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GANVIÉ AND MAKOKO SETTLEMENTS

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An aerial night photograph of a floating village, likely in Lake Victoria, Africa. The village is a dense cluster of small, rectangular structures built on a network of narrow, winding channels. The buildings are illuminated from within, creating a pattern of bright white and yellow lights against the dark water and surrounding land. The surrounding land is dark and appears to be a mix of agricultural fields and natural vegetation. The overall scene is a stark contrast between the artificial lights of the settlement and the natural darkness of the night.

GANVIÉ

Ganvie is similar to Makoko in a lot of ways. It is a lake village built on stilts in neighboring country Benin, and is the largest lake village in West-Africa.

Ganvie enjoys a widespread reputation for being a lake village, and tourists from all over the world are traveling there each year. Tourists describe it as picturesque and beautiful, and it has been dubbed the Africa Venice.

Since 1997 it has been listed as a World Heritage site by UNESCO.

As in Makoko, the main activity of the Ganvie people is fish farming. Passed from father to son, this traditional way involves creating an enclosure which mimics the natural environment in which the fish live.

Transportation is done by boat only and it there is a floating market.

But like Makoko, Ganvie faces challenges. Waste and rubbish, and the rising water level threatens the town.

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