmosphere in city of Ougadougou.
- After breakfast, undertake a sightseeing tour of the city and visit the traditional capital of the Mossi Empire. Visit the Artisan Centre to shop for bronze castings, carvings, masks, jewelry, including desert crosses and terracotta beads, as well as leather Tuareg boxes.
- Also visit the Musee National. The museum features primarily ethnographic collections, such as clay pottery, basket making and weaving exhibits, regional costumes, including the Mossi Chief's regalia and ancestral statutes of the Bobo, Mossi, Lobi and Gurunsi people.

- Optional excursions outside Ougadougou include: - The village of Laongo, where you'll find a remarkable outdoor gallery of rock sculptures. Artists from all over the world came to Laonga and made these amazing giant sculptures from granite rocks in the landscape. Less giant but still wonderful are the iron statues made by an old craftsman in the middle of the park.
- The Manega museum is located about 50 km north of Ouagadougou. The museum has a rich collection and is full of mystery as it deals with sacred artifacts.
- -The water museum in Loumbila (situated 25 km outside Ouagadougou) is focused on the bare essential of life: water. This museum explains the role of water in society, the methods used to fetch water, various types of wells and methods to purify water into drinking water. Very interesting in a country where life is very much centered around (the shortage of) water.
- There is also the possibility to engage in some horse riding at Cheval Mandingue and spend the night in one of the villages at the outskirts of Ouagadougou.
- Return to your hotel for dinner and relaxation.
- Overnight accommodation: Le Karite Bleu_ http://www.karitebleu.com

Day 20 – Tuesday 7 November: Ouagadougou - Saaba - Bobo Dioulaso

- Depart Ouaga after breakfast and head for the city Bobo Dioulasso, the second largest city in Burkina Faso. It has a thriving market, a fine mosque and a small popular quarter, Kibidwe which is fascinating to roam around. There's also a lively music scene.
- On the way, visit Bazoule, a small village just outside of Ouagadougou), where around 100 Nile crocodiles live a peaceful, tranquil life alongside the local villagers.
- Visit the Centre de Kologh Naba in Saaba, a working place for women in weaving, sewing, carpentry, soap making, masonry and gardening. The project aims to improve the living conditions of the women through training and provision of work opportunities. They have a very nice shop at the premises, whereby the profits are solely used for the benefit of the members.
- Also visit koudougou and undertake a guided cultural tour of the town
- Arrive in Bobo, check-in at your hotel and enjoy lunch.
- In the evening, after an early dinner, save some energy for a night time enjoyment of Bobo's thriving live-music.
- Overnight accommodation: Villa Rose_ http://www.villarosebobodioulasso.com

Day 21 – Wednesday 8 November: Full Day in Bobo Dioulasso

- Explore the ancient old neighborhoods of Bobo-Dioulasso in the morning, where you find traditional craftsmen at work and beautiful well-preserved Sudanese style mosques.
- The old neighborhood Ibidwe is also worth a visit, which hosts separate areas for animists, Muslims, Griots (story-tellers and poets) and blacksmiths.
- Also visit one of the most popular attractions near Bobo, La Ginguiette, a crystal-clear bathing area located in a lush forest.
- Return to your hotel for dinner and relaxation.
- Overnight accommodation: Villa Rose_ http://www.villarosebobodioulasso.com

Day 22 – Thursday 9 November: Bobo Dioulasso - Banfora

- Continue your journey to Banfora, located south-western of Burkina Faso; one of the most fertile regions of the country. Banfora is greener than Bobo, and of course is home to the infamous Banfora Cascades, which is about 10 km away from the city itself - but easily accessible by bike. Banfora has more Faux Types than Bobo - and you get more unsolicited attention.
- Along the way, visit the Karfiguella falls, a series of waterfalls, and located 12 km of Banfora and constitutes one of the most important tourism sites in Burkina Faso and the domes of Fabedougou.
- There is plenty of opportunity to walk around, to swim or take a sun-bath. In addition, enjoy a picnic at the falls. The domes of Fabedougou are bulbous rock formations created by water erosion, and relatively easy to climb.

