

EXCURSION TO TADIANA

(TA 4 – TA 5 – TA 8)

PRE (**Tuesday April 4 or Wednesday April 5**) or POST(**Saturday April 8**)

AM: Departure to Tadiana, a traditional Bambara village located at 45 km from Bamako.
City tour including: ruins of the Tata (the protecting wall) This Tata was 10 meters high, 3 meters wide and 7 km long.

Its old slave market that was used as slave traders providing place by 18th century.

Its typical Bambara architecture consisted of round and rectangular houses with thatched roof.

Discover the sacred forest where the fetishes for the village protection are hidden; interacting with the villagers.

Possibility to organize bambara dance or a mask dance.

walking in the streets of the village to discover bambara culture and they way of living. Visit of the women's grinding machine to witness the extraction procedure of shea butter by rural women.

Drive back to Bamako via Sanankoroba, visit of SOS children of Sanankoroba. Arrive in Bamako, transfer to hotel. End of services

PRICE IN EURO PER PERSON

4 persons	100 euro
5 to 7 persons	90 euro
8 to 10 persons	60 euro

Inclusions <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Transportation in A/C vehicle- Assistance of a guide- The entrance and visit fees	Exclusions <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mineral water other drinks- Tips and other extra
-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

ENJOY YOUR STAY WITH A.T.S!
222 44 35 or 222 78 92- 675 97 05
Email : incoming@ats.com.ml

EXCURSION TO MANDINGO COUNTRY (1 DAY) (MA 1 – MA 8)

PRE (Saturday April 1st) or Post FORUM (Saturday April 8th)

Bamako-Mandingo-Bamako

AM : Departure to Malinké beautiful villages :Badougou, Djoliba, kangaba, keleya and Siby, to discover one of the oldest cultures of the country. The centre of the prestigious Empire of Mali, which was founded in 1235 by Soundiata KEITA after his famous war of Kirina against the king of Sosso Soumangourou KANTE. In fact Mandingo country is located in th western part of the Mali, very famous for agriculture, hunting and traditional gold mining.

07h00 :Departure to Kangaba (capital city of the ancient Mandingo empire).

- On the way visit of Badougou Djoliba birthplace of the famous Malian musician (**Salif Keita.**)
- Visit of keleya, the griot (storytellers) village, guardians of Mandingo history and tradition. You will know the role of the griots in our traditional and modern society.

12h00: Drive back to Kangaba for lunch at hotel Mandé.

- Visit of the sacred cabin which, the roof is remade every 7 years during which a big ceremony is organised .
Nowadays a whole mystery is hidden about the objects kept in
- Arrive in Siby, we will hike up the mountain to see “ ARCH of KAMANDJAN “
Kamandjan king of Kamara in Siby was one of the general in Soundiata’ army during his war against the sorceror king Soumangourou Kanté.
- The weekly market of Siby where Malians and Guineans traders meet to exchange products

16h00: Drive back to Bamako.

- On the way visit of a prehistorical cave; meeting place of hunters and a good place to learn fortune telling.
- We will end our excursion with the beautiful Malinké village Faraba where the we discover the beauty of the Malinké architecture.
- Continuation to Bamako, transfer to hotel.

PRICE IN EURO PER PERSON:

	<u>4 Persons</u>	<u>5 to 7 Persons</u>	<u>8 to 10 Persons</u>
Full Board :	150 euro / Pers	120 euro / Pers	95 euro / Pers.

Inclusions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Transportation in A/C, driver and gasoline - Assistance of a guide - The entrance and visit fees - Lunch 	Exclusions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mineral water and other drinks - Tips and other extra
-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

**ENJOY YOUR STAY WITH
A.T.S!
222 44 35 or 222 78 92 – 675 97 05
Email : incoming@ats.com.ml**

ONE NIGHT IN THE DOGON COUNTRY

(DOGON 8 –9)

POST FORUM

Day 1: Saturday April 8th BAMAKO / MOPTI / DOGON COUNTRY / MOPTI

AM : Flight to Mopti. At arrival in Mopti transfer by road to Sangha by A/C 4WD. On the way you will discover the dogon as hard working men through their spectacular onion fields. Arrive in Sangha departing point of any excursion in Dogon Country. Drive down the cliffs to discover some Dogon Cliff villages with difficult access, this fact permitted these people to preserve their authentic culture.

