

5 DAYS WEST AFRICA TOUR

NIGERIA · BENIN REPUBLIC

2 Countries. 5 Days. One Extraordinary West African Journey.

Lagos · Badagry · Ouidah · Ganvié · Cotonou

**YOU EXPERIENCE WEST AFRICA.
WE TAKE CARE OF THE JOURNEY.**

Private multi-country cultural, heritage & adventure journey

WELCOME TO WEST AFRICA

TWO COUNTRIES • ONE SEAMLESSLY COORDINATED JOURNEY

TOUR OVERVIEW

Discover Nigeria and Benin Republic on a five-day private journey combining Lagos city experiences, Badagry's powerful slave-trade heritage, historic Ouidah, the lake community of Ganvié and modern Cotonou.

The journey begins with a dedicated arrival day in Lagos, followed by a full day exploring Makoko, Lekki Conservation Centre, Nike Art Gallery and the Lagos Arts & Crafts Market.

Day 3 connects the history of Badagry with Ouidah across the international border, including the Point of No Return, Amazon Statue, Ouidah History Museum, Slave Route, Door of No Return, Sacred Forest and Temple of Pythons.

The final touring day travels by boat to Ganvié for a floating-village and community experience before continuing to Cotonou. Professional tour coordination is provided throughout the journey.

TOUR AT A GLANCE

Duration: 5 Days / 4 Nights | **Countries:** Nigeria - Benin Republic

Starts: Lagos | **Ends:** Cotonou | **Tour Format:** Private

Border Crossings: One | **Transport:** Private air-conditioned ground transport

Style: Private cultural, heritage & adventure journey

Operator: Samap Travels & Tours Ltd

PRIMARY ROUTE



DAY 1 · WELCOME TO LAGOS

AIRPORT WELCOME · PRIVATE TRANSFER · OVERNIGHT

DAY 1 · LAGOS, NIGERIA

Your Nigeria and Benin Republic journey begins in Lagos. Day 1 is deliberately arranged as a comfortable arrival day so you can settle in before the full touring programme begins.

Airport Welcome & Assistance.

On arrival at the airport in Lagos, meet your Samap representative and receive practical assistance as you complete the arrival process and prepare to leave the terminal.

Private Hotel Transfer.

Travel by private air-conditioned vehicle from the airport to your hotel or agreed accommodation. The transfer is coordinated as part of your tour, removing the need to arrange separate arrival transportation.

Settle In & Prepare for the Journey.

After check-in, take time to rest and settle into Lagos. The unhurried opening allows you to recover from your flight and prepare comfortably for the city, heritage and cross-border experiences ahead.

Professional Tour Coordination.

Samap coordinates the practical arrangements for the journey, including scheduled transportation, touring and the international border crossing into Benin Republic.

OVERNIGHT: LAGOS, NIGERIA

DAY 1 JOURNEY

Lagos Airport → Welcome & Assistance → Private Hotel Transfer → Hotel / Accommodation

DAY 2 · DISCOVER LAGOS

MAKOKO · LEKKI · NIKE ART · ARTS & CRAFTS

DAY 2 · LAGOS EXPERIENCES

Spend a full day discovering different sides of Lagos, from a waterfront community and protected nature reserve to contemporary Nigerian art and traditional crafts.

Makoko Floating Community.

Experience one of Lagos's best-known waterfront communities and observe how daily life, movement, trade and homes are closely connected to the lagoon. The visit offers a distinctive perspective on the city's social and physical landscape.

Lekki Conservation Centre.

Explore this protected nature reserve, known for its wetland environment, forest paths and celebrated canopy walkway. The experience introduces a greener side of Lagos and provides an opportunity to encounter the city's natural environment.

Nike Art Gallery.

Visit one of Nigeria's most prominent art spaces, presenting an extensive collection of paintings, textiles, sculpture and other works by Nigerian artists. The gallery provides a strong introduction to the country's contemporary creativity and artistic traditions.

Lagos Arts & Crafts Market.

Explore a colourful market environment featuring carvings, textiles, jewellery, leatherwork, decorative objects and other locally produced crafts. It is an opportunity to experience Nigerian craftsmanship and browse for meaningful souvenirs.

OVERNIGHT: LAGOS, NIGERIA

DAY 2 JOURNEY

Hotel → Makoko → Lekki Conservation Centre → Nike Art Gallery → Lagos Arts & Crafts Market → Hotel

DAY 3 · LAGOS TO BADAGRY

HERITAGE · POINT OF NO RETURN · BORDER CROSSING

DAY 3 · BADAGRY HERITAGE

Depart Lagos for Badagry, one of Nigeria's most important destinations for understanding the history and human impact of the transatlantic slave trade before continuing toward Benin Republic.

