

# Site of Alfakoara

Alfakoara is a small village situated at the entry of W National Park where people have been living nearby elephants for many years.

## Roundtrip 1: Secrets of Peulh camp

You will visit the village of Alfakoara where you can meet and get to know the local Mokollé and Peulh people. The trip will last a total of 2½ hours. Local Peulhs will warmly open the doors of their camp to you and visitors are also welcome to stay here overnight and enjoy an authentic experience with local Peulhs or a traditional Mokollé family.

Price: 2500 F CFA / person



## Roundtrip 2: Tehoka, the last village Mokollé

Tehoka is one of the first Mokollé villages in the area. Visitors can take a walk across the village to discover and learn about the Mokollé culture, divinities, local history, craftsmen and fauna and flora. Here visitors can join the local women of the village and try their hand at making traditional textiles such as cotton fibres. You can also try playing a traditional violin and the local griots (village historians) will be happy to teach you.

Price: 3000 F CFA / person

## Roundtrip 3: Life in Germa country

The Germa village of Goungoun is a new village in the area and has charming architecture. During the tour which lasts 1½ hours, you will have the chance to visit the Germa camp, meet traditional village chiefs and craftsmen.

Price: 3000 F CFA / person

### Other activities:

- Safari in the W National Park
- Bed & Breakfast : price 4500 FCFA/person

# Site of Karimama

The commune of Karimama is located in the north of Benin. It shares two thirds of its land with W National Park and is separate by the Niger River, the second longest river in Africa.

## Roundtrip 1: In the country of Peulh

A 2 hour excursion is available to discover Mamassy-peulh, the biggest Peulh village in the region. Observe Peulh women going about their daily work, explore the village architecture, traditional furniture and local decoration. Make the most of your visit to Mamassy-peulh and pay a visit to Tamadjé where you will learn more about the beauty of Peulh culture.

Price: 3500 F CFA / person



## Roundtrip 2: Handicraft men of Bogo Bogo

Visit this village and discover its local history, activities and plant species. This tour lasts 2 hours and gives visitors the chance to learn about Dendi craft (you will be given an initiation here) as well as the daily lives of local people.

Price: 3500 F CFA / person



## Roundtrip 3: The bird island

Go for an adventurous water excursion along the Niger River and discover the bird species that can be found here. The tour takes approximately 3½ hours. You will also be given an introduction to the art of traditional Dendi fishing.

Price: 4000 CFA / Person



## Roundtrip 4: The cultural land of Kali mam mam

Come and explore the cultural world of Dendi during a fascinating 2 hour tour. You can visit the archaeological site to learn about the role of each divinity and their sacred sites. You can also meet the traditional chiefs, fishermen and healers. If you have the chance to visit the village on Fridays, you

will discover the traditional market where you will experience the cultural diversity of the region.

Price: 3000 F CFA / Person



# Site of Banikoara

With a total area of 4383km<sup>2</sup> and sharing approximately 15% of its area with W Regional Park, the commune of Banikoara is Benin's main cotton producer since 1963.

## Roundtrip 1: Myths and realities of Marou

On this 2 hour tour, the doors of the traditional forging mill workshop, the royal palace and the oldest districts of the town of Banikoara will all be opened to you. These are the historic places where secrets and traditions are kept! Come and discover the Baatonu culture, and try the local beer and visit the spice market and engage with the local women.

Price : 3000F CFA/person

## Roundtrip 2: the farm of Batran



This tour gives you the chance to get away from it all and sail across the Saho stream to explore the natural wildlife and hear stories about the village. Enjoy an exclusive experience in the heart of Batran culture and learn about the role of women in society here.

Price 2800F CFA/person



## Roundtrip 3: Gah Gourou, the village of the weaver

Visitors can try their hand at weaving during a 1 hour initiation session here with the Gando people in the small village of Gah Gourou. The weaver will guide you during the initiation as you discover the history of the village and the secrets of the local trade.

Price 1500F CFA/person

## Roundtrip 4: Toura, the city of the wassangari

Adventures and sensations are guaranteed during this horse riding excursion in the village of Toura. Experience the natural beauty of the landscapes and the local Peulh lifestyle. During the tour you will pass by the colourful market and the crocodile pond where you can learn more about these intriguing reptiles!

Price: 11000 F CFA / person



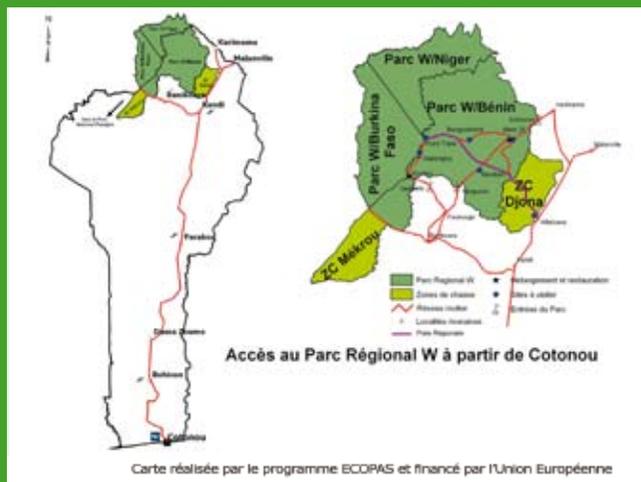
### Benefits sharing



More than 12 riparian villages of the Cross-border Biosphere W/ Benin component (Karimama, Banikoara, Kandi and Malanville) are involved in promoting and enhancing the natural and cultural heritage by developing Responsible Tourism activities and services. The participation of these villages in Responsible Tourism has been facilitated through a project co-financed by the UNWTO (United Nations World Tourism Organization), which allows local populations (represented by their town councils and the Reserve and Fauna Village Management Association - AVIGREF) to reinforce their community-based tourism activities. These activities were established by another project that was co-financed by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

This initiative aims to:

- Promote and develop Responsible Tourism activities in the riparian villages of the Park W;
- Reduce poverty by creating alternative jobs other than in the rural sector (rearing, agriculture, hunting, fishing, gardening etc); and
- Reduce the anthropogenic pressure on natural and cultural resources in Park W and its periphery.



## CONTACT AND RESERVATION

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- IMOROU Issifou : 93 84 68 95
- Labouda : 93 35 53 27

### Karimama :

- Tal Hatou : 93 08 30 94
- Ali Djoffou : 94 45 39 91
- Seni Amadou : 95 09 55 19
- Moussa : 93 61 69 90
- Arzouma : 95 74 87 71 / 97 19 12 65
- Inoussa : 93 62 72 39

### Banikoara :

- Bani Bandiri : 93 44 65 91
- Moussey : 66 09 13 53
- Amadou : 93 59 90 08
- Boukari : 93 59 93 76
- Adam : 66 18 81 51
- Malick : 93 18 00 78
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## COMMUNITY-BASED ECOTOURISM

at "W" National Park-Benin  
 (Homestay - bed & breakfast)

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