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**Invitation to MindLeaps-Guided Trip to Guinea – June 2024**

We invite you to join our week-long guided trip to Guinea hosted by MindLeaps!

This trip gives a small group of guests the opportunity to view the programs and operations of MindLeaps in Guinea. You will meet our Guinean students and local staff. You will experience activities at the MindLeaps Center in Conakry, take a day trip to Boffa, meet with other local NGOs, and visit cultural and historical sites.

In 2023, we opened the brand new 38,000 square foot MindLeaps Center in Conakry. US Ambassador Fitrell was on hand for the official ceremony, which you can view here through the storytelling of Apollo Levine of *MJ: The Musical* on Broadway: [https://youtu.be/UY-HvBmlWao?si=Pg9fhtwWCEbHG3\\_4](https://youtu.be/UY-HvBmlWao?si=Pg9fhtwWCEbHG3_4)

The trip fee is \$2,100 per person and covers all meals, ground transportation, visa, and logistics. It does not cover the cost of air flights or hotel accommodations; however, we will advise on flights and make the hotel bookings.

Trip dates will be **June 23 (arrival) to June 29 (departure)**, 2024.

**Information Sessions (on Zoom):**

Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>: 3:30 – 4:30pm ET

Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>: 7:30 – 8:30pm ET

Register in Advance to [contact@mindleaps.org](mailto:contact@mindleaps.org)

I hope you will be able to join us for this special experience.

Best wishes,

Rebecca Davis  
Executive Director



## Summer 2024 Dates and Registration

### Departure:

Please choose flights that arrive in Conakry on June 23<sup>rd</sup> or discuss alternative arrangements with MindLeaps prior to booking.

### Return flight:

Please choose flights that leave on June 29<sup>th</sup> or discuss alternative arrangements with MindLeaps prior to booking.

**Trip fee:** \$2,100 per person. The trip fee includes MindLeaps obtaining your visa, in-country transportation, all meals, cultural event costs including day trip to Boffa, and airport pick up and drop off. The fee does not include airfare, accommodations, vaccinations, malaria pills, or personal shopping.

### Hotel: Atlantic View Hotel Conakry

<https://atlanticviewhotel.com/>

All guests will stay at the Atlantic View Hotel, which is ideally situated in the city and provides comfortable standards. MindLeaps recommends that we make the reservations in-country instead of guests booking online. Rooms range between \$105 - \$220/night.

### Registration:

The 2024 trip will be hosted by either Executive Director Rebecca Davis or Africa Director Bashir Karenzi along with International Coordinator Olivier Twagirimana. The trip requires a minimum of 6 guests to confirm their participation. If fewer than six are registered, deposits will be refunded by MindLeaps.

**Deposit due:** Non-refundable \$500 per person deposit is due on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

**Remaining due:** The remaining amount of \$1,600 per person is due on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

### Please send your deposit to:

*By check:* Mail a check made out to *MindLeaps* to  
116 West 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 500  
New York, NY 10011

*Online:* Please email [info@mindleaps.org](mailto:info@mindleaps.org) or call 646.902.1295 to receive an invoice you can pay online through ACH or credit card (includes 1% fee for ACH and 2.9% fee for credit card).

Please note that trip fees are *not charitable donations* and therefore are not eligible for tax deductions.

MINDLEAPS creates educational paths for the most vulnerable children in the world through a creative arts program that is built on data-driven metrics. Supplemental skill training is provided through academic acceleration courses.

In Guinea, MindLeaps currently serves 195 students at our center, and we are sponsoring 236 students in formal education.

[www.mindleaps.org](http://www.mindleaps.org)



GUINEA is located in West Africa and is known worldwide for its rich talent and cultural traditions in dance and music.

The country first held democratic elections in 2010. Currently, a transitional government is in-power following a peaceful coup d'etat in 2021.

Guinea has a long history connected to the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade with port cities where the trade ships docked. Today, Guinea is the world's second largest producer of bauxite, which is used to make aluminum.

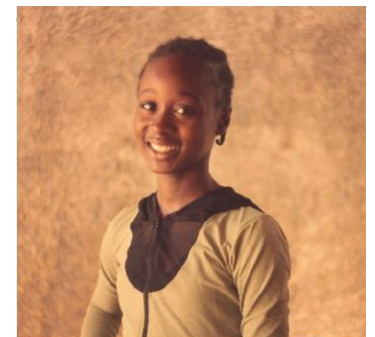
## EXCLUSIVE GUIDED TOUR



MindLeaps invites you on an exclusive one-week guided tour for a small group of up to twelve people. You will meet our children who are working to transform their lives and now succeed in school. The tour includes travel around Conakry, visits to MindLeaps' programs, and private meetings with NGOs, government officials and local entrepreneurs.

### Who will you meet?

MindLeaps works with vulnerable youth living in extreme poverty. The youth change their mindset of survival and learn skills that are in demand in Guinea's labor force. This opens the way to employment and self-sufficiency. After completing MindLeaps program, the students are sponsored to join formal education. You will meet youth who are at every stage of this life-changing journey. Through doing so, you learn about Guinea and the fight against poverty.





# EXAMPLE ITINERARY

## Day 1: Understanding Guinea & MindLeaps

Visit MindLeaps' Center in Conakry and observe the activities. Speak with MindLeaps students and staff. Special dinner out.



## Day 2: Day in the Life

See where some of the MindLeaps' children live in Conakry. Visit a school where MindLeaps students are being sponsored. Meet local officials and community leaders over dinner.



## Day 3: NGOs & Traditional Dance

Visit other NGOs and meet their leadership. Enjoy a dinner & performance with traditional Guinean dance.



## Day 4: Outside Conakry

Enjoy an informative day trip to Boffa outside of Conakry. Boffa was one of the sites during the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade.



## Day 5: Visits

Meet various people shaping the future of Guinea. Visits may include meeting the US Ambassador or the Ibrahim Bamba of the national circus troupe.



## Day 6: Farewell & Departure

Visit MindLeaps one more time to say goodbye!



### Visa assistance:

MindLeaps will secure your visa upon receiving your trip deposit.

Covid-19 vaccinations are no longer checked at the airport in Guinea.

### Information Sessions:

Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>: 3:30pm ET (Zoom)

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### Vaccinations:

- Yellow Fever vaccine is required
- Typhoid and Malarone pills are recommended
- Recommended vaccines: Chickenpox (Varicella), Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis, Flu (influenza), Measles-Mumps-Rubella (MMR), Polio, COVID-19, Hepatitis A & B, Measles, Meningitis
- Additional recommended vaccines are listed on the CDC website [here](#). We also recommend visiting a travel doctor.