

LIKPE TODOME ANCESTRAL CAVES

sharpening stones under the mountains



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Hiking level



Type of hike

Adventurous

Bring along

Water, sunscreen, hat and snacks

Budget

Dependable on season

Total time

Approx. 3 hours

Best time to visit

Before noon



Located 45 km from Kpando, the Lipke Todome caves tell a mysterious story about the past. The caves as we know them today used to be of important use in the past. The 6 caves each entail their own function, as the Likpe population used it as their hiding spot during the war. But the caves are not the only must-see of this off-the-beaten-path journey. The route takes you around in a circle, passing by the border of Togo as well as offering beautiful views over the towns nearby. Disclaimer: the route is rather challenging as the caves are situated on a hill. Bring enough water.



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THE HISTORY IN SHORT

During times of war, some Ewe people were forced to flee from the Ashanti region. They started moving from place to place, and finally arrived at Hohoe. Unfortunately, the fleeing group did not find rest over there. A disagreement took place and once again, the group parted to look for a new home. This is where the story of the ancestral caves begins.

LIPKE-WHAT?

The new inhabitants of the caves decided that the fighting was not over yet. Using their knowledge and skills, the settlement started making weapons out of stones. Hitting one stone with another can form sharp shapes. With these weapons, they were able to defend their new home from intruders. This is the story of how the community in the caves got named: Likpe Todome, meaning sharpening stones under the mountains

Tip: This trip is perfect to combine with a stop at Wadjakli Waterfall and/or Wli Waterfalls. All are within a reasonable distance.



THE CAVES

First cave

Conference room

Second cave

Spying window cave

Third cave

Sleeping room (underground)

Fourth Cave

Chief's Palace

Fifth cave

Prison

Sixth cave

Cave with an escaping route



The bats that you may encounter in the caves are considered to be ancestors. Please respect the area and do not disturb the bats.



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