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

- 1) THE SAHARA: 3 options, from 12 to 19 days itineraries crossing the largest desert on earth, experiencing wild ranges of dunes, oasis and nomadic encampments.
- 2) SAHARA & WEST AFRICA: 6 options, from 14 to 51 days itineraries. From the Sahara crossing to savannahs and to the forests. Experiencing a great variety of landscapes, peoples and tribal cultures from desert nomads, oasis and camel caravans to animistic villages and masks.
- 3) 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.

# 1) THE SAHARA

3 options: from 12 days to 19 days itineraries

# 12 days - FROM MARRAKECH TO DAKHLA

## **Morocco & Western Sahara Provinces**

From day 1 to day 12 of the 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 hight tide, becomes temporary islands.

# 19 days - FROM MARRAKECH TO NOUAKCHOTT

Morocco, Western Sahara Provinces and Mauritania.

From day 1 to day 19 of the 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 hight tide, becomes temporary islands. 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 oasis and stone citadels dating back to the 13<sup>th</sup> century.

# 14/15 Days FROM TAN-TAN TO NOUAKCHOTT

## **Western Sahara Provinces & Mauritania**

From day 6 to day 19 evening of the 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 hight tide, becomes temporary islands. 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 oasis and stone citadels dating back to the 13<sup>th</sup> century.

# 2) SAHARA & WEST AFRICA

6 options: from 13 days to 51 days itineraries

# 13/14 days FROM DAKHLA TO DAKAR

# Moroccan Rio de Oro, Mauritania, Senegal

From day 11 to day 23 of the 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 hight tide, becomes temporary islands. 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 oasis and stone

citadels dating back to the 13<sup>th</sup> 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 the traditional nomadic tribes, but also contemporary Africa: metropolitan life in a capital is vibrant.

# 23/24 days FROM MARRAKECH TO DAKAR

# Morocco and the Western Sahara Province, Mauritania, Senegal.

From day 1 to day 23 of the 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 hight tide, becomes temporary islands. 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 oasis and stone citadels dating back to the 13<sup>th</sup> century. Be on the Western point of the African Continent. Meet salt diggers and a fishermen village with thousands of colorful pirogues.

# 31 days FROM MARRAKECH TO BIJAGOS ARCHIPELAGO

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

From day 1 to day 31 of the 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 hight tide, becomes temporary islands. 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 oasis and stone citadels dating back

to the 13<sup>th</sup> 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 dances. Sails to the remote Bijagos Archipelago to discover animistic cultures and sacred bull masks.

# 41 days FROM MARRAKECH TO MONROVIA

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

#### From day 1 to day 41 of the 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 hight tide, becomes temporary islands. 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 oasis and stone citadels dating back to the 13<sup>th</sup> 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 dances. 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 Fula the tribe of zebu herders to discover their adobe architecture and basreliefs. Be accepted at the "Council of the Elders" in a large clay palace on the Fouta Djalon, 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

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#### 47 Days FROM MARRAKECH TO ABIDJAN

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

From day 1 to day 47 of the 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 hight tide, becomes temporary islands. 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 oasis and stone citadels dating back to the 13<sup>th</sup> 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 dances. 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 Fula the tribe of zebu herders to discover their adobe architecture and basreliefs. Be accepted at the "Council of the Elders" in a large clay palace on the Fouta Djalon, the main mountain massif in West Africa. Explore the forest to find liana bridges, and initiates. 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.

# **51 days FROM MARRAKECH TO ACCRA**

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

From day 1 to day to day 51 of the 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 hight tide, becomes

temporary islands. 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 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 dances. 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 Fula the tribe of zebu herders to discover their adobe architecture and basreliefs. Be accepted at the "Council of the Elders" in a large clay palace on the Fouta Djalon, the main mountain massif in West Africa. Explore the forest to find liana bridges and 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. 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. End with the regions where Voodoo has been originated and with its trance rituals is still the most practiced religion. Enjoy traditional villages but also contemporary Africa: metropolitan life in the capitals is vibrant: fusion cuisine, live music, galleries.

# 3) WEST AFRICA

16 options: from 6 days to 34 days itineraries

# 34 Days DAKAR - COTONOU. The West Africa Expedition.

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

From day 22 to day 55 of the 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 dances. 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 Djalon, the main mountain massif in West Africa. Discover Banana Island pristine paradise, hidden sacred drummers and diamond seekers. Sierra Leone is the first British colony in Africa with the oldest university in this part of the continent. Monrovia is the capital of 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

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Enjoy traditional villages but also contemporary Africa: metropolitan life in the capitals is vibrant: fusion cuisine, live music, galleries.