Badagry Heritage.

Explore Badagry's slave-trade heritage through sites and stories connected with the capture, confinement, sale and forced movement of enslaved Africans. The town's surviving landmarks help place this difficult history within a real coastal landscape.

Point of No Return.

Continue toward the historic departure area associated with enslaved Africans taken from Badagry toward ships on the Atlantic. The experience provides a place for remembrance and reflection on the final stages of forced departure from the Nigerian coast.

Nigeria - Benin Border Crossing.

After the Badagry programme, continue to the international border for the scheduled crossing into Benin Republic. Professional tour coordination is provided throughout the border process and onward journey.

DAY 3 JOURNEY

Lagos → Badagry Heritage → Point of No Return → Nigeria-Benin Border → Cotonou

DAY 3 · CONTINUE TO OUIDAH

AMAZON STATUE · HISTORY · SLAVE ROUTE · VODUN

DAY 3 · COTONOU & OUIDAH

After entering Benin Republic, continue through Cotonou to Ouidah for a concentrated programme connecting modern national identity, slave-trade memory and living Vodun traditions.

Amazon Statue - Cotonou.

Visit the monumental statue honouring the women warriors associated with the historic Kingdom of Dahomey. The landmark connects modern Benin with the courage and military history of the Agojie and has become one of Cotonou's most recognisable symbols.

Ouidah History Museum.

Continue to the historic museum in Ouidah, associated with the former Portuguese Fort. Its collections introduce the city's history, European coastal contact, the Kingdom of Dahomey and the transatlantic slave trade.

Slave Route.

Follow the memorial route associated with enslaved Africans who were marched from Ouidah toward the Atlantic coast. The route helps visitors understand the geography and stages of this forced journey.

Door of No Return.

At the Atlantic coast, visit the major memorial dedicated to Africans forcibly transported across the ocean. Its setting creates a powerful place for remembrance, reflection and understanding of the transatlantic slave trade.

Sacred Forest of Kpassè.

Explore the sacred grove associated with Ouidah's history and Vodun traditions. Its trees, sculptures and spiritual spaces introduce another dimension of the city's cultural identity.

Temple of Pythons.

Visit one of Ouidah's best-known Vodun sites, where pythons are regarded as sacred. Learn about the beliefs surrounding them and the continuing place of Vodun in the spiritual and cultural life of the community.

OVERNIGHT: OUIDAH, BENIN REPUBLIC

DAY 3 JOURNEY

Cotonou → Amazon Statue → Ouidah History Museum → Slave Route → Door of No Return → Sacred Forest → Temple of Pythons

DAY 4 · GANVIÉ & COTONOU

BOAT JOURNEY · FLOATING VILLAGE · COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE

DAY 4 · GANVIÉ & COTONOU

Travel from Ouidah toward Ganvié for a boat journey into one of Benin Republic's most distinctive lake communities before continuing to Cotonou for the final night.

Transfer to Ganvié.

Travel by private vehicle toward the Lake Nokoué area and the departure point for the boat journey to Ganvié.

Boat Journey.

Board a local boat for the journey across the lake. Travelling by water is an essential part of the Ganvié experience and immediately introduces the environment that shapes everyday life in the community.

Ganvié Floating Village.

Explore the famous lakeside settlement, where homes and community structures rise above the water on stilts. The setting demonstrates how generations of residents have adapted architecture, transport and daily life to the lake.

Community Experience.

Observe local movement, fishing, trading and everyday activity from the water while learning about the community's history and relationship with Lake Nokoué. The visit is designed as a cultural experience rather than simply a sightseeing stop.

Continue to Cotonou.

After returning by boat, continue by private vehicle to Cotonou. Settle into your hotel or agreed accommodation for the final evening of the journey.

OVERNIGHT: COTONOU, BENIN REPUBLIC

DAY 4 JOURNEY

Ouidah → Ganvié Transfer Point → Boat Journey → Floating Village & Community Experience → Cotonou

DAY 5 · FAREWELL BENIN

HOTEL PICKUP · PRIVATE AIRPORT TRANSFER · DEPARTURE

DAY 5 · COTONOU, BENIN REPUBLIC

Your five-day Nigeria and Benin Republic journey concludes in Cotonou. The final day is arranged around your confirmed departure schedule for a comfortable and coordinated end to the tour.

Hotel Pickup.

At the agreed time, your private vehicle collects you directly from your hotel or accommodation in Cotonou.

Private Airport Transfer.

Travel by private air-conditioned vehicle to the airport. Transfer timing is coordinated around your confirmed onward flight arrangements.

Departure.

Professional tour coordination continues through the final transfer, bringing your Samap West African journey through Nigeria and Benin Republic to a smooth conclusion.