Discoveries

- Granaries (male and female) each having a specific role.
- Devination tables which interpretation is done by some initiated wisemen of the village. The Dogon do the animist practice for any problem.
- The old Tellem dwellings.
The Tellem were the first inhabitants of the escarpment, today those Tellem's dwellings are used by the Dogon as cemeteries or storage.
- Toguna or " meeting place " . It's the place where wise men of the village meet to deal with the community problems.
- Fetish houses : you will discover not only fetish houses, but also sacred places and places of libations.
- Women house :
it is a small round house located in the village , where women are isolated during their menstruation period for 5 days (Dogon week)
- Hogon house
The hogon is the spiritual chief of the village.

Lunch at Guina hotel

PM : Organization of the dogon mask dance to discover the importance of the masks in the Dogon society.

Masks are generally used during funeral ceremonies called " Dama "

Departure to Mopti : installation at hotel Kanaga for dinner and overnight.

Day 2 : Sunday April 9 MOPTI / BAMAKO

06h00 : Breakfast at hotel

06h30 : Quick city tour of Mopti "Venice of Mali " including the fishing port, the Fulani quarter, the mosque Komoguel.

07h30 - 08h00 Transfer to Airport

08h30 – 10h05 : Fly to Bamako, at arrival transfer to hotel.

PRICE IN EURO PER PERSON

	<u>4 Persons</u>	<u>5-7 Persons</u>	<u>8-10 Persons</u>
Full Board :	370 euro	350 euro	300 euro
Single supplement :	50 euro		
Bamako / Mopti / Bamako ticket	183 euro / Person		

Inclusions	Exclusions
- Hotel accommodation in double room	- Bamako / Mopti / Bamako ticket
- Meals	- Dogon mask dance
- Transportation in A/C, driver and gasoline	- Mineral water and other drinks
- Assistance of a guide	- Tips and other extra
- The entrance and visit fees	

ENJOY YOUR STAY WITH

A.T.S!

222 44 35 or 222 78 92 - 675 97 05

Email : incoming@ats.com.ml

“ ONE NIGHT IN TIMBUKTU” (TOM 8 – 9)

POST FORUM

BAMA KO / TOMBUKTU by flight

DAY 1: Saturday April 8th

06h30: Transfer to airport of Bamako

07h00 : Fly to Timbuktu the mysterious city of 333 saint, founded in 11th century by Tuareg , Timbuktu would come from Tin- Buctu “the place of Buctu “ the tamasheq woman at the origin of its creation. It became very prosperous when Oualata declined and became the most important place of transsaharian trade : a big trade center which made people said : meeting place of “those who travel by boat on those who travel on camel back”. More than its commercial reputation, Timbuktu was the meeting place of scientists, students from north and south. For instance, Sankoré University had more than 25 000 students for a population of 80 000 in the 16th century. As far as history is concerned, Timbuktu was conquered by the 3 bigs empires (Ghana – Mali- Songhoi) mainly by the two last ones.

In 1325, Mali Emperor Kankou Moussa built the mosque Djingareber. Timbuktu

Was succesively became the economic and religious capital of Askia and also Administrative capital of the Morrocans in the 16th century. By the end of the 19th century, it was looked for Europeans who sent many explorers. Timbuktu has preserved its rich culture and history, which made it inscribed as World Heritage by UNESCO. Visit of Timbuktu will made you discover :

- Djingareber Mosque ”big Mosque” built in 1325 by Mali emperor Kankou Moussa on his way back from his famous pilgrimage to Mecca, Sankoré Mosque which was the university in Timbuktu, Sidi Yahiya mosque, market and museum. Ahmed Baba Library; where the manuscripts of the university are kept ; and it is a research centre today. Explorers’ houses among the most famous : you have René Caillé ; the first European entered and left Timbuktu alive. Transfer to hotel for lunch.

