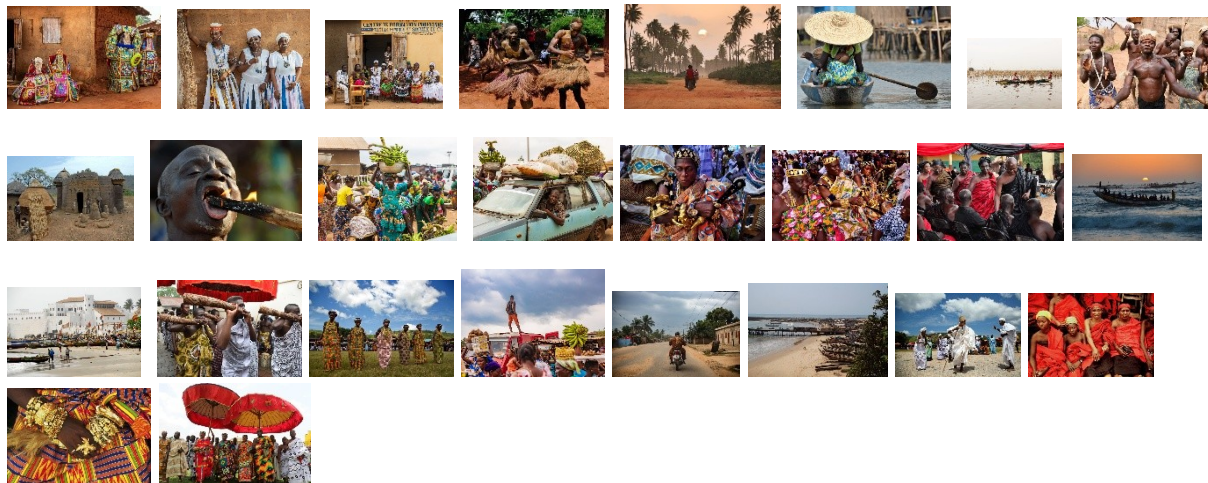




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2026 – FESTIVALS & TRADITIONS

15 days: Ghana, Togo & Benin – Each Departure matches with a Traditional Festival



Tour Type: Discovery International group

Group size: From 2 to 16 participants

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Departure 22 December 2026: Low season:

Local guide English (other languages: French, German and Italian, upon availability and for min 2 people)

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DEPARTURES:

07 July 2026 (traditional festival: Akwasidae) (low season)

10 August 2026 ([traditional festival: YAM, modified itinerary](#))

20 October 2026 ([traditional festival: MILLET, modified itinerary](#))

10 November 2026 (traditional festival: Akwasidae)

22 December 2026 (traditional festival: Akwasidae)

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Join us on a journey to discover ancient tribal worlds still ruled by traditional chiefs and guided by ancestral spirits. Along the coast, in the heartland of original Voodoo traditions, we'll encounter practitioners, witness trance dances, and explore the enduring influence of Voodoo on everyday life.

Venturing inland to the savannah, we'll meet the Kabye people living on rocky mountains, visit the Tamberma with their fairy-tale clay adobe castles, and



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finally, immerse ourselves in the Ashanti kingdom nestled in the lush forests around Kumasi.

We conclude our tour by exploring the former Gold Coast, home to the largest and oldest European-built castles in Africa, silent witnesses to centuries of gold and slave trade.

This is truly the most complete and spectacular way to discover the rich heritage of West Africa: its tribes, kingdoms, festivals, sacred mask dances, and traditional ceremonies.

A perfect experience for travellers eager to discover this unique region—and who love Africa!

Each departure date is scheduled to experience one of these traditional festivals:

- **Akwasidae Festival (Ghana). Departure dates: 07 July; 10 November; 22 December;**

In the Ashanti calendar, specific days are reserved for the Akwasidae Festival, a unique celebration held at the Royal Palace to mark the beginning of a new traditional month. During this elaborate ceremony, the King sits beneath a colourful umbrella, adorned in vibrant cloth and magnificent ancient gold jewellery—masterpieces of African art. Surrounded by elders, dignitaries, and the linguist holding golden emblems of power, the King receives guests in a spectacular display of hierarchy and symbolism. The ceremony begins with a grand procession: storytellers recounting the deeds of past kings, drummers, ivory trumpet players, sword bearers, armed guards, fan carriers, high-ranking fetish priests, and women in red dancing with symbolic sensuality. The Queen Mother also joins the celebration, surrounded by her own retinue. Experience the pageantry and deep spiritual atmosphere of one of Africa's last great forest monarchies.



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- **Yam Festival (Benin). Departure date: 10 August;**

This vibrant festival celebrates the harvest season and gives thanks for a bountiful crop. In many Gulf of Guinea countries, yam is a dietary staple and central to culinary traditions.

From libations over the new crop to festive communal meals and final tribal dances, the festival is a joyful and symbolic event. Traditional chiefs arrive with their courts, dressed in elaborate costumes, and even fetish priests—who appear only on special occasions—participate.

Ancestors are believed to return in the form of sacred masks, richly adorned with red cloth and magical amulets, dancing among the people to honour the community.

- **Millet Festival (Ghana). Departure date: 20 October;**

A dazzling annual celebration filled with colour, music, and tradition.

The Millet Festival is a week-long religious and social event in which people express gratitude for blessings such as abundant harvests, health, and protection from enemies.

Originally celebrated only by priests, the festival was opened to the public in the 1940s by the paramount King Konor Oklemekuku Nene Azu Mate Kole II. Today, it is a symbol of unity and a platform for young people to learn their culture, make connections, and even find a spouse.

Traditional chiefs arrive in full regalia, accompanied by their courts and surrounded by enthusiastic crowds. Drums beat rhythms that animate the joyous parade, a heartfelt celebration of heritage and community.

Apart from one of these main Tribal festivals, participants to the tour will always attend the following events:

- Real voodoo ceremony
- A spectacular fire dance
- Traditional horse dances with local warriors
- A colourful Ashanti funeral, a festive ceremony that celebrates the return of an ancestor's spirit



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