DAY 5 JOURNEY

Cotonou Hotel / Accommodation → Private Airport Transfer → Departure

YOUR TOUR PACKAGE

HIGHLIGHTS • INCLUDED SERVICES • PRIVATE COORDINATION

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore Nigeria and Benin Republic in one professionally coordinated private journey.
- Experience Lagos community life, nature, art and craftsmanship.
- Discover Badagry's powerful slave-trade heritage and Point of No Return.
- Experience Ouidah's history, Slave Route, Door of No Return and Vodun heritage.
- Visit the Sacred Forest of Kpassè and Temple of Pythons.
- Experience Ganvié by boat and explore its distinctive floating community.
- Discover Cotonou's Amazon Statue and modern Beninese identity.
- Connect the histories and living cultures of Lagos, Badagry, Ouidah, Ganvié and Cotonou.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Private air-conditioned ground transportation throughout the scheduled journey.
- Scheduled hotel pickups, transfers and hotel drop-offs.
- Intercity and cross-border transportation and coordination.
- Protocol services to assist guests through the Nigeria-Benin international border crossing.
- **All entrance fees and applicable taxes for scheduled destinations and attractions.**
- Scheduled boat and canoe experiences.
- Local specialist assistance where required.
- Tour planning and operational support throughout the itinerary.

SAMAP TRAVELS & TOURS

Private coordination • Regional knowledge • Border protocol • Local operational support

BEFORE YOU TRAVEL

EXCLUSIONS • EVISA • APPLICATION SUPPORT

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- International and domestic flights unless specifically included.
- Accommodation unless included in the selected tour package.
- Visa/eVisa application fees and passport expenses.
- Yellow Fever vaccination and medical expenses.
- Meals and beverages unless specifically stated as included.
- Shopping, souvenirs, laundry, tips and personal expenses.
- Services and optional activities outside the confirmed itinerary.

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

Nightlife or other optional experiences can be arranged when requested and when the confirmed programme and available time can accommodate them.

EVISA & ENTRY PREPARATION

Official online visa systems make preparation for this two-country journey considerably easier.

Nigeria and Benin Republic provide official online/eVisa application channels for eligible travellers who require visas.

Eligibility and requirements depend on nationality and passport type. Final visa decisions remain with the relevant immigration authorities.

We recommend beginning any required applications well before your travel date.

NEED ASSISTANCE?

Our team can assist with tour-related information required for your Samap Travels arrangements.

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ENTRY PREPARATION

Apply early • Keep approvals accessible • Samap assists with tour-related information

TRAVEL WELL PREPARED

BORDER PROTOCOL • PASSPORT • YELLOW FEVER • TOUR PACE

INTERNATIONAL BORDER CROSSING

The Nigeria-to-Benin Republic itinerary involves one international land-border crossing:

Nigeria → Benin Republic

Samap Travels & Tours assists you through the border-crossing process with our protocol services, while coordinating the transportation and travel logistics required for a smooth transition between the two countries.

ESSENTIAL TRAVEL PREPARATION

- **Passport & Travel Documents:**

Ensure your passport meets the entry requirements applicable to Nigeria and Benin Republic and has sufficient validity and blank pages.

- **Yellow Fever Certificate:**

Carry a valid Yellow Fever vaccination certificate where required and keep it with your passport.

- **Tour Pace:**

Expect road travel, the international border crossing, walking and full sightseeing days. Some departures may be early.

- **Travel Documents:**

Keep your passport, visas/eVisas and Yellow Fever certificate accessible during the international border movement.

SAMAP BORDER PROTOCOL

We coordinate scheduled transportation and provide protocol assistance during the international land-border transition included in the itinerary.

Keep all required travel documents readily accessible so the border movement can be handled efficiently.

INTERNATIONAL ROUTE

Nigeria → Benin Republic

TRAVEL COMFORTABLY

CLOTHING • PERSONAL ESSENTIALS • CULTURAL RESPECT • PRACTICAL GUIDANCE

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- **Clothing:** Lightweight clothing and comfortable walking shoes are recommended. Modest clothing is appropriate for sacred and traditional sites.
- **Personal Essentials:** Bring prescribed medication, sun protection, a phone charger or power bank, travel adapter and a small day bag.
- **Responsible Travel:** Some experiences take place within residential communities, sacred locations and active spiritual environments. Respect local customs, privacy and photography restrictions.

PRACTICAL TOUR GUIDANCE

West African overland travel can occasionally be affected by traffic, weather, road conditions, border processing times, public events and attraction operating hours. Where an adjustment becomes necessary, Samap Travels & Tours will professionally manage the programme and make reasonable efforts to preserve the principal experiences in the confirmed itinerary.

Our team provides appropriate guidance throughout the journey so guests can experience communities, heritage sites, spiritual locations and natural attractions respectfully and comfortably.