PM : Camel ride to the desert to discover the blue men in their encampments. This guided tour will give you opportunity to interact and share with them their traditional tea. Visit some of their tents to witness their way of living and their culture. Organization of tuareg dance (option) Back to hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 2 : SUNDAY APRIL 9TH TIMBUKTU / BAMA KO

AM : breakfast, transfer to airport, fly to Bamako, transfer at arrival.

PRICE IN EURO PER PERSON

	<u>4 Persons</u>	<u>5-7 Persons</u>	<u>8-10 Persons</u>
Full Board :	320 euro	270 euro	250 euro
Single supplement : 30 euro			
Bamako / TImbuktu / Bamako ticket	288 euro / Person		

Inclusions	Exclusions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hotel accommodation in double room - Meals - Transportation in A/C, driver and gasoline - Assistance of a guide - The entrance and visit fees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bamako / Timbuktu / Bamako ticket - Tuareg dance 200 euro / groupe - Mineral water and other drinks - Tips and other extra

“Salt is from the north
 Gold is from the south
 Money is from the country of whiteman.
 But, as far as God speech , science of knowledge,
 History and good legends are concerned;
 You can’t find them anywhere but, Timbuktu.”

ENJOY YOUR STAY WITH
A.T.S!
222 44 35 or 222 78 92 - 675 97 05
Email : incoming@ats.com.ml

DISCOVERY OF MALI – (MD 8- 12)

POST FORUM

DAY 1 Saturday April 8th BAMAKO / TOMBUKTU by flight

06h30: Transfer to airport of Bamako

07h00 : Fly to Timbuktu the mysterious city of 333 saint, founded in 11th century by Tuareg , Timbuktu would come from Tin- Buctu ”the place of Buctu “ the tamasheq woman at the origin of its creation. It became very prosperous when Oualata declined and became the most important place of transsaharian trade : a big trade center which made people said : meeting place of “those who travel by boat on those who travel on camel back”. More than its commercial reputation, Timbuktu was the meeting place of scientists, students from north and south. For instance, Sankoré University had more than 25 000 students for a population of 80 000 in the 16th century. As far as history is concerned, Timbuktu was conquered by the 3 bigs empires (Ghana – Mali- Songhoï) mainly by the two last ones. In 1325, Mali Emperor Kankou Moussa built the mosque Djingareber. Timbuktu

Was successively became the economic and religious capital of Askia and also Administrative capital of the Morrocans in the 16th century. By the end of the 19th century, it was looked for Europeans who sent many explorers. Timbuktu has preserved its rich culture and history, which made it inscribed as World Heritage by UNESCO. Visit of Timbuktu will made you discover :

Djingareber Mosque ”big Mosque” built in 1325 by Mali emperor Kankou Moussa on his way back from his famous pilgrimage to Mecca, Sankoré Mosque which was the university in Timbuktu, Sidi Yahya mosque, market and museum. Ahmed Baba Library; where the manuscripts of the university are kept ; and it is a research centre today. Explorers’ houses among the most famous : you have René Caillé ; the first European entered and left Timbuktu alive. Transfer to hotel for lunch.

