

Sirigu; Upper East Region Pottery & Art

The village of Sirigu is a fascinating example of local women taking action to preserve their art and culture. This village is home to not only beautiful pottery and basketry, but to interesting architecture and delightful decorative wall paintings. Faced with the loss of these traditional skills as many young women left the village to find jobs, seven women from Sirigu created SWOPA (Sirigu Women's Organisation for Pottery and Art), which began training local women in traditional crafts and marketing their products.

Activities:

- Start your adventure in Sirigu at the visitor centre, where a guide will give you a personal tour of the gallery/gift shop, workshop, guesthouse and grounds. All of the buildings and the walls surrounding them are decorated with Sirigu's unique wall art
- Tour several local houses with a guide to see their wall paintings and learn about the traditional architectural style that evolved to protect villagers from wildlife and slave traders
- Attend a day-long workshop to learn pottery or basketry skills.

How to get there:

On the road connecting Bolgatanga and Navrongo, drive 18 km from Bolgatanga (or 23 km from Navrongo) to the Kandiga junction and turn at the Sirigu signpost onto a gravel road and continue 17 km to the visitor centre in Sirigu. For public transportation take a taxi from Bolgatanga or join a Sirigu market trotro at the main lorry park in Bolgatanga



Interesting Architecture and delightful decorative wall paintings



Building a clay pot by hand



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