From the first hotel pickup in Lagos to the final hotel return or agreed drop-off in Cotonou, the programme is coordinated as one complete regional travel experience.

The purpose of this preparation is simple: to help you arrive informed, comfortable and ready to enjoy the journey while Samap Travels & Tours manages the scheduled regional logistics.

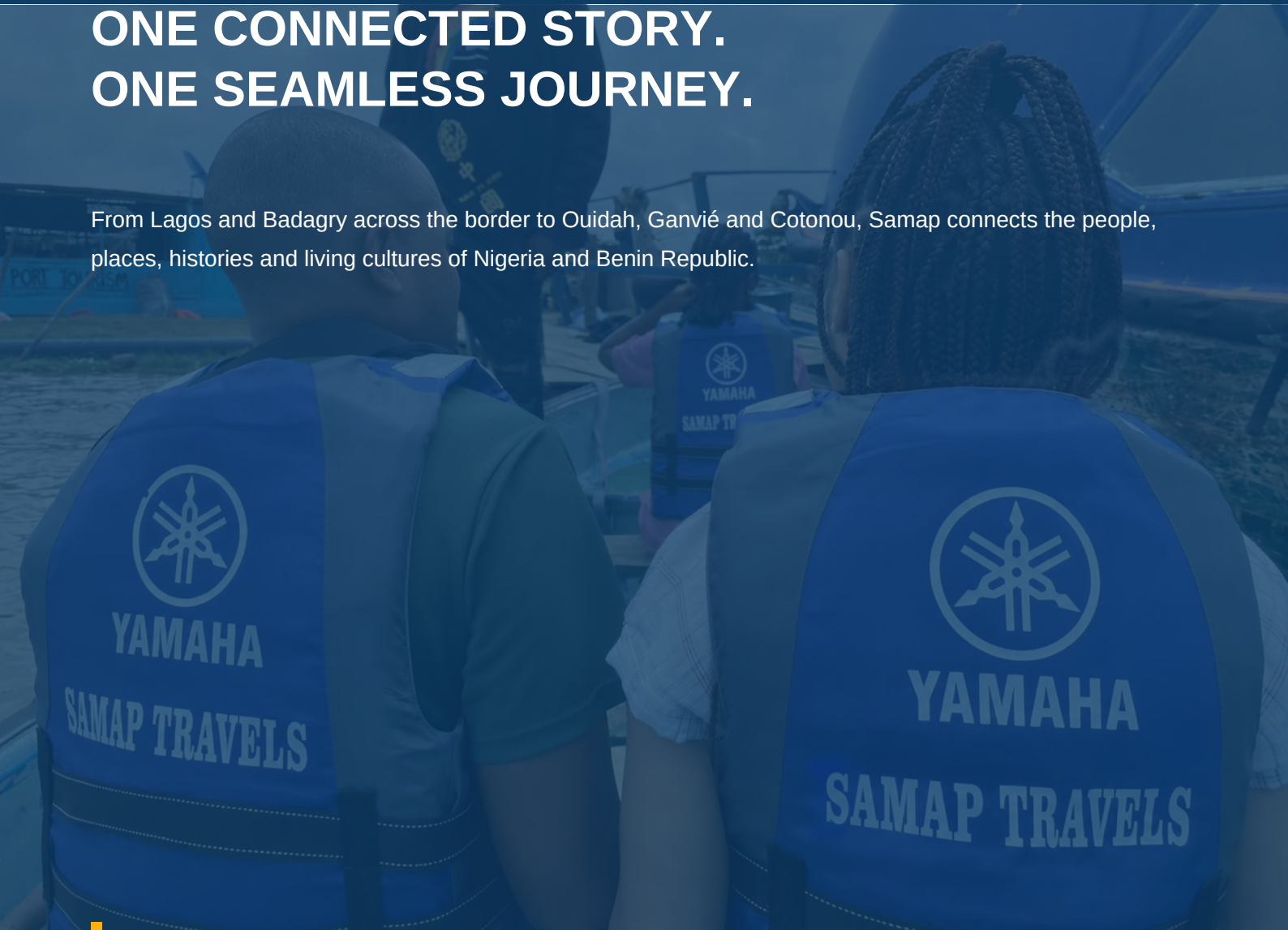
TRAVEL PREPARATION

Prepare early • Keep documents accessible • Follow local guidance • Travel comfortably

YOUR WEST AFRICAN JOURNEY

TWO COUNTRIES. ONE CONNECTED STORY. ONE SEAMLESS JOURNEY.

From Lagos and Badagry across the border to Ouidah, Ganvié and Cotonou, Samap connects the people, places, histories and living cultures of Nigeria and Benin Republic.



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