PM : Camel ride to the desert to discover the blue men in their encampments. This guided tour will give you opportunity to interact and share with them their traditional tea. Visit some of their tents to witness their way of living and their culture. Organization of tuareg dance (option) Back to hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 2 Sunday April 9th TIMBUKTU / MOPTI / SANGHA

AM : Flight to Mopti. upon arrival in Mopti transfer by road to Sangha in A/C 4WD. On the way you will discover the dogon as hard working men through their spectacular onion fields. Arrive in Sangha departing point of any excursion in Dogon Country. Drive down the cliffs to discovers some villages which have difficult access. That permitted these people to keep their culture. You will discover :

- Granaries (male and female) each having a specific role.
- Devination tables which interpretation is done by some initiated wisemen of the village. The Dogon do the animist practice for any problem.
- The troglodyte dwellings or old tellem dwellings.
Those Tellem houses (first occupants of the area) in the caves , difficult access are now used as cemeteries.
- Toguna or “ meeting place “ . It’s the place where wise men of the meet to deal with the community problems.
- Fetish houses : you will discover not only fetish houses, but also sacred places and places of libations.
- Women house it is a small round house located in the village , where women are isolated during their menstruation period for 5 days (Dogon week)
- Hogon house
The hogon is the spiritual chief of the village. Lunch at Guina hotel

PM: Organization of the dogon mask dance to discover the importance of the masks in their society.

Masks are generally used during funeral ceremonies called “ Dama “

DAY 3 Monday April 10th SANGHA / MOPTI

Breakfast early, walk down the down the cliff to visit some Dogon villages : Ireli the most beautiful Dogon village classified as World Heritage by UNESCO. Amani famous for its pounds of sacred crocodiles
Tireli : organization of authentic mask dance.

Bongo ; for the most beautiful view on Bandiagara cliffs

Drive to Sangha for lunch

Back to Mopti for dinner and overnight.

DAY 4 Tuesday April 11th**MOPTI / DJENNE / SEGOU**

AM : Breakfast followed by departure to Djenné

Arrive in the beautiful city of Djenné " Goddess of water " in Bozo dialect.

Djenné was founded at the end of the first century after Hegire by animists. Its islamisation due to its 26th king Koi Komboro by 1200 who also built the prestigious mosque. This medieval city Djenné is classified as World heritage by UNESCO and occupied a great place among the old city of Mali. It has been the broadcasting centre of islam and the crossroad of Transsaharian trade. Your tour of Djenné will made you discover :

- Architecture of Djenné, Coranic schools or medersa place of learning fundamental rules of islam.
- Women cooperative where you will discover technics of making mudcloth
- The tomb of the young girl Tapama Djennepo walled up for the protection and prosperity of Djenné.
- Sacred well " Nana Wangaran " which is full of water everytime Djenné is threatened by a danger.
- Museum dedicated to the archeological site Jenne Jenno.

Walk to the campement for lunch.

PM - Drive back to Ségou, on the way visit of Térékoungo an authentic Bobo village , famous for fetish house, sacred well and the procedure of making millet beer.

Continuation to Ségou : upon arrival, installation at hotel Auberge for dinner and overnight.

DAY 5 : Wednesday April 12th SEGU / BAMAKO

Breakfast, city tour of Ségou including : Khassobané , the market , the colonial buildings, the potteries along the river Niger. On the way to Bamako, stop in Sekoro capital city of the Bambara kingdom in 18th century for a visit, continuation to Bamako. Upon arrival , transfer.

PRICE IN EURO PER PERSON

	<u>4 Persons</u>	<u>5-7 Persons</u>	<u>8-10 Persons</u>
Full Board :	780 euro	680 euro	580 euro

Single supplement : **100 euro**

Bamako / Timbuktu / Bamako ticket **236euro / Person**

Inclusions	Exclusions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hotel accommodation in full board basis - Transportation in A/C, driver and gasoline - Assistance of a guide - The entrance and visit fees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bamako / Mopti / Bamako ticket - Dogon mask dance 200 euro / group - Tuareg dance 200 euro / group - Mineral water and other drinks - Tips and other extra

ENJOY YOUR STAY WITH

A.T.S

222 44 35 or 222 78 92 - 675 97 05

Email : incoming@ats.com.ml

