

RUFORUM EN COLLABORATION AVEC  
LA HAUTE ECOLE D'HÔTELLERIE ET DE  
TOURISME

The Hospitality and Tourism College (HEHT) is especially involved in the organization of the Ruforum conference with regard to the visits of tourist towns of Benin by suggesting to our distinguished visitors a range of circuits such as: Historical, Agronomic, Gastronomic, Green and Blue.

DESIGNATION	QTY	Unit. Price (CFA)	AMOUNT ET
Vehicle rental / Bus	-		RUFORUM transport committee
Sacred forest of kpassè	-	1,100	1,100
Visit of the Recade Museum	-	-	5,000
Pythons Temple	-	2,000	2,000
Slave road	-	5,000	5,000
Paradis Islande	-	1,000	1,000
Lunch	-	-	7,000
Total CA			21,100
Commission rate (12 %)			2,532
TVA (%)			-
TOTAL CP			23,632

Price: 24,000 CFA /Person or 37 €/Person

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## ZOMAÏ HUT

At the site of this statue was from the reign of King AGADJA (1711 - 1742) a hermetically sealed hut. The bartered slaves were imprisoned there for a few days.

This disoriented them and made painful any attempt to flee or to rise to which they might indulge. Likewise, this sequestration prepared them for a life of promiscuity and darkness in the holds of slave ships.



**The Door of No Return** : The last step on the slave route and places of embarkation to the new world.



## HISTORICAL CIRCUIT

University of Abomey-Calavi  
(UAC)

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## RUFORUM

RUFORUM triennial conference from 06 to 10 December 2021, organizes a tourist visit whose theme revolves around a Historical Circuit in Ouidah with the collaboration of the HEHT

### DAY PROGRAMME

COTONOU-OUIDAH: DEPARTURE 8H

08H30 TO 09H30 : VISIT OF RECADE MUSEUM AT LOGBOZOUNKPA

10H30 TO 11H30: ARRIVAL IN OUIDAH AND VISIT OF THE SACRED FOREST OF KPASSE

11H30 TO 12H : VISIT OF THE TEMPLE OF PYTHONS

12H30 TO 14H: VISIT OF THE CIRCUIT OF SLAVE ROAD

14H TO 15H : LUNCH AT LA DIASPORA.

15 H TO 16H : DIRECTION OF THE FISHING ROAD WITH A PANORAMIC VIEW ON THE OCEAN

16H30 TO 17H DESCEND TO COTONOU

END OF THE CIRCUIT



### Recade Museum

The small Recade Museum has a rich collection of traditional and contemporary recades. Essential elements for collective memory, these works tell fragments of our past through their poetry and symbolism. The recade is a staff of command for the king of current Dahomey Benin



### The sacred forest of Kpassè

This forest would have been sacred towards the end of the 17th century by KPASSE (the third king of SAVI). It is home to many deified trees including the one that materializes the deified king KPASSE. In 1920, the captain of the colonial army, Jean ADJOVI, built a building in the middle of his clearing because of the importance of this forest for the HWEDA community and especially the ADJOVI community. Two large ritual ceremonies take place there periodically. On the one hand, this is the GOZIN which concerns the entire population and lasts about ten days. On the other hand, the enthronement of the head of the ADJOVI community is held there.



### The Temple of Pythons

The pythons represent the totemic animal of HWEDA and have enjoyed veneration since the 14th century. The first temple of pythons would have been erected in SAVI and would have undergone several moves before being definitively fixed here in DANGBEHOUE.

### The circuit of Slave Road

After the conquest of the kingdom of SAVI by King AGADJA in 1727, the crossroads of KPASSE market is the entry of slaves to OUIDAH. Coming in a caravan from the management of SAVI, they made a stop there during which their companions performed a ritual welcoming ceremony. Now residents were required to lock themselves in their homes.



**Tree of forgetfulness.** Around 1727 a tree was planted on the site of this mermaid statue. This had a spiritual function in the slave trade. Thus, on their way to the slave ships, the bartered slaves here marked a ritual stop.