

5 DAYS WEST AFRICA TOUR

BENIN REPUBLIC · TOGO

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

Cotonou · Ouidah · Lake Togo · Togoville · Agbodrafo · Lomé

**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 Benin Republic and Togo on an unforgettable five-day private journey combining a dedicated arrival day, three full touring days and a dedicated departure day. The programme is designed to give each destination proper time rather than compressing the experience into the former three-day format.

Beginning in Cotonou, the journey introduces modern Benin before continuing to historic Ouidah, where the country's royal history, transatlantic slave-trade heritage and living Vodun traditions form an important part of the experience.

From Ouidah, travel across the international border into Togo for the Lake Togo boat crossing, historic Togoville and the slave-heritage site at Agbodrafo before continuing to Lomé.

The final touring day explores Lomé through its Traditional Fetish Market, national landmarks, cathedral, Grand Marché and city life. Professional tour coordination is provided throughout the tour.

TOUR AT A GLANCE

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

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

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

Style: Private cultural, heritage & adventure journey

Operator: Samap Travels & Tours Ltd

Reverse-route operation

When starting in Togo, the itinerary operates in reverse and concludes in Benin Republic.

PRIMARY ROUTE



DAY 1 · ARRIVAL IN COTONOU

WELCOME · PRIVATE TRANSFER · SETTLE IN

DAY 1 · COTONOU, BENIN REPUBLIC

Your West African journey begins in Cotonou, Benin Republic's dynamic coastal city. Day 1 is arranged as a comfortable arrival day so you can settle in properly before the touring programme begins.

Airport Welcome & Assistance.

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

Private Airport Transfer.

Travel by private air-conditioned vehicle from the airport to your hotel or agreed accommodation. Your transfer is coordinated as part of the tour so you do not need to arrange separate arrival transportation.

Settle In & Prepare for the Journey.

After check-in, take time to rest and settle into Cotonou. This unhurried opening allows you to recover from your flight and prepare comfortably for the history, heritage and cultural experiences that begin the following day.

Professional Tour Coordination.

Samap coordinates the practical arrangements for the journey ahead, including scheduled transportation, touring and the cross-border movement into Togo.

OVERNIGHT: COTONOU, BENIN REPUBLIC

DAY 1 JOURNEY

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

DAY 2 · DISCOVER BENIN

COTONOU · OUIDAH · HISTORY · VODUN

DAY 2 · COTONOU & OUIDAH

Begin the touring programme in Cotonou before travelling to Ouidah, one of Benin Republic's most historically significant and spiritually important destinations.

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 contemporary symbols.

Ouidah Museum of History.

Continue to the museum housed within the former Portuguese Fort. Its collections introduce Ouidah's history, the Kingdom of Dahomey, European coastal contact and the transatlantic slave trade, providing important context for the memorial sites that follow.

Route of the Enslaved.

Follow the historic memorial route associated with enslaved Africans who were marched from Ouidah toward the Atlantic coast. The route helps visitors understand the geography, stages and human consequences 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 location beside the sea creates a powerful setting for remembrance, reflection and understanding of the scale of the transatlantic slave trade.

Sacred Forest of Kpassè.

Explore the sacred grove associated with Ouidah's history and Vodun traditions. Its mature 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 2 JOURNEY

Cotonou → Amazon Statue → Ouidah Museum → Route of the Enslaved → Door of No Return → Sacred Forest → Temple of Pythons

DAY 3 · BENIN REPUBLIC TO TOGO

BORDER · LAKE TOGO · TOGOVILLE · AGBODRAFO

DAY 3 · TOGOVILLE & AGBODRAFO

Continue from Ouidah into Togo for a cross-border day combining the waters of Lake Togo, Togoville's layered history and Agbodrafo's important slave-trade heritage.

Benin - Togo Border Crossing.

Travel from Benin Republic toward Togo with the scheduled international border crossing coordinated as part of the tour. Professional tour coordination is provided throughout the cross-border movement and onward journey.