#### 26 days FROM DAKAR TO ABIDJAN

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

Arrival day 22. End day 47 of the itinerary.

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# 20 days FROM DAKAR TO MONROVIA

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

#### Arrival day 22. End day 41 of the itinerary.

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#### 28 Days FROM BISSAU - BIJAGOS ARCHIPELAGO TO COTONOU

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

From day 28 to day 55 of the 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 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 Djalon, 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 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 initiated. Discover ancient rituals of girls 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 is restaurants and nightlife is considered the most vibrant capitals of the continent. End with the regions where Voodoo has been originated and with its trance rituals is still the most practiced religion.

Enjoy traditional villages but also contemporary Africa as metropolitan live music.

# 25 days FROM BISSAU TO COTONOU

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

From day 31 to day 55 of the itinerary

HIGHLIGHTS: Start with an authentic tribal concert. Join 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 Djalon, 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. Witness the animistic ceremonies of women secret society and a rare female mask dance. Explore the forest to find liana bridges and initiated. Discover ancient rituals of girls 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 is 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 trance rituals is still the most practiced religion. Enjoy traditional villages but also contemporary Africa as metropolitan live music.

## 20 Days FROM FREETOWN TO COTONOU

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

From day 36 to day 55 of the program

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. 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 initiated. Discover ancient rituals of girls initiation and stroll in the atmosphere of an old colonial town. Abidjan is a modern African metropolis. Arrive in the day of the Ashanti ceremonies. Visit 15<sup>th</sup> century slave trade castles and fisherman villages located side to side on the shores of Guinea Gulf. Accra with its night life starts to be considered the most vibrant capitals of the continent. End with the regions where Voodoo has been originated and with its trance rituals is still the most practiced religion.

#### 16 Days FROM FREETOWN TO ACCRA

Sierra Leone, Liberia, Ivory Coast, Ghana.

From day 36 to day 51 of the 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. 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. Witness the animistic ceremonies of women secret society and a rare female mask dance. Explore the forest to find liana bridges and the secret initiated. Discover ancient rituals of girls initiation and stroll in the atmosphere of an old colonial town. Abidjan is a modern African metropolis. Arrive in the day of Ashanti ceremonies. Visit 15<sup>th</sup> century slave trade castles and fisherman villages located side to side on the shores of Guinea Gulf.

# 12/13 Days FROM MONROVIA TO ACCRA

Liberia Ivory Coast Ghana.

From day 40 to day 51 of the itinerary

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#### 20 Days BISSAU-BIJAGOS ARCHIPELAGO-ABIDJAN

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

From day 28 to day 47 (afternoon) of the 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 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 Djalon, 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. Witness the animistic ceremonies of women secret society and a rare female mask dance. Explore the forest to find liana bridges, and encounter the sacred initiated. Discover ancient rituals of girls initiation and stroll in the atmosphere of an old colonial capital. Enjoy traditional villages life but also contemporary Africa in Abidjan modern African metropolis.

# 17 Days BISSAU - ABIDJAN

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

#### From day 31 to day 47 of the itinerary

HIGHLIGHTS: Start with an authentic tribal concert. Join 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 Djalon, 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. Witness the animistic ceremonies of women secret society and a rare female mask dance. Explore the forest to find liana bridges and initiated. Discover ancient rituals of girls initiation and stroll in the atmosphere of an old colonial capital.

#### 12 Days FREETOWN - ABIDJAN

Sierra Leone, Liberia, Ivory Coast

From day 36 to day 47 of the itinerary

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

From day 28 to day 41 of the itinerary

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#### 11 Days BISSAU - MONROVIA (No Bijagos Archipelago)

Guinea Bissau, Guinea, Sierra Leone, Liberia.

From day 31 to day 40 of the itinerary.

HIGHLIGHTS: Start with an authentic tribal concert. Join 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 Djalon, 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.

#### **6 Days FROM FREETOWN TO MONROVIA**

Sierra Leone, Liberia.

From day 36 to day 41 of the 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.

#### 11 days FROM ABIDJAN TO COTONOU

Ivory Coast, Ghana, Togo, Benin.

From the day 45 to day 55

HIGHLIGHTS: Stroll in the atmosphere of an old colonial capital. Arrive in the day of Ashanti ceremonies. Visit 15<sup>th</sup> 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 restaurants and nightlife. End with the largest town on stilts in Africa in the regions where Voodoo has been originated and with its trance rituals is still the most practiced religion.

- Ask for the detailed programs.
- Any different leg, of your personal choice, can be request.