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### Benin than just storybook magic – let Stuart Butler guide you around.

- Learn about Voodoo culture and the best festivals and fetish markets to visit in order to experience it.
- Discover why Benin, home to two national parks teeming with buffalo, elephant and lion, is arguably the best wildlife destination in West Africa.
- Explore the impressive museums of Porto-Novo, the pastel-coloured capital.

‘Researching this latest edition of the *Benin* guide, I couldn’t help but feel that the country was finally poised on the cusp of being “discovered” by the wider world. The government has recently made visas much easier to obtain, more and more airlines are including Cotonou in their flight routes and an increasing number of guides are speaking English,’ said author Stuart Butler. ‘However, what’s really about to put Benin on the international traveller’s map are the national parks of the north. Bustling with large mammals and splendid birdlife, Pendjari and W national parks are under new management and are now the closest places to Europe where you can reliably see lion and elephant. And when you’re done with the wildlife, Benin’s Voodoo culture remains as vibrant, visible and utterly spellbinding as ever. Visit now before everyone else catches on.’

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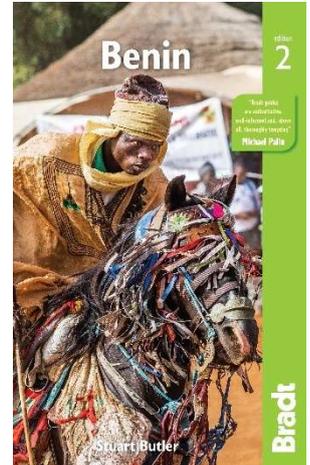
#### **About the author**



**Stuart Butler** is a writer, award-winning photographer and guidebook author, specialising in Africa and the Himalaya region. He has travelled extensively in every part of Africa and has written on subjects as varied as conservation on the continent, indigenous rights, tourism, food and music. His travels throughout Benin and the rest of West Africa have led to numerous meetings with gods, ghosts and sorcerers, as well as a few elephants, hippos and lions.

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