Lake Togo Boat Crossing.

Cross the lagoon by boat toward Togoville. The lake has long supported fishing, movement and settlement, and travelling across the water gives visitors a direct sense of the landscape around which communities in this part of Togo developed.

Togoville.

Explore one of Togo's best-known historic towns. Togoville is associated with the treaty that contributed to the establishment of the former German protectorate and is also known for traditional spiritual practices and Catholic history.

Maison des Esclaves - Agbodrafo.

Continue to Agbodrafo and visit the historic house associated with the clandestine slave trade after formal abolition. The concealed lower confinement area demonstrates how enslaved people could be hidden before being moved toward the coast.

Why Agbodrafo Matters.

The site reveals a less widely known chapter of Togo's history and shows how the slave trade operated across a connected coastal region. Together with Ouidah, it deepens understanding of the wider West African slave-trade landscape.

Continue to Lomé.

After the heritage programme, continue to Lomé for the evening, settle into your accommodation and prepare for the following day's city and cultural experience.

OVERNIGHT: LOMÉ, TOGO

DAY 3 JOURNEY

Ouidah → Togo Border → Lake Togo → Boat Crossing → Togoville → Agbodrafo → Lomé

DAY 4 · DISCOVER LOMÉ

TRADITION · LANDMARKS · GRAND MARCHÉ · CITY LIFE

DAY 4 · LOMÉ, TOGO

Spend the final full touring day discovering Lomé through traditional spirituality, national history, religious architecture, local commerce and the everyday rhythm of Togo's capital.

Traditional Fetish Market.

Visit Lomé's renowned traditional market, where objects, herbs and materials associated with Vodun practices and indigenous healing traditions are displayed and sold. The visit provides cultural context for spiritual traditions that remain part of life across the region.

Independence Monument.

See one of Lomé's principal national landmarks and learn about Togo's independence and modern national identity. The surrounding civic area provides an important visual connection to the country's political history.

Place de l'Indépendance.

Continue through the central civic district associated with national ceremonies, public life and the story of independent Togo.

Lomé Cathedral.

Visit the historic cathedral, a prominent religious and architectural landmark that reflects the city's colonial-era development and the long-established Christian presence in the capital.

Grand Marché.

Experience one of Lomé's busiest commercial spaces, known for colourful fabrics, household goods, local products and energetic market life. It offers a close look at the trading culture and everyday commerce of the city.

Lomé City Life.

Complete the touring programme with a broader experience of Lomé before returning to your hotel or agreed location for the final evening of the journey.

OVERNIGHT: LOMÉ, TOGO

DAY 4 JOURNEY

Hotel → Traditional Fetish Market → Independence Monument → Place de l'Indépendance
→ Lomé Cathedral → Grand Marché → Hotel

DAY 5 · DEPARTURE FROM LOMÉ

HOTEL PICKUP · PRIVATE TRANSFER · DEPARTURE

DAY 5 · LOMÉ, TOGO

Your five-day Benin Republic and Togo journey concludes in Lomé. The final day is arranged around your confirmed departure schedule so the tour ends comfortably and without unnecessary rushing.

Departure Day.

Enjoy a relaxed conclusion to the journey while the final arrangements are coordinated around your onward travel. The schedule allows appropriate time for hotel departure and transfer.

Hotel Pickup.

At the agreed time, your private vehicle collects you directly from your hotel or accommodation in Lomé, avoiding the need to arrange separate transportation.

Private Departure Transfer.

Travel by private air-conditioned vehicle to the airport or agreed departure point. Transfer timing is coordinated with your confirmed onward travel arrangements.

End of Tour.

