

ABOMEY ROYAL KINGDOM & HERITAGE TOUR – BENIN REPUBLIC

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A private journey. Remarkable experiences.

Cotonou · Abomey Royal Palaces · Royal history & bas-reliefs · Traditional craftsmanship · Cotonou

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

Private cultural, heritage & nature experience

WELCOME TO BENIN REPUBLIC

CULTURE · HERITAGE · NATURE · PRIVATE COORDINATION

TOUR OVERVIEW

Travel from Cotonou to historic Abomey, once the centre of the powerful Kingdom of Dahomey and today home to one of West Africa's most significant royal heritage complexes. Explore the UNESCO-listed Royal Palaces of Abomey, established from the seventeenth century and associated with twelve successive rulers whose political, military and cultural influence shaped the history of present-day Benin.

Walk through former royal residences and ceremonial courtyards while discovering remarkable bas-reliefs and historical collections that preserve stories of Dahomey's kings, royal traditions and legendary women warriors. Continue into Abomey's cultural heritage and traditional craftsmanship before beginning the return journey, with Samap coordinating transportation, scheduled visits and the complete private experience.

TOUR AT A GLANCE

Duration: Day tour

Destination: Benin Republic

Style: Private experience · Samap Travels & Tours Ltd

Included and excluded services are set out in this guide.

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TOUR ITINERARY

SCHEDULED PROGRAMME · PRIVATE EXPERIENCE

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- We will pick you up early from your hotel or agreed location in Cotonou.
- Travel approximately 2½-3 hours north to historic Abomey.
- Arrive at the Royal Palaces of Abomey, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- Explore former royal residences and important palace compounds.
- Discover ceremonial courtyards and the traditions of Dahomey's kings.
- Examine symbolic bas-reliefs telling stories of the historic kingdom.
- Discover collections associated with royal, military and cultural history.
- Learn about the famous women warriors and their place in Dahomey's history.
- Experience selected traditional craftsmanship and Abomey's cultural character.
- We will begin the return journey and take you back to your Cotonou hotel.

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YOUR TOUR PACKAGE

HIGHLIGHTS · INCLUDED SERVICES · PRIVATE COORDINATION

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Duration: Approximately 8-10 hours, including return transportation.
- Journey from Cotonou to the historic royal city of Abomey.
- Explore the UNESCO-listed Royal Palaces of Abomey.
- Discover nearly three centuries of history of the Kingdom of Dahomey.
- Walk through former royal residences and ceremonial courtyards.
- Discover historic collections connected with Dahomey's powerful rulers.
- See symbolic bas-reliefs depicting royal history and major events.
- Learn about the legendary women warriors of Dahomey.
- Discover royal traditions and the cultural identity of historic Abomey.
- Experience traditional Abomey craftsmanship and cultural heritage

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Private air-conditioned transportation throughout the scheduled tour.
- Hotel or agreed-location pickup within Cotonou.
- Return transportation between Cotonou and Abomey.
- Professional tour coordination throughout the tour.
- Scheduled Royal Palaces of Abomey experience.
- Royal history and cultural heritage interpretation.
- Scheduled palace museum and historical collections experience.
- Selected Abomey traditional craftsmanship experience.
- Fuel, driver, parking, entrance/access fees and applicable tour taxes.
- Bottled drinking water during the tour.

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BEFORE YOUR TOUR

EXCLUSIONS • PICKUP • COORDINATION

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- International or domestic flights.
- Accommodation and hotel expenses.
- Benin Republic visa or eVisa application fees.
- Airport transfers unless specifically included.
- Meals and additional beverages unless specifically included.
- Personal purchases during craft or cultural experiences.
- Souvenirs, artworks and traditional products.
- Optional activities outside the scheduled programme.
- Tips and gratuities.
- Any service or activity not specifically stated as included.

PREPARE FOR YOUR TOUR

Pickup time and location will be confirmed before your tour.

Tell Samap about any mobility or accessibility requirements before the experience.

Personal purchases and services are included only when expressly listed under Inclusions.

For questions about your tour, contact info@samaptravels.com or +234 815 996 0000.

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TRAVEL COMFORTABLY

CLOTHING · PERSONAL ESSENTIALS · CULTURAL COMFORT

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Tour duration is calculated from pickup to drop-off.
- Pickup time will be confirmed before your tour.
- Wear comfortable clothing and suitable walking shoes.
- Bring sun protection and stay hydrated during outdoor activities.
- Keep a valid form of identification with you.
- Respect local customs, communities and cultural or sacred sites.
- Photography may be restricted at some locations; your guide will advise.
- Some experiences involve walking, stairs or uneven terrain.
- Programme order may change due to traffic, weather or local conditions.
- Inform Samap in advance of any mobility or accessibility requirements

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