

A reporter's guide to West Africa

1 New words for this article - Nouveaux mots pour cet article

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| 1 | to book | to plan and pay for a ticket, hotel |
| 2 | impressive | very good, gives a good impression to people |
| 3 | terrible | very bad, unhappy |
| 4 | slaves | people taken from their families and sold as products |
| 5 | historic | very old |

2 Comprehension questions

Questions de compréhension en lecture

- Who planned the tour?
- Who was the local guide?
- What did they visit in Dakar?
- What did they visit in Timbuktu?
- Which museums did they see in Cote d'Ivoire?

3 Speaking activities - Activités orales

Pratiquez vos compétences orales - répétez ces phrases.

- I have always been interested in the life and history of West Africa.
- So I decided to take a tour around the three central countries of the region – Senegal, Mali and Cote d'Ivoire.
- I contacted a local travel company and they helped me to plan the tour. They booked the flights, booked the hotels, and found a local guide to help me.
- Starting in Dakar in Senegal, we planned a trip across the region through Mali and Cote d'Ivoire and back to Dakar – in a few days.

4 Speaking activities - Activités orales

Exercez-vous à parler - répondez à ces questions en anglais:

- What kind of chicken did they have in Dakar?
- How did they travel to Ile Goree?
- Where did they see the work of artists from Senegal?
- How did they get to Bamako?
- What's the name of the oldest mosque in Timbuktu?

5 Match the sentences (A-D) and (E-H) – Faire correspondre les phrases (A-D) et (E-H).

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| A | On Day 3 we took a flight |
| B | and stayed in a historic hotel |
| C | We went to the market |
| D | We visited a nice restaurant |
| E | It was very comfortable and in the centre of the city |
| F | to Bamako, the capital of Mali |
| G | and also listened to Malian music in a club |
| H | the Marche de Medina |

6 True or False? - Vrai ou Faux?

- On Day 4 we took a plane to Timbuktu
- We visited the Djinguereber Mosque - it is very old, built in 1625.
- We took a small boat and visited the historical centre on Ile Ngor, where people stayed before going to America as slaves
- we took a short plane trip to Abidjan where we visited the capital of Cote d'Ivoire

7 Fill in the gap - Remplir le vide

On Day 6 we took a short plane ...1... to Abidjan where we visited the ...2... of Cote d'Ivoire. The city has beautiful ...3.... We visited the big cathedral, Saint-Paul's cathedral, and a large mosque. We also went to see the National Museum and the Cocody Museum of Art, and the Cote d'Ivoire Museum of ...4.... On Day 6, we left Abidjan, and we ...5... back to Dakar where the trip ended.

Answers –

2 Comprehension questions

Questions de compréhension en lecture

- 1 a local travel company
- 2 Moussa was the local guide
- 3 They visited the historical centre on Ile Goree,
- 4 They visited the Djinguereber Mosque
- 5 the National Museum and the Cocody Museum of Art, and the Cote d'Ivoire Museum of Civilisations

4 Speaking activities - Activités orales

- 1 mafe chicken
- 2 they took a small boat
- 3 they went to the IFAN Museum of African Art
- 4 they took a flight to Bamako
- 5 the Djinguereber Mosque - it is very old, built in 1325.

5 Match the sentences (A-D) and (E-H) –

Faire correspondre les phrases (A-D) et (E-H).

- A=F
- B=E
- C=H
- D=G

6 True or False? - Vrai ou Faux?

- 1 True
- 2 False
- 3 False
- 4 True

7 Fill in the gap – Remplir le vide

- 1 trip
- 2 capital
- 3 buildings
- 4 civilisations
- 5 flew