

VODUN DAYS

OFFICIAL PROGRAM

OOUIDAH, BÉNIN

JANUARY 8, 9 AND 10, 2026



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

JANUARY 8, 9,
AND 10, 2026

FESTIVITIES IN CITY SQUARES
AND ON THE BEACH

JANUARY 8, 2026
EVENING

GIANT CONCERT FEATURING BENINESE
AND INTERNATIONAL ARTISTS

JANUARY 9, 2026
EVENING

- GRAND VODUN CEREMONY
- CULTURAL PERFORMANCES

JANUARY 10, 2026
AFTERNOON AND
EVENING

- CELEBRATION AT THE OUIDAH ARENA
- DJ PARTY ON OUIDAH BEACH



Program of the day

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2026

From 9:00 am Activities across public squares in the heart of the city of Ouidah and along the beach

VENUE	TIME	VoDUN
Place Maro	9am-12pm	Egungun
	3:30pm-6pm	
Esplanade du Fort Français	9am-11pm	Zangbéto
	11pm-1pm	Les Terreiros du Brésil / Kao
	3pm-6pm	Zangbéto
Place Ninsouxwé	9am-11pm	Ninsouxwé
	3pm-6pm	Ninsouxwé
Forêt Sacrée de Kpassè	9am-11pm	Hounvè
	11pm-1pm	Kabada
	3pm-4:30pm	Koku
	4:30-6pm	Thron
Temple Mami-Plage	9am-1pm	Mami & Dan
	3pm-7pm	
Couvent Sakpata	9am-1pm	Sakpata
	3pm-7pm	

From 7:00 pm Giant concert featuring Beninese and international artists

Program of the day

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 2026

From 9:00 am : Activities across public squares in the heart of the city of Ouidah and along the beach

• VENUE •	• TIME •	• VODUN •
Place Maro	9am-12pm	Egungun
	3:30pm-5pm	
Esplanade du Fort Français	9am-11pm	Zangbéto
	11m-1pm	Les Terreiros du Brésil / Kao
	3pm-5pm	Zangbéto
Place Ninsouxwé	9am-11pm	Ninsouxwé
	11pm-1pm	Ninsouxwé
Forêt Sacrée de Kpassè	9am-10am	Thron
	10am-12pm	Hounvè
	1pm-3pm	Kabada
	3pm-5pm	Koku
Temple Mami-Plage	9am-1pm	Mami & Dan
	3pm-5pm	
Couvent Sakpata	9am-1pm	Sakpata
	3pm-5pm	

From 7:00 pm : Grand Vodun Ceremony and cultural performances

Program of the day

• SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 2026 •

From 9:00 am :

Activities across public squares in the heart of the city of Ouidah and along the beach

• VENUE •	• TIME •	• VODUN •
Place Maro	9am-12pm	Egungun
Esplanade du Fort Français	9am-11pm	Zangbéto
	11pm-1pm	Les Terreiros du Brésil / Kao
Place Ninsouxwé	9am-11pm	Zomadonou
	11pm-1pm	Ninsouxwé
Forêt Sacrée de Kpassè	9am-10am	Kabada
	10am-11pm	Koku
	11pm-12pm	Thron
	12pm-1pm	Hounvè
Temple Mami-Plage	9am-1pm	Mami & Dan
Couvent Sakpata	9am-1pm	Sakpata

From 4:00 pm :

Activities at the Ouidah Arena

From 7:00 pm :

DJ party on Ouidah beach

PRACTICAL INFORMATION – VIP ACCESS

Discover all essential information to prepare for your visit to Vodun Days and enjoy a smooth, comfortable and memorable experience.



VIP Pass (VAP – Vehicle Access Pass)

The VIP Pass grants access to the VIP parking area at Vodun Days. It must be collected before arriving on site at the official Vodun Days store in Cotonou, open from 8:30 AM to 7:30 PM, located opposite Collège Père Aupiais, Patte d'Oie – Cadjehoun.

📍 **Official Store - Cotonou:**

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/MLUbQM1xuuQfPvwc7>



Displaying the VIP Pass

For security checks and smooth traffic flow, the pass must be clearly displayed on the vehicle windshield. Please ensure that the color code matches the day of your visit, as each day has a specific identification color.



Recommended Route (VIP)

To reach the Vodun Days site under optimal conditions, guests are kindly requested to use the **Route des Pêches**, the preferred access road to Ouidah Beach.



VIP Parking

Upon arrival in Ouidah, please **park only in designated VIP parking areas** located near official venues. Additional zones have been arranged to improve traffic flow. Access is strictly reserved for holders of a valid VIP Pass.



VIP Welcome & Wristband

After parking, please proceed to the Information Desk, located near the VIP zones.

📍 **Information Desk:**

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/E8JEnj6BikKTPYoVA>

Upon presentation of your ticket, you will receive a VIP wristband for the day, which is mandatory to access VIP areas. Early check-in is strongly recommended.



Transportation in Ouidah

For travel between sites and venues, Gozem vehicles (cars and tricycles) are available via the Gozem app or with assistance from on-site teams.

Free shuttle services also operate between parking areas, the beach, and the city center. As Gozem services are paid, advance booking is advised during peak hours.



Recommended Arrival Times

To ensure comfortable seating and smooth access:

– **January 8 Concert (7:00 PM):** arrive between 5:00 PM and 6:30 PM

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PRACTICAL INFORMATION – GENERAL PUBLIC



Access & Recommended Routes

Vodun Days sites are accessible via three main routes: **Route des Pêches**, **RNIE Pahou / Cotonou towards Ouidah** and **RNIE Grand-Popo towards Ouidah**. The **Route des Pêches** is strongly recommended for smoother access to reception and public parking areas.



Mandatory Public Parking

Vehicle circulation is strictly limited within Ouidah. All visitors must park in free public parking areas:

📍 Route des Pêches Parking

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/JNYpDg3Qxbpf4e5W7>

📍 Parking Y – RNIE Grand-Popo towards Ouidah

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/9W9wtauzJzjfMino7>

📍 Vasseho Parking – RNIE Pahou / Cotonou towards Ouidah

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/6nLmaV92mqhPYs1M8>

Motorcycle parking is also available for **200 FCFA per bike**:

- **Along the Route des Pêches**: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/T8w6tfy5cp1KdWB97>

- **Near Djegba Hotel**: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/zt1watmVmity7XnE7>



Visitor Orientation

Orientation teams will assist visitors at public parking areas and guide them toward shuttles and event sites. **Private vehicles are not allowed to circulate inside Ouidah during the event.**



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PRACTICAL INFORMATION – VISITORS STAYING IN OUIDAH

As part of the Vodun Days, traffic within the city of Ouidah will be **strictly regulated from January 6 to 10** to ensure visitor safety and the smooth running of the event.

During this period, the city center will be **primarily pedestrian-only**. Private vehicles will **not be allowed to circulate freely** within Ouidah throughout the Vodun Days.



Hotel Access

Visitors staying in Ouidah hotels may access their accommodation only upon **presentation of a confirmed booking proof** issued by the hotel.

This proof should be kept readily available (digital or printed) for access control checks.



Getting Around During Your Stay

Once checked in, movement within the city is permitted only via:

- **Authorized hotel shuttles (when provided)**
- **Gozem tricycles via the Gozem app**

These measures ensure organized, safe and efficient mobility throughout the Vodun Days.

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