

NIGER

GEREWOL FESTIVAL

7 DAYS

In between the Sahara and the Sahel we can find the Woodabe nomads, who belong to the Peul ethnic group. The Woodabe clans freely travel during the year in search of pastures for their herds. Between the months of September and October, once the rainy season has ended, they travel up North in order to celebrate the coming up of fresh, green sprouts. The Woodabe Clans gather around the town of Abalak. During one week the young men's beauty will be judged by young women in a traditional celebration known as "Gerewol". It is an excellent occasion in order to reinforce tribal relations and reaffirm identity. Pacts are settled and love stories flower during the dances.

We have planned this tour in order to observe - and attend - this spectacular demonstration of ethnic folklore from close by. Don't miss it.



Required fitness level: basic

Note: In order to get a broader view on Niger and its mystic marvels this itinerary can be added to the trip of 10 days (total duration: 15 days).

DAY 1:

Arrival in Niamey in the evening

DAY 2:

Niamey - Abalak (transport 4x4, visit several Woodabe nomadic camps)

DAY 3:

Abalak (festivals in the nearby Woodabe nomadic camps)

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DAY 5:

Abalak - Niamey (transport 4x4)

DAY 6:

Niamey (explore the capital, its ethnographic Museum, Katakò market, afternoon "cruise" on the Niger River). In the evening: **final departure.**

DAY 7:

Arrival to European airport in the evening (if traveling with Royal Air Maroc one can visit Casablanca City Centre).

Recommended Period: September and October

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