- Arrive in Banfora, check-in at your hotel for dinner and relaxation.
- Overnight accommodation: Cascades Palace_ http://www.hotelcascadespalace.com

Day 23 – Friday 10 November: Full Day in Banfora

- Spend the entire day in and around Banfora.
- Visit the hippos at Lake Tengrela, which are considered to be holy. Even more special is the sacred Baobab tree, where you get to sit inside the tree with a local animist priest.In addition, visit the peaks of Sindou (a three-kilometre-long chain of crags) and go for a hike and enjoy the beautiful panoramic views while at it.
- Proceed to the Troglodyte Village of Niansogoni, a small and terrific village located at the western border of Burkina and Mali, where one could experience traditional culture. The scenery is gorgeous, with a series of gray limestone hills, cliffs and escarpment formations that loom on the horizon. Then you can explore its beautiful ancient village, dotted with terracotta dwellings – this is where local customs and the vivid history of the villagers come to life
- Return to your hotel in Banfora for dinner and relaxation.
- Overnight accommodation: Cascades Palace_ http://www.hotelcascadespalace.com

Day 24 – Saturday 11 November: Banfora - Korhogo

- Your destination today is Korhogo in the northern part of Ivory Coast, a town also called the capital of the Senoufou County.
- Enjoy an early morning breakfast and continue you journey across the south-western border of Burkina Faso and Ivory Coast to Korhogo.
- Make stops in villages on the way and experience how strong the Senoufou people retained their traditions and culture. Their main activities are farming (millet, rice, yam and cassava) and traditional shrines that play an important role in their lives. Experience this during a spontaneous visit to one the villages on the way.
- Enjoy lunch at a road-side cafeteria; arrive in Korhogo, check-in at your hotel for dinner and relaxation.
- Overnight accommodation: Mont Korhogo hotel_ https://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotel_Review-g480178-d2639592-Reviews-Hotel_Mont_Korhogo-Korhogo_Savanes_Region.html

Day 25 – Sunday 12 November: Korhogo - Man

- Continue your journey through the Ivorian Senoufou land to Man, a town which hides among a suite of craggy mountains (the area is called Dix Huit Montagnes or 18 Mountains Region), verdant bamboo forest and coffee plantations.
- Make possible stops on the way in Seguela and Boundiali to enjoy the rich culture of the indigenes.
- Arrive in Man, check-in at your hotel for lunch and enjoy the stunning environment, surrounded by lush vegetation, tropical forest and mountain peaks. Optionally, take a guided walk or hike around.
- Overnight accommodation: Hotel le Cascade_ http://www.hotel-lescascades.com

Day 26 – Monday 13 November: Full Day in Man

- Spend the entire day in man and Visit the skilled woodcarvers and watch them as they work on their wooden logs with sharp carving tools. You also see the exhibition of finished carved artefacts displayed for sale.
- Undertake a pleasant 1 hour walk to the La cascade (waterfalls) located a few hundred meters on the road to Tonkoui (on the west outskirts of Man). A path that carves through the bamboo forest, littered with colorful dragonflies and butterflies joyously lapping at the intoxicating cool air, the path leads to the simply named and elegant La Cascade which softly tumbles down the layered rock carpeted in velvety green moss - the cool waters bring refreshment on humid warm days. You can decide to take a swim at the falls and enjoy a picnic.
- Also available is a hiking possibilities to Mt.Tonkoui and Mt.La Dent for hikers.

