



FLAVOUR OF CÔTE D'IVOIRE

7 Days Tour – comfortable

Abidjan – Abengourou – Bouaké – Yamoussoukro – Bouaflé

– Grand Bassam

Day 1: Abidjan

Arrive in Abidjan, the capital city of Côte d'Ivoire and transfer to your hotel. *D*

Destination Information:

Abidjan: The largest city and the economical capital of the Ivory Coast, Abidjan holds the position as the most important commercial and banking centre in the country. Known as the “Paris of Africa”, it is one of the largest populated cities in Western Africa with a major French speaking population.

Day 2: Abidjan – Abengourou

This morning, drive 3 hours to Abengourou. Visit cocoa plantation and learn the process with the farmers. How to harvest, to get the cocoa fermented and drying the beans. Stop at the fetish school,

experience their dance performance and learn how the students are selected to be at that mystic school. Afternoon we discover the rich culture and Akan traditions by visiting the King's palace with the guide of that palace. *BLD*

Destination Information:

Abengourou: Is a city in the eastern part of Ivory Coast. Abengourou is traditionally ruled by the Anyi paramount chief who is also the current king of the King of Indénié. The residence of the king was built in 1992 and is a sight to behold. The residence is decorated with the best of Indénié relics and tapestries.

Aniausse Village: Home of a feticheuse who runs a centre, mostly for women, where trance-inducing dances are part of the ritual (the Komians) and the trance allows divination through the arrival of the spirit.

Day 3: Abengourou – Bouaké

Departure to Bouaké, visit villages on the way, at Tanou Sakassou village specialized in pottery, fascinating work will be our interests. Lunch and short sightseeing tour to the city centre. Enjoy the swimming pool before dinner.

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Bouaké: City of Ivory Coast and capital of the region of the Bandama Valley, Bouaké was originally a military post founded in 1898 in Baoulé country.

Day 4: Bouaké – Yamoussoukro

Departure around 8.30 to Yamoussoukro, stop at Bomizambo, weaver's village. Experience the Goli mask dance. Proceed to Yamoussoukro, lunch at the lake side restaurant. Visit that famous Basilica with its 7000 square meters of stain glasses, the largest in the world. *BLD*

Destination Information:

Yamoussoukro: A sleeping town also known as Yakro, Yamoussoukro is the political capital of the country and also the birthplace of the 1st President of the country, Mr Felix Houphouët-Boigny, whose former palace has a lake filled with Sacred Caimans.

Basilica Our Lady of Peace: The largest church in the world, the basilica was designed by a Lebanese architect, Pierre Fakhoury and inspired by St Peter Basilica of Rome. The cornerstone was laid on 10 August 1985, and it was consecrated on 10 September 1990 by Pope John Paul II, who had just formally accepted the basilica as a gift from Félix Houphouët-Boigny on behalf of the Catholic Church.

Day 5: Yamoussoukro – Bouaflé – Yamoussoukro

Breakfast and drive to a village of Bouaflé to the village to discover the Zaouli dance performance. Visit the colourful market and lunch a local maquis restaurant. Drive back to Yamoussoukro and visit the lake of sacred crocodiles in front of our late president's palace. *BLD*

Destination Information:

Bouaflé: Bouaflé is a city in central Ivory Coast, mainly populated by the Gouro Tribe. The Gouro are particularly known for their masks, that are very colourful. They have important rituals in which the masks such as the Zaouli intervene.

Day 6: Yamoussoukro – Domaine Bini – Abidjan

Early departure to Abidjan via Le Domaine Bini, a camp for nature lovers. Enjoy trekking in the forest and a visit to plantations. Local dishes and palm wine will be another experience. In the late afternoon, leave Le Domaine Bini for Abidjan for the night. *BLD*

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Domaine Bini: For those who like to move, who like to be immersed in nature, here is an attractive alternative to the beaches of the South: Domaine Bini. Located just 30 minutes from Abidjan on the northern highway, Le Domaine Bini welcomes you for one or more days of activities such as: mud bath, rope tests, rock throwing contest, hiking and lots of other activities to choose from.

Day 7: Abidjan – Grand Bassam – Depart Abidjan

After breakfast, sightseeing tour of Abidjan and drive to the ancient capital city of Grand Bassam with its historical sites: the museum, the first Roman catholic church, old post office and monuments, lunch at a seaside restaurant. Departure late afternoon to airport according your flight. *BL*

Destination Information:

Grand Bassam: Also known as Bassam, it is a resort town not far from Abidjan and was built as a colonial city being the 1st capital of the country. The world heritage site covers the historic colonial part of town, where all the vestiges can be visited such as Quartier France.

National Museum of Costume: It is an old colonial mansion filled with costumes of various types representing different tribes and roles; feticheuse, king etc. The museum also has a collection of photographs from the days of the French colony.