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The Historic City of Ouidah Hosts the 2nd Edition of Vodun Days, January 9th, 10th, and 11th, 2025

Ouidah, Benin, September 26, 2024 - Following the resounding success of the first edition, which attracted nearly 100,000 participants, the historic city of Ouidah is preparing to host the second edition of Vodun Days. This must-attend event, celebrating the arts, culture, and spirituality of Vodun, will take place on January 9th, 10th, and 11th, 2025, near the Door of No Return by the seaside and in the heart of the city.

Vodun Days: An Immersion into the Vodun Heritage

This new three-day edition promises an even more immersive experience, blending cultural festivities with unique spiritual moments.

The event will be centered around several key highlights:

- The Grand Vodun Ceremony, the pinnacle of the festivities, featuring the emergence of Vodun convents in the presence of dignitaries and devotees ;
- Concerts and seaside performances showcasing both Beninese and international artists ;
- Activities in the town squares and Vodun convent processions throughout the historic city of Ouidah ;
- The Vodun Days village offering a wide range of stands with crafts, food, and entertainment.

Visitors will also be able to witness parades in honor of Vodun deities, marvel at the spectacular dances of the Zangbéto and Egungun, and enjoy open-air concerts. This vibrant atmosphere will offer an experience where tradition and modernity intertwine in a setting that is both festive and deeply spiritual.

Benin, the cradle of Vodun

Benin, the birthplace of Vodun, continues to showcase and share this distinctive heritage with the world through various initiatives. Vodun Days are part of large-scale projects such as the Vodun Convents Route and the upcoming International Vodun Museum in Porto-Novo. This event proudly stands as a unique opportunity to explore the many facets of this tradition, deeply rooted in Benin's history and spirituality.

About Vodun Days

Vodun Days are an international annual event celebrating the art, culture, and spirituality of Vodun. Held every year in the historic city of Ouidah, this event attracts visitors from around the world, further solidifying Benin's reputation as the cradle of Vodun.

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