- In the afternoon after lunch, visit a Dan village to witness the style dance by performed by the Dan people, also called Gio or Yakuba, an ethno linguistic grouping of people inhabiting the mountainous west-central of Côte d'Ivoire. The Dans are extremely musical people. They don't do anything without music. Rice, Death, Marriage, Birth, Weather are all celebrated with music.
- Return to your hotel for dinner and relaxation.
- Overnight accommodation: Hotel le Cascade_ http://www.hotel-lescascades.com

Day 27 – Tuesday 14 November: Man - Yamoussoukro

- Continue your journey to Yamoussoukro, the administrative capital of Cote d'Ivoire and home to the late president Felix Houphouet Boigny.
- Arrive in Yamoussoukro, home to the Presidential Palace, which is now used by relatives of the late president Felix Houphouet Boigny. Check-in at your hotel and enjoy lunch.
- Take a tour of the Basilica of our Lady of Peace of Yamoussoukro", constructed between 1985 and 1989.
- Also visit The Abokouamekro Game Reserve.
- Return to your hotel for dinner and relaxation.
- Overnight accommodation: Hotel Residence Fondy_ http://www.hotelfondy.com/

Day 28 – Wednesday 15 November: Yamousoukro - Tiagba - Abidjan

- After breakfast, enjoy a scenic journey from Yamoussoukroto Abidjan, serving as the capital, Abidjan is the biggest and most important city of Cote d'Ivoire.
- One the way, pass through Tiagba, a stilt village built on the Ebri Lagoon.
- Arrive in Abidjan, check-in at your hotel and enjoy.
- After lunch, visit the public zoo of Abidjan, where you will see many exotic animals. Later depart for a 15-minute drive to visit the Musee National of Abidjan which has a very large collection of over 20,000 objects, including wooden statues and masks, pottery, ivory and bronze.
- Visit the "Trechville market" where you will have the chance to get all your souvenirs (jewellery, clothes, cloths, pagnes, woodcrafts, etc.
- Also visit the St. Pauls Cathedral, quite in disrepair after the civil war but still great views over the city from the top. Optionally, visit and enjoy a walk in the botanical gardens (Bingerville).
- Return to your hotel for dinner and relaxation.
- Overnight accommodation: Résidence Tourist hotel _ http://www.touristhotel.ci/fr/index.php

Day 29 – Thursday 16 November: Abidjan - Grand Bassam – Nzulezu - Beyin

- Your journey today takes you back to Ghana.
- After breakfast, drive along the coast and do a little bit of sightseeing in Grand Bassam, the historical capital of Ivory Coast under French rule. You will still find beautiful architecture, old houses of worship and the Cathedral du Sacre Coeur in the touristic town of Grand Bassam, and besides tourism and fishery, pottery is a main source of livelihood which is produced and sold at the Ceramique centre.
- Cross the border to Ghana and continue your way to Beyin in the Western Region of Ghana.
- Along the way, visit Nzulezu Stilt Village, which is close to the Ivory Coast border. Nzulezo means 'surface water' in the Nzema language. You would spend close to one hour on the water by boat before you reach the stilt village. The community is one of the few settlements in the world still living in stilt houses. Arrive at the village and undertake a guided boat ride tour of the village.
- Continue your journey to Beyin, a village in the Jomoro district in the Western Region of Ghana, Fort Apollonia is located in this town and where one could spot sea turtles that live, nest and hatch along the beach. The peak of activities for these beautiful sea creatures starts from September until February, each year.
- Arrive in Beyin and check-in at your resort for dinner and relaxation.

- You could take a leisurely walk along the beach to see the local fisher folks going about their fishing activities under the exit of the beautiful sunset. . If time permits, undertake an early evening turtle watching expedition with a local guide.
- Do not forget to take photographs of the spectacular golden sunset
- Overnight accommodation: Beyin Beach Resort_ https://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotel_Review-g1489848-d1489851-Reviews-Beyin_Beach_Resort-Beyin_Western_Region.html

Day 30 – Friday 17 November: Beyin - Elmina

- In the morning after breakfast, take a guided walk along the beach to spot the long hours activities of the sea turtles.
- Continue your way to Elmina later in the afternoon; along the way, optionally, visit the well-preserved fort St. Sebastian, the third-oldest fortification in Ghana, in Shama and Fort Vredenburgh in Komenda, which are currently in ruins.
- Arrive in Elmina, check-in at your resort for dinner and enjoy the beautiful beach atmosphere and the palm-fringed beaches.
- You could take a leisurely walk along the beach to see the fisher folks going about their fishing activities under the exit of the beautiful sunset.
- Overnight accommodation: Ko-Sa Beach Resort_ http://www.ko-sa.com/index.html

