



le **BAGATAE**

DANCE & DRUM

TRIPS TO
GUINEA

WEST AFRICA

January 04-2010 / February 28-2010

17TH ANNIVERSARY



WITH MASTER DANCER, DRUMMER, CHOREOGRAPHER
MOUSTAPHA BANGOURA

Moustapha Bangoura hails from the West African nation of Guinea, he is a 22 year veteran of the largest and most celebrated dance company from the continent of Africa – Ballets Africains. The internationally acclaimed master dancer, drummer and choreographer has traveled the globe, bringing the colorful musical performance traditions of his homeland to audiences worldwide. Moustapha's mission is to continue to share his expertise while preserving the richness and authenticity of the culture. He is recognized for his thorough and charismatic technique that is deeply rooted in tradition. In 1993, Moustapha founded Le Bagatae and authorized dance and drum school in Conakry and in Kiffinda. Since 1997, Moustapha has been

a travelling ambassador for Guinea, independantly conducting music and dance residencies and master classes throughout Africa, Europe, Australia and the USA. He is sponsored by the Republic of Guinea's Ministry of Youth and Culture as an official art and culture representative. He has worked with numerous arts organisations, professional dance companies, schools and universities. Moustapha currently resides in Chicago, where he is Artistic Director with Le Bagatae Dance and Drum Ensemble. He continues to travel and share his knowledge and expertise of traditional dance and drum with students throughout the world, for instance in France, where he is the choreographer for Guinean Ballet Won Tan Nara.

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DETAILS

We will be drumming for 2 hours and dancing 4 hours each day. Student drummers will play for all dance classes (five days of the week), and will be accompanied by a master artist from The Ballets Africains or Djoliba. The classes are geared toward intermediate to advanced students. We will arrange for beginner classes, if needed. There will be an emphasis placed on style and technique.

Some of the trips

Conakry: We are in the suburb of Kissosso, which is our base and the home of Le Bagatae school.

Rom: A weekend will be spent on this fun island of Conakry to relax while dancing and drumming.

Kiffinda: We will spend 5 days in the Bagatae region (home of Moustapha's family) with side trips in this region to: Kolissokho, Danse, Mankountan, Mintani, Dubreka (home of Moustapha's mother) and Kendoumaya (region of Moustapha's grandmother). Extra Workshops: Mukhu Khonyi Fare and "Special 17th Anniversary event"...

What we need to know

Visas: Are required. We will assist you in acquiring your Visa. You WILL need a valid passport, 2 photos, and will have to contact guinean embassy or consulate. For Europe, Visas are available in Brussels and Paris. **Vaccinations:** Yellow fever is REQUIRED. You must obtain this 2 weeks before departure.

Weather: Guinea temperatures range in the 90's during December, January and February. Bring light clothing... cotton is best. **Lodging:** Dormitory style with western showers and toilets in Kissosso. In Kiffinda, Dubreka, Kendoumaya, Kolissokho, Kindia and Rom, lodging is in traditional pavilions and round huts. It's best to have your own tent. **Meals:** The meals are prepared by N'Gady Bangoura and family members. There are three meals per day. Vegetarians and special diets can be accommodated. **Special Events:** There are special events and parties during the month. During the evening, there is singing and culture time. **Free time:** Go to the market, Yankady, Doudoumba (dancing), or just relax!

TRIPS

1 / Special Student Workshop January 04-2010 / January 23-2010 \$1,200.00

Includes Room and Board, Dance and Drum classes. Air Transportation not included. Airport pickup. Trip to Rom (a fun island). Trips to Kiffinda, Bagatae village available. You will need to purchase your own ticket roundtrip to Guinea.

2 / Adult Program January 04-2010 / February 28-2010

A/ 2 WEEKS \$ 1,200.00	B/ 3 WEEKS \$ 1,800.00
C/ 4 WEEKS \$ 2,400.00	D/ 5 WEEKS \$ 3,000.00
E/ 6 WEEKS \$ 3,500.00	F/ 7 WEEKS \$ 3,900.00

Includes Room and Board, Dance and Drum classes. Air Transportation not included. Airport pickup. Trip to Rom, Kiffinda, Kolissokho, Boffa and Dubreka. You will need also to purchase your own ticket roundtrip to Guinea.

PAYMENT

PAYABLE IN US FUNDS ONLY

Downpayment of \$500.00 is due at the time of registration.
Final payment is due at november 30, 09.

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OR MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO: Moustapha BANGOURA
Make copy of this page and mail to: Moustapha BANGOURA – 3632 Harrison Street – Fort Wayne – IN 46807 – Tel. 773 726.8354 (cell.) – E-mail: moustaphabm@yahoo.com

Cancellation policy: there is a \$350.00 fee for cancellations made one month prior to trips. If a cancellation is made within or less than 4 weeks of trip, 75% of your full payment will be refunded.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: PLEASE CALL LE BAGATAE

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REGISTRATION

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Special dietary needs:

Fish Chicken Meat Vegetarian

Other dietary needs