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

DAY 5 JOURNEY

Lomé Hotel / Accommodation → Private Transfer → Airport / Agreed Departure Point

YOUR TOUR PACKAGE

HIGHLIGHTS • INCLUDED SERVICES • PRIVATE COORDINATION

Tour highlights

Explore Benin Republic and Togo in one private journey. Discover Cotonou's Amazon Statue and Benin's heritage. Follow Ouidah's Route of the Enslaved and visit the Door of No Return. Experience the Sacred Forest, Temple of Pythons and living Vodun traditions. Cross Lake Togo by boat to Togoville. Explore Agbodrafo's Maison des Esclaves. Discover Lomé's Traditional Fetish Market, Grand Marché, cathedral, Independence Monument and Atlantic coastline.

Included services

Private airport pickup and departure transfer. Private air-conditioned transportation throughout. Professional local guides in Benin Republic and Togo. Hotel pickup and return on scheduled touring days. Border transfer and crossing coordination. Lake Togo boat journey to Togoville. Bottled water during scheduled tours. All entrance fees and taxes for scheduled attractions. Professional tour coordination throughout.

YOUR JOURNEY: BENIN REPUBLIC → TOGO

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BEFORE YOU TRAVEL

EXCLUSIONS • DOCUMENTS • APPLICATION SUPPORT

Not included

International and domestic flights unless included in your selected package.
Accommodation unless specifically included.
Visa/eVisa application fees and passport expenses. Yellow Fever vaccination and personal medical expenses. Meals and beverages unless expressly included. Shopping, souvenirs, laundry, tips, gratuities and personal hotel expenses. Optional activities outside the confirmed itinerary. Nightlife or additional experiences may be arranged when the programme permits.

Entry preparation

Check the entry requirements applicable to your nationality and passport for Benin Republic and Togo. Apply through the relevant official government process when a visa or other authorization is required. Allow sufficient time before departure. Keep approvals accessible with your passport. Entry and visa decisions remain with the relevant authorities. Samap can assist with tour-related information. Contact info@samaptravels.com or WhatsApp +234 815 996 0000.

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TRAVEL WELL PREPARED

BORDER PROTOCOL • PASSPORT • YELLOW FEVER • TOUR PACE

One international border

The programme crosses one land border: Benin Republic → Togo. When starting in Togo, the route operates in reverse and concludes in Benin Republic. Samap coordinates scheduled transport and crossing arrangements. Immigration, customs and security formalities remain under the authority of the relevant officials.

Essential documents

Ensure your passport meets the requirements for both countries and has sufficient validity and blank pages. Carry visas or other entry approvals where required. Carry a valid Yellow Fever vaccination certificate where required and keep it with your passport. Keep all travel documents accessible at the border.

Tour pace

Expect road travel, one international border crossing, walking and three full touring days. Some departures may be early. Arrival and departure days are dedicated transfer days.

YOUR JOURNEY: BENIN REPUBLIC → TOGO

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TRAVEL COMFORTABLY

CLOTHING • PERSONAL ESSENTIALS • CULTURAL RESPECT

Practical preparation

Wear lightweight clothing and comfortable walking shoes. Modest clothing is appropriate at sacred and traditional sites. Bring prescribed medication, sun protection, a charger or power bank, travel adapter and a small day bag. Respect local customs, privacy and photography restrictions in residential communities and spiritual places.

Lake Togo boat journey

The scheduled boat crossing is part of the Day 3 cultural experience. Water-based activities depend on weather, safety and operating conditions.

A coordinated journey

Traffic, weather, road conditions, border processing, events and attraction hours may require adjustments. Samap manages the programme professionally and makes reasonable efforts to preserve the principal confirmed experiences. The journey connects arrival in Cotonou with departure in Lomé, or operates in reverse when starting in Togo. Prepare early and keep your documents accessible.

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YOUR WEST AFRICAN JOURNEY

TWO COUNTRIES. ONE CONNECTED STORY. ONE SEAMLESS JOURNEY.

From Cotonou and Ouidah through Lake Togo, Togoville and Agbodrafo to Lomé, Samap connects the people, places, histories and landscapes of West Africa.

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