Day 31 – Saturday 18 November: In and Around Elmina

- After a hearty breakfast, depart to explore the historic Kakum National Park, one of West Africa's surviving tropical rain forests, spanning over 360sq km and filled with diverse and dense vegetation. A blend of true rainforest and semi deciduous forest, Kakum is the home to over 40 large mammals, 400 bird species and a breath-taking array of butterflies, flora and fauna.
- The most popular attraction in the forest is the Canopy walkway which is made up of seven bridges extending 330m and hanging 40m above the forest floor. Undertake a 2-kilometer nature walk through the forest to discover the wide variety of exotic floral species and the medicinal values they offer or take a canopy walkway which hangs 100 feet above the forest floor or an over view of the rain forest while enjoying the tuning sounds of whispering birds.
- Visit the Elmina Castle built by the Portuguese in 1482 and also known as St. George's Castle. This castle was the first European structure built in Sub - Saharan Africa. The Castle offers one of West Africa's greatest spots for photography, especially at the peak of the sunset. Also visit the Java Museum.
- Also visit Fort St. Jago built by the Dutch in 1665 on St. George Hill. It is from this vantage point that the Dutch launched their successful land attack on Elmina Castle in 1637. The fort was built primarily to provide military protection to the Elmina Castle and to serve as a disciplinary institution for European convicts.
- Take a lunch break.
- After lunch, visit the Cape Coast Castle, which was built by the Swedes in 1653 and later taken over by the British. The castle also holds the West African Historical Museum, established by the Smithsonian Institute in collaboration with the government of Ghana in 1994.
- Visit the Posuban Military Shrine, where the Asafo companies, (Fanti traditional soldiers), prepare spiritually for war. These shrines are wonderful examples of how art is used in the daily lives of Ghanaians.
- If time permits, visit one of the fishing communities to have an audience with the Chief fisherman and his entourage in one of the fishing communities for a discussion on how they go about their fishing methods, sales and preservation of their catch.
- Return to your resort for dinner and relaxation. You could take a leisurely walk along the beach to see the fisher folks going about their fishing activities under the exit of the beautiful sunset.
- Do not forget to take photos of the spectacular sunset.
- Overnight accommodation: Ko-Sa Beach Resort_ http://www.ko-sa.com/index.html

Day 32 – Sunday 19 November: Elmina - Accra / Departure

- Spend part of the morning at the beach and return to Accra.
- If desired, make a stop at Abanze along the way and visit the remnants of Fort Amsterdam. The fort has beautiful views over Abanze's busy fishing beach, the Etsi Lagoon and the village of Kormantse.
- Continue your journey to Accra and upon arrival, optionally undertake some souvenir shopping before check-in and departure at the Airport.

Cost: 4565 USD per person (Based on 2 people) = USD 9130

Package includes:

- Transfer from/to the airport
- Transport during the tour
- Accommodation (Breakfast included only for hotels in Ghana)
- **On-site local guides for town, villages and community visits, including hiking to waterfalls and mountains**
- Information services
- Fuel and Toll
- Border crossing permits
- Akwasidae festival, Voodoo rituals, Zangbeto mask Dance, Egun mask dance and Dan traditional style Dance
- Water

Package excludes:

- Airfare
- Personal expenses
- Visa, consular 76fees or any other formalities.
- Tips
- Beverages, lunch and dinner
- **Entrance fee, tour activities and excursions - Castles and Forts, Museums, Wildlife and Nature parks and Boat rides to Stilt villages in Ghana, Benin and Ivory Coast**
- Additional journeys and transfers
- Early check in and late check out of hotels
- Travel insurance (recommended)